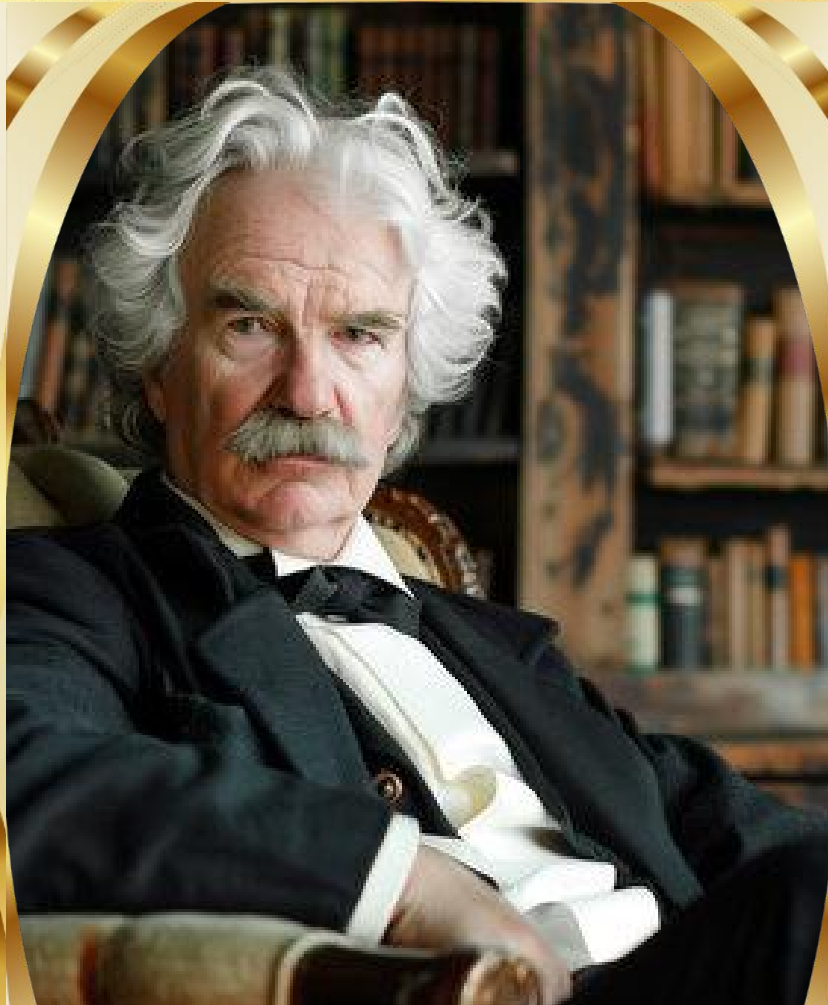


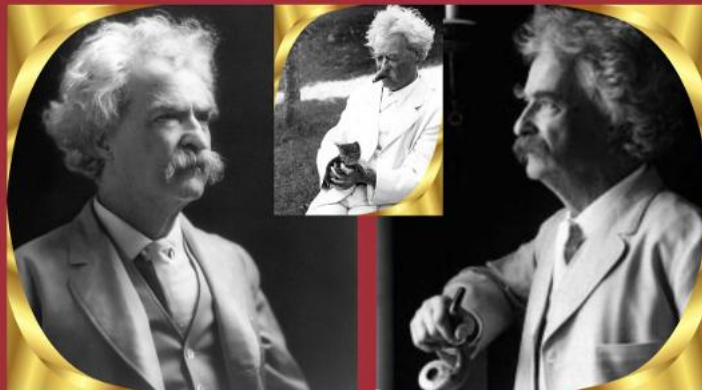
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Franklin & Eleanor in Tuxedo Park

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a frequent visitor of Tuxedo Park where his son in later years resided. Franklin D. Roosevelt was born in Hyde Park, New York in 1882. His parents were James Roosevelt and Sara Delano Roosevelt. He attended Groton for four years, a very prestigious preparatory school in Massachusetts. He received a degree in history from Harvard in three years, then he next studied law at New York's Columbia University. Following law school he practiced law with a prominent New York City law firm.

Franklin married his distant cousin, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt in 1905 who was the niece of President Theodore Roosevelt. Franklin entered politics around 1910 and was elected to the New York State Senate as a Democrat from his Republican home district.

He was reelected to the State Senate in 1912 and supported Woodrow Wilson's candidacy at the Democratic National Convention. Franklin was then rewarded for his support and was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1913. He was an energetic and efficient administrator and this experience prepared him for his future role as Commander-in-Chief during World War II. He was nominated for vice-president by the Democratic Party in 1920 on a ticket headed by James M. Cox of Ohio, however, Republican Warren Harding was propelled into the presidency, and Roosevelt returned to private life.

While vacationing at Campobello Island in New Brunswick in the summer of 1921, Franklin contracted Poliomyelitis (Paralysis) and despite courageous efforts to overcome the crippling illness, he never regained the use of his legs. He later established a foundation at Warm Springs, Georgia, to help other Polio victims and also inspired and directed the March of Dimes program that eventually funded an effective vaccine. With the strong encouragement of his wife and his political confidant, Louis Howe, Franklin resumed his political career.

His personal charm and ambition helped Franklin defeat Hoover in 1932 by many votes. In the months preceding his inauguration in 1933, the depression worsened with farm foreclosures, bank failures and many factory closings, unemployment soared. It was said that Roosevelt faced the greatest crisis in American history at that time, since the Civil War.

Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt in Tuxedo Park



Tuxedo Park's, John Aspinwall Roosevelt

He worked with a special session of Congress to pass a recovery legislation which set up what was known as Alphabet Agencies that assisted business and labor, insured bank deposits and aided the unemployed.

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While World War II raged, a full medical examination of Franklin D. Roosevelt disclosed serious heart and circulatory problems. The pressures of war and domestic politics had worn him down and he died while vacationing in Warm Springs, Georgia in 1945, on the eve of complete military victory in Europe and shortly before victory over Japan.



Franklin's Relatives in Tuxedo Park, Sallie and Kassie Collier, were relatives that both Franklin and their cousin, Lyman Delano visited often. Kassie Collier became Katherine Delano Price Collier St. George and was a Republican member of the United States House of Representatives from New York. She was Born, Katherine Delano Price Collier in 1894 in England and came to live in Tuxedo Park at a very young age with her parents who had been living abroad.

At age 11 she returned to Europe and was educated in England, France and Germany, then returned to Tuxedo Park. She died in 1983. John Aspinwall Roosevelt, the youngest son of Franklin and Eleanor resided in Tuxedo Park in the 1970's for several years. Eleanor Roosevelt was born in 1884 in New York City. Her father was Elliott Roosevelt, the younger brother of President Theodore Roosevelt. Her mother was Anna Hall, a descendant of a distinguished New York family by the name of Livingston.

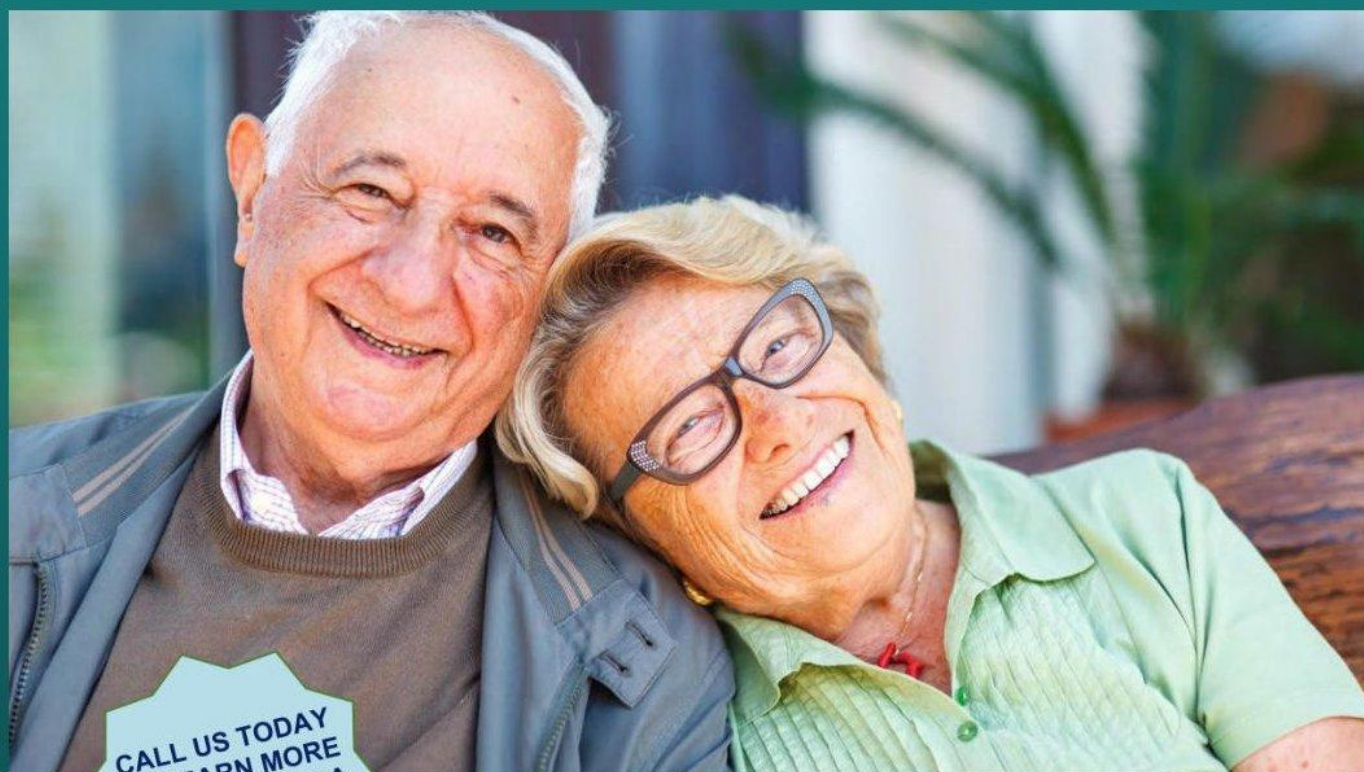
Both of Eleanor's parents died when she was a child and she lived much of her time with her grandmother. When Eleanor's younger brother attended Groton Preparatory school, she would visit him every term for a week-end for the years he was there.

She was asked often to many parties but was very shy and eventually the first one she attended was an assembly ball, where she was taken by her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parish Jr. Eleanor's Aunt, Mrs. Mortimer, had bought Eleanor's clothes in Paris for the ball. Eleanor knew few people at the ball and although her clothes were beautiful she still felt awkward. Being very shy, she felt as though she was not a popular debutante at all. She left the ball early and was thankful to leave. On a later occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer gave a large theater party with supper and dancing afterwards. It was held at Sherry's, at the time being the most fashionable restaurant.

Eleanor felt at ease with no anxieties, and after that evening she began to feel less awkward about going out. While attending several parties, Eleanor would often see her cousin, Franklin Roosevelt with his cousin, Lyman Delano and other members of his family. Eleanor's father had been Franklin's godfather.

Eleanor joined Mary Harriman in changing history. Eleanor began to work in the Junior League. The League was in its early stages and Mary Harriman, daughter of Mr. E. H. Harriman and later Mrs. Charles Rumsey, was its moving spirit. It was a group of girls anxious to do something helpful in the city where they resided. Mary Harriman was nineteen and attending a well known College in New York City in 1901. At a time of great social change, as thousands of immigrants arrived each day to often unsafe and depressing conditions in factories and sweatshops. Mary felt, with 85 women making their debut that year, that they had the opportunity to make an important contribution to the New York City's poor communities in some way. She headed the way and was determined that the debutantes of that year would all help raise funds to benefit the cause of the promotion of settlement movements. She recognized that the debutantes could, as they said, "put to good use" the opportunities afforded them by the advantages of means.

They established a statement of purpose and each year another group of young women would be organized to contribute to the community. This brilliant proposal initiated by Mary Harriman led to the successful growth of the Junior League. From approximately ten young society women in 1901, to hundreds of thousands of women in 295 Junior leagues in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. The initial group of young women were true pioneers led by Mary Harriman's enthusiasm for doing good things for others, by working in the neighborhoods of the poor to improve living conditions and promote a positive social atmosphere. After her first year of helping with the Junior League, Eleanor Roosevelt later wrote in her autobiography entitled, 'This is my story' "I had grown up considerably during the past year and had come to the conclusion that I would not spend another year just doing the social rounds, I began to work in the Junior League, it was in its early stages and Mary Harriman was the moving spirit". At the time when Eleanor was helping in the Junior League, Franklin was attending Harvard. Franklin was Eleanor's fifth cousin, and he proposed to her in the autumn of 1903.



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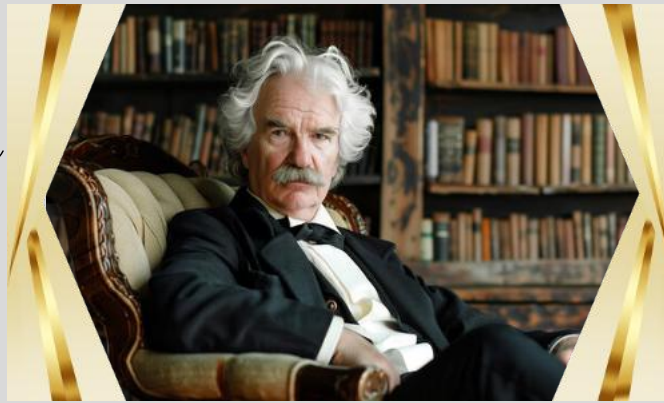
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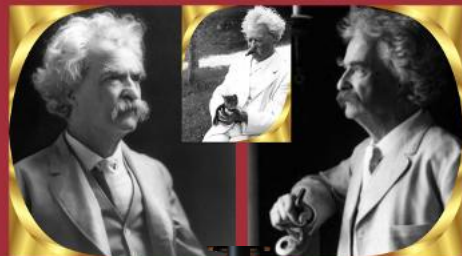
In 1907, Samuel Clemens, famous as Mark Twain, spent a notable summer in the exclusive, gated enclave of Tuxedo Park. Looking for a peaceful retreat while his Connecticut home, Stormfield, was being built, Twain leased the Voss Cottage on Pepperidge Road.

This shingle-style cottage, designed by renowned architect Bruce Price, provided the aging literary icon a scenic escape. Twain arrived in mid-May, seamlessly blending into the elite high society of the Gilded Age in Tuxedo Park. Despite his lifetime of lampooning the ultra-wealthy, he found comfort among the area's prominent residents. He frequently hosted guests for weekend visits and attended local social gatherings. It was during this period that his signature look—the iconic white linen suit—became permanent.

His stay in the private park was split by a momentous voyage across the Atlantic. In June 1907, Twain traveled to England to receive an honorary doctorate from Oxford University. Upon returning in July, he resumed his quiet routine of writing and dictating his autobiography from his bed or the cottage porch in Tuxedo Park. Twain was a cynical humorist who built his career criticizing the rigid formalities, hypocrisy, and unearned wealth of the high society around him. Emily Post, a resident of Tuxedo Park, conversely, was deeply embedded in that very aristocracy, carefully observing and up-holding the behavior of Tuxedo Park's elite.

Emily Post had not yet published her famous 1922 book, *Etiquette*. However, she was already taking mental notes on the manners, faux pas, and social rituals of her neighbors. Twain's deliberate eccentricities—such as his refusal to wear traditional dark formal wear in favor of his white linen suits—provided plenty of material for a community obsessed with decorum. While in Tuxedo Park, Emily Post and Mark Twain's interactions remained polite, but distant, representing a fascinating, brief intersection of America's master of social satire and its future queen of social etiquette.

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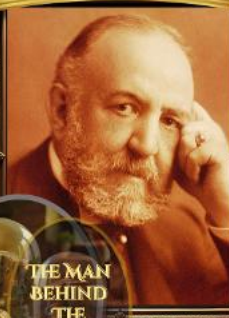
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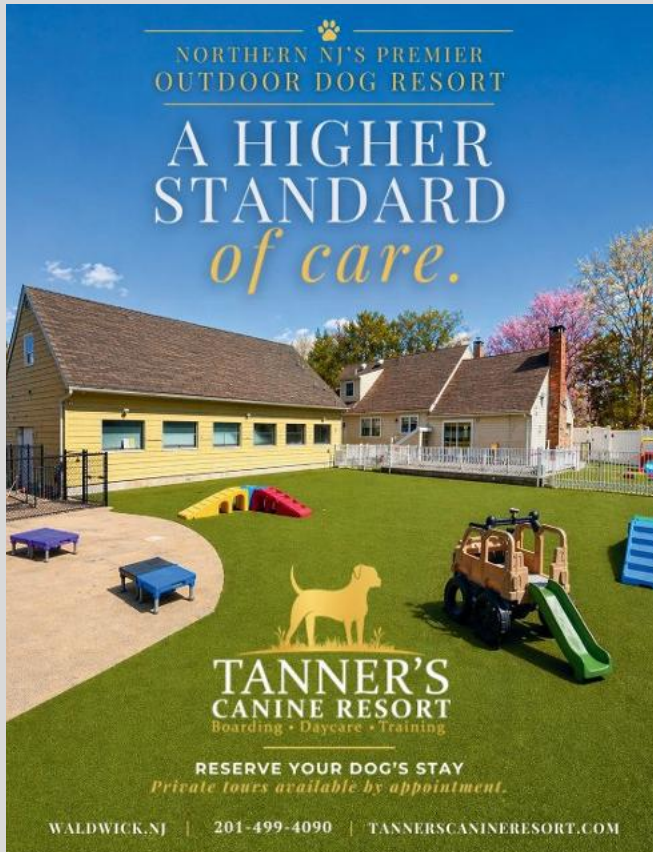
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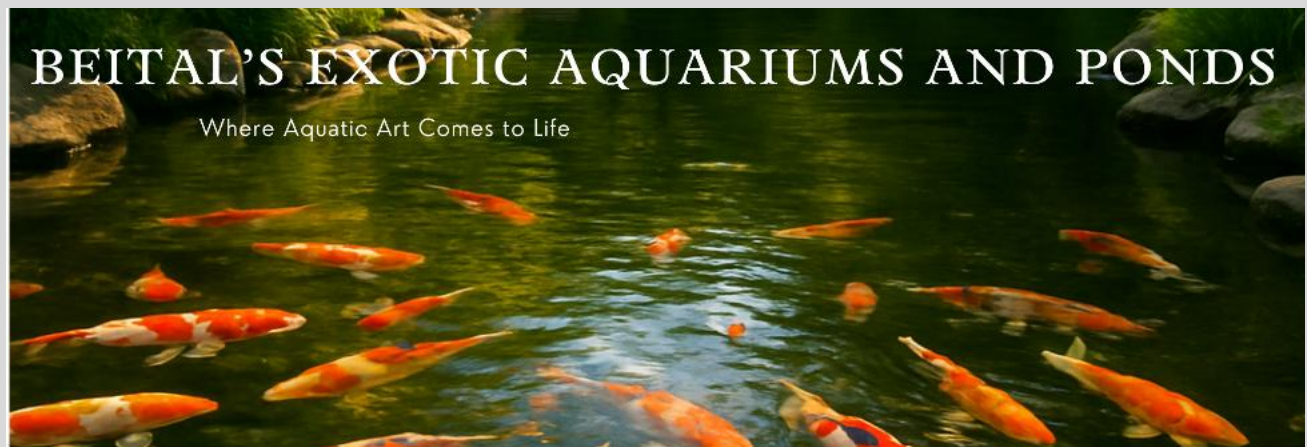


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The Harriman daughters, including Mary and Cornelia, were frequent fixtures at the absolute top of the Tuxedo Park Autumn Ball social columns. Their arrivals from the Arden estate via private carriages (and later, custom automobiles) were heavily tracked by journalists who used the family's activities to gage the economic health of the entire Wall Street and railroad sectors.

When Mary Harriman founded the Junior League in 1901, she triggered a massive cultural shockwave through the elite social circles of Tuxedo Park. At just 19 years old, she fundamentally upended what it meant to be a wealthy debutante, shifting the focus of the Gilded Age's youngest generation from frivolous spending, to hands-on social activism. Mary's motivation stemmed from deep boredom and frustration with the ultra-sheltered lifestyle of Tuxedo Park and Manhattan high society.

Influenced by the progressive Settlement House movement in New York, Mary realized that her social circle possessed immense resources, organization, and free time that could be weaponized to combat poverty. To launch the Junior League for the Promotion of Settlement Movements (later shortened to the Junior League), Mary utilized her immense social clout to recruit 80 of her fellow elite debutantes. She gathered daughters from the absolute peak of the Tuxedo Park hierarchy, including the Mortons, Cuttings, Whitney-Vanderbilts, and Juilliards.



Because Mary was a Harriman, joining her initiative quickly became a status symbol among the younger crowd. If a debutante wanted to be in Mary's inner circle, she had to trade her satin ballgown for a work apron, at least during the day. The Junior League did not merely raise money through charity galas; Mary insisted on direct, physical labor in the gritty tenements of Manhattan's Lower East Side, specifically at the College Settlement on Rivington Street. Tuxedo Park daughters who had never seen a kitchen or washed a dish were suddenly tasked with teaching cooking, sewing, and hygiene to newly arrived immigrant families. The league members set up music, art, and English literature programs for neighborhood children. To pay for supplies and facility rentals, the young women staged elaborate amateur theatrical productions back in Manhattan and Tuxedo Park, utilizing their wealthy parents' connections to sell high-priced tickets.

High-society parents and conservative columnists feared that sending young, unmarried women into impoverished neighborhoods would expose them to disease, crime, and "dangerous" progressive political ideas. Despite the fierce resistance, Mary Harriman's model was highly effective. Her organization proved that the elite could be organized into a powerful, disciplined force for systemic public good. By the time Mary passed away, her single club of 80 Tuxedo and Manhattan debutantes had evolved into a massive international movement, forever altering the landscape of women's volunteerism and philanthropy.

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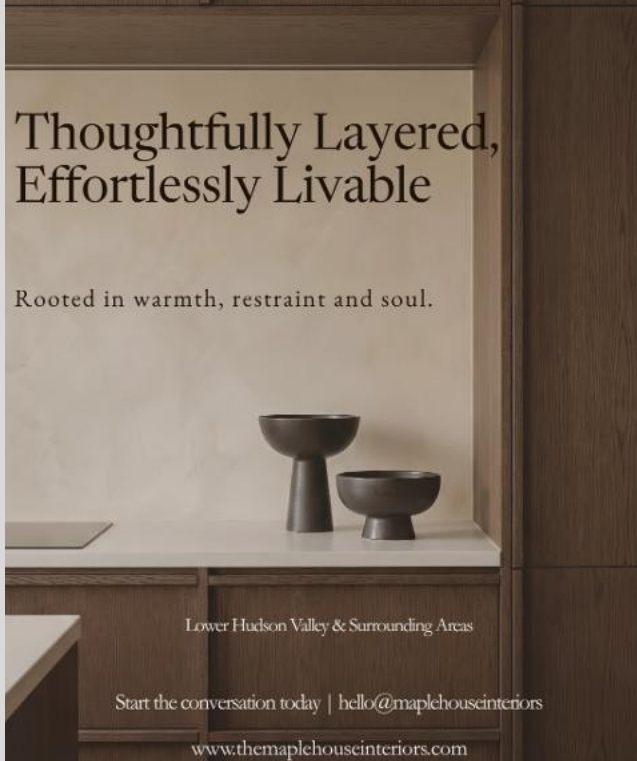


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Recognizing the power of young voices, TEDxSRDS Youth provides a platform for students to share their "Ideas Worth Spreading." Launched 13 years ago by four Saddle River Day School Upper School students, the program began modestly — with just six TEDx talks recorded in the Rebel Vision studio — and has evolved over the past 12 years into the full-scale event it is today. This initiative encourages students at SRDS to challenge assumptions, engage in critical conversations, and make their perspectives known.

Under the guidance of SRDS Director of Technology Laura Hollis, the program continues to thrive as a space where technical skills intersect with creative vision, empowering students to express their ideas and inspire meaningful action.

Each year, TEDxSRDS Youth evolves as students bring fresh ideas, introduce new activities, and creatively expand the event's impact, making each iteration a unique reflection of their interests and innovations. The TED organization recently updated its tagline to "Ideas Change Everything," and TEDxSRDS Youth aligns with this vision, emphasizing student ideas as catalysts for real-world impact and action.

The 12th annual TEDxSRDS Youth event was held on April 15, 2026, during the school day, bringing together students in grades 9-12 to experience talks and performances in the school's Performing Arts Center.

This year's theme, "Solving for Y," framed each talk as part of a larger equation — an invitation to question, investigate, and reimagine. Student leaders Mason Lusk, Valentina Vasquez, and Josie Brooks '26 facilitated the program, which included organizing talks, artistic performances, and production.

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Planning begins each September, with students selecting their own topics and working alongside a faculty mentor. They curate the program, choose a theme, often select a faculty speaker and/or keynote speaker(s), design the event logo, and manage all event-day details from production to the stage. Truly student-run in every sense, TEDxSRDS Youth is brought to life by high schoolers who serve as emcees, manage all technical production, run the stage, and operate the video crew, ensuring that student voices are not only heard from the podium, but behind every aspect of the event."

Giving a TEDx talk can be an incredibly powerful experience for student speakers, allowing them to practice research, writing, and public speaking skills in a real-world context. Valentina Vasquez, SRDS '26, reflects on her journey: "I joined TEDx because I wanted to push myself to do something outside of my comfort zone. I used to be nervous about putting myself out there, especially on stage, but the club helped me grow a lot. I'm really grateful I had the opportunity to give multiple talks because each one helped me become more confident in myself and my voice." This experience is also valuable for students and faculty in the audience, who are exposed to fresh perspectives and inspired by important messages about big ideas and their impact on the world and the future. TEDxSRDS Youth has a long-standing relationship with TEDxMidAtlantic in Washington, D.C., where SRDS upper schoolers have had the unique opportunity to volunteer alongside professionals and college students — assisting with check-ins, supporting speakers in rehearsal and backstage, and gaining invaluable experience. While scheduling prevented participation this year, the program looks forward to reconnecting with TEDxMidAtlantic next year. As student leader Mason Lusk shares, "This event creates a ripple effect in our community by sparking conversations that extend far beyond the room, and our connection to other TEDx organizations such as TEDxMidAtlantic means we're part of a global network of people committed to spreading ideas that truly matter."

TED's tagline shift from "Ideas Worth Spreading" to "Ideas Change Everything" reflects its mission evolution from merely sharing ideas to empowering change. TEDxSRDS Youth embraces this approach, encouraging students to tackle topics such as environmental challenges, mental health, and social justice. Josie Brooks, SRDS Senior says, "In the five years I've been involved with TEDx, I've seen the club evolve into one of the most popular clubs at SRDS. Students in this club commit to building their public speaking skills and put in a lot of effort to create and deliver an original speech. It's exciting to see students feel supportive in this process and develop the confidence to address large audiences at school and beyond." By using their voices to spark meaningful conversations and actions within the school and beyond, SRDS students embody the transformative power of ideas.

To view previous TEDxSRDS Youth talks, visit our YouTube channel



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The New York Times Social Circle Column-1904 New Year's Ball In Tuxedo Park Tuxedo Park Beats Harvard!

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New York Times...1904

"Tuxedo Park clubhouse was the scene of a large gathering of society people on New Year's Eve for the annual New Year's Eve ball.

Ideal weather prevailed and large crowds gathered this year for the winter sports. Many of the residents gave house parties. The feature of the dance was the large attendance of the younger set. Many large dinners were given before the dance at the club.

The large circular ballroom was beautifully decorated with roping of holly and wreaths and the stage where the two orchestras were placed was banked with cedars.

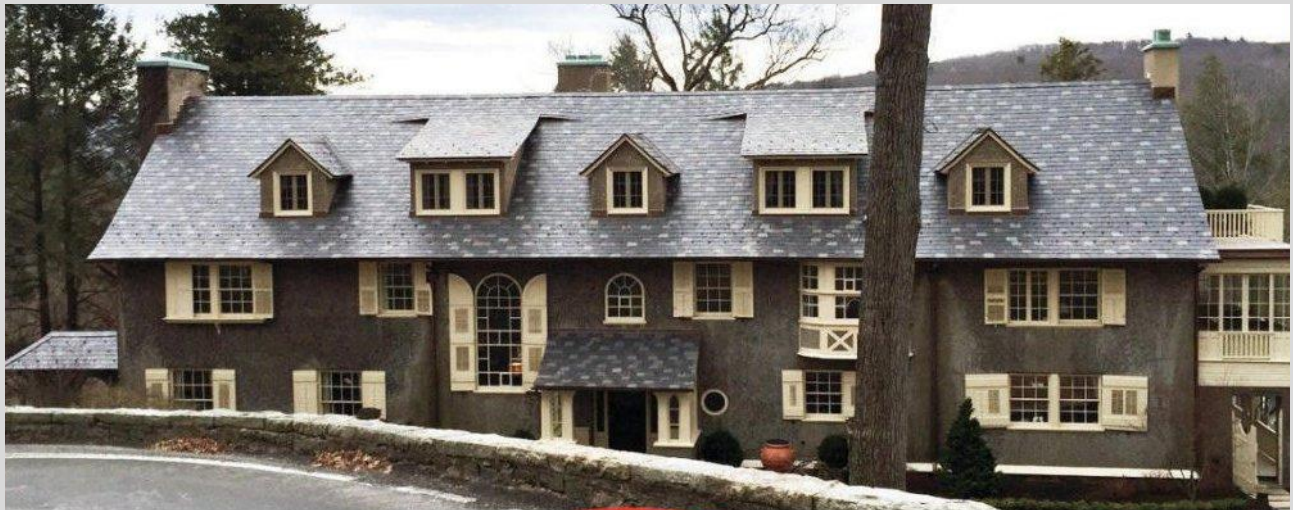
At midnight the New Year's Eve custom was observed. A large punch bowl was brought into the ball room, all joined hands and ushered in the New Year singing "Auld Lang Syne" after which supper was served in the dinning room

New Year's Day was a gala one with the weather being perfect. A large gathering of well-known society folk, including many who came out last night for the ball and remained over. The day was one continuous round of gaiety. The principle attractions were the coasting, sleighing, and the skating on Tuxedo Lake.

The hockey match between the Tuxedo Park and Harvard teams resulted in a victory for the Tuxedo Park team by a score of 4 goals to 1!"

Mr. and Mrs. P. Lorillard, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cooper Hewitt, and Mrs. William Kent entertained with house parties, which will continue during the week. The winter sports held on Tuxedo Lake under the committee-ship of Pierre Lorillard, William Kent and Winthrop McKim, attracted a large and fashionable gathering of well-known New Yorker's".

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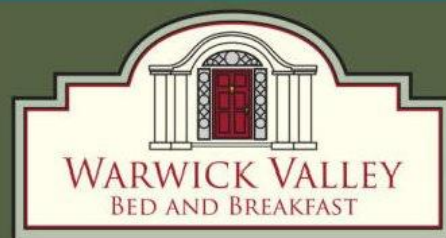
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Tuxedo Park Resident's Society Ball That Threatened Wall Street...1905

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It all began with a very wealthy socially prominent young man from Tuxedo Park, who after weeks following his father's death was elected first vice president of the Equitable Life Insurance Company. James Hazen Hyde had enormous business power that he controlled, and his inflated habits of spending, made him stand out among his peers making many jealous. Many wanted to see him fail so they could acquire his shares of the insurance company at a bargain price.

Financiers and industrialists wanted to be by his side financially. When the investment pocket of the Equitable insurance company was almost \$400 million, financiers were in a market of mergers and acquisitions looking for capital. Men who influenced Wall Street wanted to mingle with the power that his majority of shares gave him.

In 1905 when James was twenty-eight he gave one of the most lavish balls in New York during the Gilded Age. The cost was a staggering \$200,000. The day following the ball, harsh rumors echoed through the city that he had charged the cost of the ball to the Equitable Life Insurance Company, basically stealing the money from policy holders. The Hyde ball scandal started a business brawl that entangled well known financiers, railroad entrepreneurs and industrialists, and they claimed that James Hyde was too frivolous to run the sacred trust of a life insurance company.

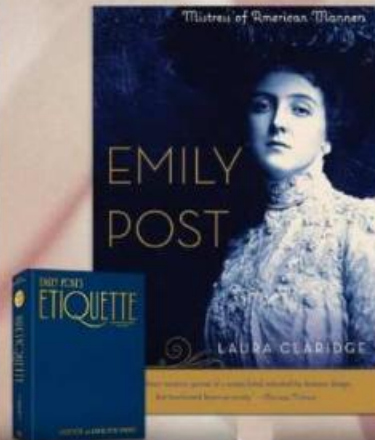
Causing concern and panic on Wall Street because if the Equitable failed, it would have caused a loss of confidence in the economy. A major Life insurance company's collapse had the potential of harming many institutions. In 1905, half of all Americans had savings held in life insurance or annuities. The panic of its actual failure could destroy the confidence of millions. The scare to Wall Street was extremely serious, insurance companies at that time were among the most important backers of American corporations.

James was forced to step down, and sold his 400-acre estate, his prize horses, carriages, his private railroad car, and yes, his majority interest in the Equitable Life Insurance Company. Following a long investigation, the Government established that James Hazen Hyde paid for the ball himself. This incident was known as, "The Society Ball That Threatened to Destroy Wall Street"

Tuxedo Park's Emily Post

Authored-The Book On Etiquette

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Emily Post grew up in a charming "home" in Tuxedo Park. Her famous book, "Emily Post's Book On Etiquette", first published in 1922, was based on the manners learned while living in Tuxedo Park. Her father, Bruce Price, was the founding architect of Tuxedo Park where he designed many of the mansions and aided Mr. Lorillard in the layout of the infrastructure of the park itself. Emily Post also wrote many romantic stories about society, all fashioned after life in Tuxedo Park.

She attended many debutante balls in Tuxedo Park, but met her husband, Edwin Post, at a ball in one of Fifth Avenue's elegant mansions. As a girl, Emily was told that well-bred women cannot work, but suddenly she became a celebrity and an outstanding American career woman, a position she maintained throughout her lifetime.

Her numerous books, a syndicated newspaper column, and a regular radio program made Emily Post a figure of national stature and importance. Her view and memories of Tuxedo Park from when she was a little girl meeting all of "society" influenced her immensely.

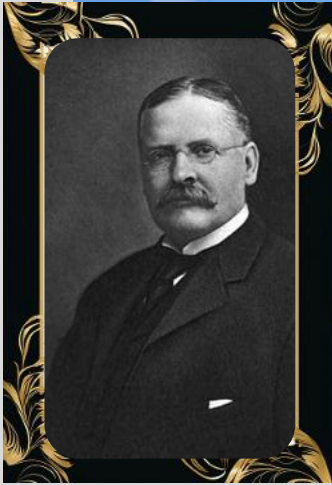
And although her family were never considered "In society", Emily gleaned everything from that lifestyle and managed to carry it with her throughout the world, much like the men from Tuxedo carried their fashion statement, the Tuxedo jacket, throughout the world. Both the book on Etiquette and the Tuxedo jacket stemmed from the same enclave known as...Tuxedo Park

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The Giant Of Standard Oil

Henry Morgan Tilford was a powerhouse oil tycoon and an instrumental figure in the peak Gilded Age elite of Tuxedo Park. As one of the most prominent members of The Tuxedo Club, his wealth, lineage, and local real estate acquisitions remain a core part of the enclave's history.

In 1887, John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company acquired Tilford's firm, integrating Tilford directly into the highest echelons of the monopoly.

Rockefeller sent Tilford west to spearhead Pacific Coast operations. He became the president of Pacific Coast Oil, which ultimately evolved into Standard Oil of California (now known globally as Chevron).

Henry Tilford later returned to New York, serving simultaneously as a major executive and board director across the entire Standard Oil subsidiary trust, including stints as president of Standard Oil of Ohio and vice president of Standard Oil of New York.

Henry Tilford owned a massive Tuxedo Park property built of red brick and fieldstone that sat directly uphill from "Woodland," the spectacular 1899 mansion owned by financier Henry William Poor (founder of Standard & Poor's 500). Tilford desperately wanted to buy Poor's grand estate, but Mr. Poor refused to sell "Woodland".

Knowing the market was volatile, Tilford made a classic Gilded Age agreement with Mr. Poor, if Mr. Poor ever found himself in immediate need of liquidity, Tilford would instantly buy the house. When a financial crunch hit, Henry Poor called in the favor. True to his word, Tilford had \$500,000 in cash delivered within an hour in exchange for the deed, turning Woodland into the permanent Tilford family seat. When Tilford died in December 1919 at his other home on East 52nd Street in Manhattan, his fortune was valued at a massive amount.

He was buried in Tuxedo Park. In 1922, his widow, Isabelle, commissioned the legendary Gothic Revival architect Bertram Goodhue to completely redesign the sanctuary of St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo Episcopal Church as a tribute to him.



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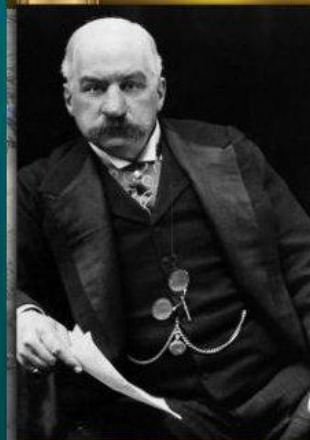
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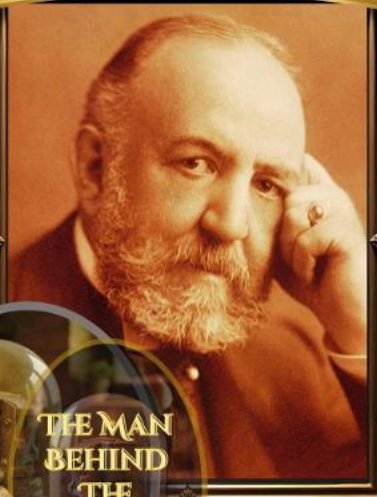
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Ary-Brynn Estate, Tuxedo Park

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The American-born duchess, Consuelo Yznaga, lived in Tuxedo Park, she was the Duchess of Manchester. Consuelo Yznaga's presence in Tuxedo Park represents a fascinating convergence of European aristocracy, Gilded Age wealth, and Cuban-American heritage. Her time at her estate, Ary-Brynn, highlights her unique social standing and unconventional lifestyle. Consuelo was born into a wealthy family of Cuban and Southern American descent. While British high society initially viewed her background with a degree of snobbery, she embraced her roots deeply. Inside her Tuxedo Park villa, she specifically commissioned a sun-drenched "Cuban sanctuary". This room was strategically oriented to capture natural light from dawn until dusk, designed as a vivid, warm retreat reminiscent of her family's origins.

Consuelo Yznaga was a celebrated Gilded Age society figure and heiress who married George Drogo Montagu, the 8th Duke of Manchester. Her brother, Fernando Yznaga, was a prominent banker and resident of Tuxedo Park. Despite marrying into the British aristocracy as the Duchess of Manchester, Consuelo remained a central figure in New York's elite social circles. Her brother, Fernando Yznaga, was an influential Wall Street banker, and by living as her neighbor in Tuxedo Park, provided her with a permanent local anchor.

Her villa became a premier gathering space for high society. She regularly hosted cultural titans and historical figures at Ary-Brynn, including Mark Twain, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and Theodore Roosevelt.

Consuelo is widely recognized as one of the very first transatlantic "Dollar Princesses"—wealthy American heiresses who traded massive dowries for European noble titles. Her close lifelong friend, author Edith Wharton, spent significant time in Tuxedo Park observing this social phenomenon. Wharton used Consuelo as the direct inspiration for the free-spirited character Conchita Farrell in her famous final novel, *The Buccaneers*.

In 1890, a magnificent, Stanford White-inspired country villa named Ary-Brynn was constructed for her. As a result, Ary-Brynn was built much higher up on the crags of Tower Hill Loop. This gave it a European, castle-like overlook that differed significantly from her neighbors' homes. Perched high on Tower Hill Loop, the historic home sits directly above Big Tuxedo Lake. It offers panoramic mountain and water views from three massive verandas.

Literary giants like Edith Wharton, Mark Twain, and Henry James often visited the Ary-Brynn estate.

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Ladies & Gentlemen

The term "Ladies & Gentlemen" actually had a meaning at one time that was for upper class only. Today, the term "lady" is often used as a civil term of respect for a woman, as is "gentleman" for a man. But there was a time when its purpose was to address women of high social class or status.

During the Middle Ages, princesses or daughters of the blood royal were usually known by their first names with "The Lady" prefixed, e.g. The Lady Elizabeth.

The Renaissance lady is described by Italian courtier, author, and diplomat, Baldassare Castiglione in his handbook for the nobility in the fifteen hundreds. He writes that she was the equivalent of the courtier, with the same virtues of mind and equivalent education.

In those days, they believed culture was an accomplishment for the noblewoman and man alike, and it was used to charm others as much as to develop the self-esteem. For the lady, charm had become the primary occupation and aim. knowledge of writing letters, music, painting, and how to dance and be festive was a must.

By Victorian times, ladies' etiquette had become a fine art. Several handbooks provided advice on the complexities and nuances. Florence Hartley's "The Ladies' Book of Etiquette and Manual of Politeness" advises that a lady should have knowledge of the forms and customs of society and how to show the gentle courtesies of life.



Catherine Lorillard (Tuxedo Park Lorillard's) the first female benefactor of The Met, was said to be the richest unmarried woman in the United States. at the time

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