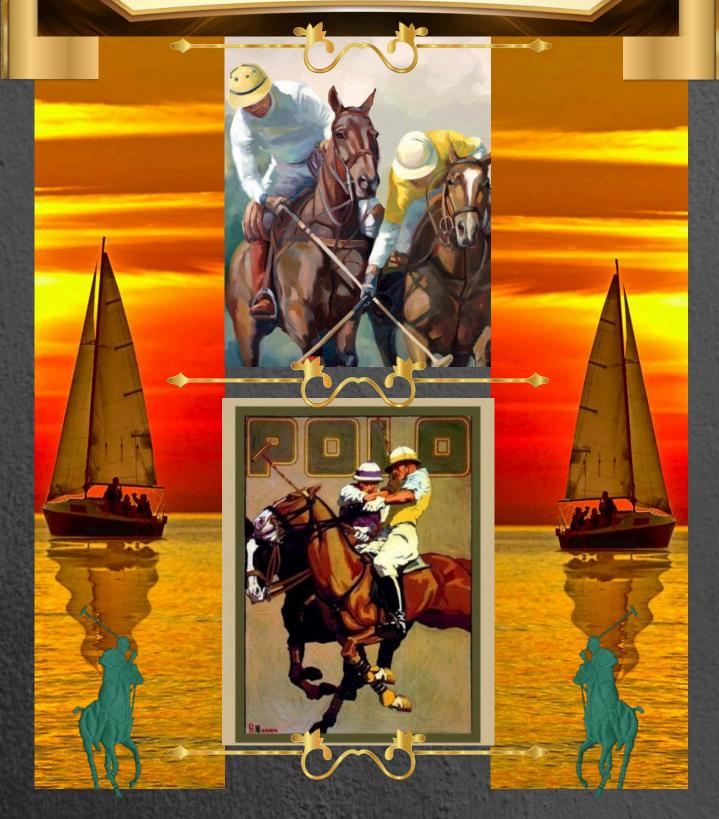
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Many of the first residents of Tuxedo Park had social lives and agendas in common. Their social seasons, debutant balls, education, and sports. Their sporting interests included polo to the extent of strong competition throughout the circuit or on private estates where many sporting challenges took place.

During the Gilded Age, many had estates large enough to include their own polo field. Others had to compromise with the common polo grounds.

Tuxedo Park had its own polo grounds, where the residents strongly up-held traditional competitions and gatherings during the polo season.

Pierre Lorillard, the founder of Tuxedo Park enjoyed this sport immensely, but his son, Grizzy, took it even farther up the ladder of general competition. Grizzy's father, Pierre Lorillard IV, was the head of a tobacco company that had been thriving since 1760. Grizzy was named for Nathaniel Griswold, his great-grandfather, although he preferred to go by Griswold and his friends called him "Grizzy." The original Nathaniel Griswold was a good story all by himself. A New York merchant in business with his brother George – as N.L.& G. Griswold & Co. – he managed a fleet of more than 40 ships sailing in the tea trade.

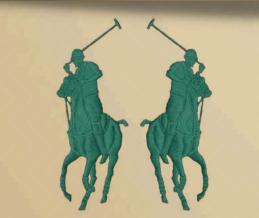
The brothers' flagship was "The Panama" and the firm's tea was marketed with the name and image of the ship on every tea chest. Nathaniel Griswold's daughter, Catherine, married Pierre Lorillard III, thus merging two fortunes fashioned from dry leaves.

Pierre and Catherine's son, Pierre (Peter) Lorillard IV, continued to head the tobacco company, but also developed Tuxedo Park, a village retreat in the Ramapo Mountains north of New York City.

It was here that Griswold Lorillard became famous for the Tuxedo garment in 1886.







Pierre Lorillard kept horses for racing, hunting, coaching and polo at his Rancocas Farm in New Jersey and Tuxedo Park.

Well-mounted, Grizzy rode to the hounds with the Meadow Brook Hunt, and was a member of the New York Coaching Club.

At a steeplechase on Long Island, Griswold won both of his races and a reporter wrote, "He succeeded in winning a great part of the affectionate enthusiasm that the many beautiful young ladies hold in store for the successful rider."

The reporter went on to describe Lorillard as a man who "wears the most lustrous suit of Lorillard colors that the stables ever saw." In August of 1882, while still in his teens, Griswold played polo at Newport, R.I., as a member of the Westchester Polo Club.

Spectators included Newport cottagers and an occasional guest such as Oscar Wilde, then on a lecture tour of America. Griswold also sailed at Newport, attended balls in New York, and ushered at society weddings.

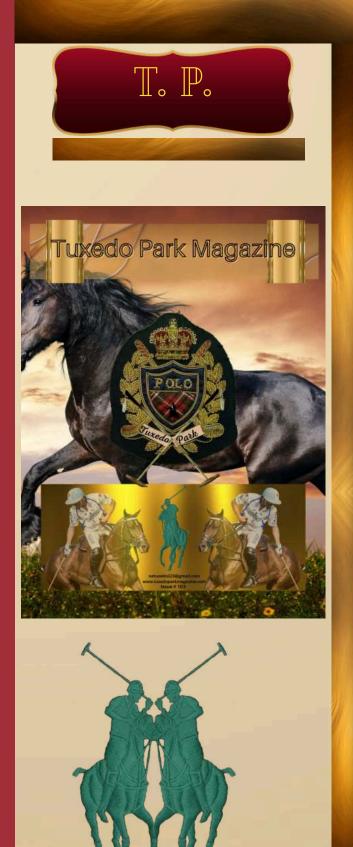
After completing his education, he spent a year in his father's tobacco business but "did not like it." An account noted, "A suitable income was arranged for him, and since then he had been free from any business care." In the spring of 1886, free from care, Griswold Lorillard dined at England's Hurlingham Club, the home of English polo. He mentioned that polo was played in the United States.

His hosts expressed surprise and suggested a sporting meeting between the best of each country. Griswold cabled the Westchester Club's secretary, Frank Gray Griswold (another branch of the tea tree) and soon arrangements were made for an English team to travel to the United States and play at Newport.

The Westchester Polo Club commissioned a silver trophy to be claimed by the winner, and in the last week of August, at the height of the Newport social season, the two teams met to play for the International Challenge Cup, the first-ever international competition in the sport of polo.

The English team had two things in their favor – teamwork and the revolutionary backhand shot of John Watson – and they won, taking the trophy back to England. The rivalry for the Cup became one of the most storied in sports, with legendary matches before and after World War I, matches played before as many as 40,000 spectators.

In 1909, an American team – the famed Big Four – brought the Cup back to the U.S.A., but Griswold Lorillard was not there to see it. He had been blessed with every advantage except good health. Two years after setting the wheels of sporting history in motion, he had died of consumption at Rancocas Farm. He was 24 years old.



Stories From The First Gilded Age Society... Tuxedo Park footnotes

From Diaries, Memories, & Social Clippings

Many stories shared with us over the years were gleaned from diaries, memories, and social clippings from archival literature. Stories from direct descendants of the original Gilded Age Cottagers in Tuxedo Park.

Vocal memories accompanied a twinkle in the eye of several, as they unfolded their tales willingly. In front of grand fireplaces, on white wicker furnished veranda's, and formal gardens over one hundred years old, stories unfolded and carried a clear glimpse of life in the first Gilded Age Society known as Tuxedo Park.

Many of these story-tellers were direct descendants of captains of finance and industry in the Gilded Age. Legendary icons enabling this country to become strong and independent. Industrialists and philanthropists revolutionized industry and defined the structure of monetary gain. They walked through the finest clubs in America, where money was "aged", and "new" money balanced on that noble money, became ripe. The blue bloods of iconic industry, their gilded empires appeared like legendary fairytales of capital worth, and sent echoes of success down the corridors of Wall Street. The old clubs which still exist such as the Tuxedo Club. the Union Club, and the old Knickerbocker Club, where once these men shared visions of industry and wealth with one another over fine brandy and cigars. Some of the corridors of these clubs still display an old portrait or two of the club's founding fathers. These portraits are a tangible glimpse into the world of the Gilded Age, and the men who moved it.

Many wonderful stories of the grand women are also in our collection.

By Tuxedo Park Magazine & Design Studios

Edith Wharton...Tuxedo Park's frequent visitor where she received most of her finest novel inspirations



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Edith Newbold Jones Wharton was an American novelist, short story writer, and designer. Wharton drew upon her insider's knowledge of the upper class New York "aristocracy" to realistically portray the lives and morals of the Gilded Age.

In 1921, she became the first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize in Literature, for her novel The Age of Innocence. She was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1996. A frequent visitor to Tuxedo Park, where she based her novel, "The House of Mirth", was one of her favorite places. Wharton's paternal family, the Joneses, were a very wealthy and socially prominent family having made their money in real estate. The saying "keeping up with the Joneses" is said to refer to her father's family.

She was related to the Rensselaers, the most prestigious of the old patroon families, who had received land grants from the former Dutch government of New York and New Jersey. Her father's first cousin was Caroline Schermerhorn Astor.

She had a lifelong friendship with her niece, the landscape architect Beatrix Farrand of Reef Point in Bar Harbor, Maine. Fort Stevens in New York was named for Wharton's maternal great-grandfather, Ebenezer Stevens, a Revolutionary War hero and General. Between 1880 and 1890, Wharton put her writing aside to participate in the social rituals of the New York upper classes.

She keenly observed the social changes happening around her, which she used later in her writing. Wharton officially came out as a debutante to society in 1879. She was allowed to bare her shoulders and wear her hair up for the first time at a December dance given by a Society matron, Anna Morton.

She also attended many balls in Tuxedo Park., where she was admired and popular. She was known to say to several, that she felt more comfortable in Tuxedo Park than anywhere else.

### GRAND FATHER'S CLOCK IN TUXEDO PARK



The long, carpeted hallway, wrapped around the third floor of my grand father's estate home in Tuxedo Park many years ago. There was an imposing looking Grandfather clock at the end of the hall which always impressed me as foreboding, until the chimes bellowed the hour, which made it foreboding and scary. We always visited him for two weeks at Christmastime. Our bedrooms were in an old paneled chamber in the oldest wing of the home, on the same floor as the grandfather clock. Our windows overlooked the formal gardens where now, ice-draped encased shrubbery, leaned down beneath the weight of the December snow. Just off of our bedroom was a small children's library, where a cozy fire danced in the corner fireplace that was decorated with nursery rhyme themed tiles. The large windows glanced over the lake that was being coated with a new fallen clean white snow. Brand new ice skates sat near the hearth ready for the next morning's enjoyment on Tuxedo Lake. We could hear the grandfather clock chime as our door was opened by Kate, our grand father's house keeper since we could remember. Hot chocolate with warm candied cookies greeted our tired senses and rejuvenated our excitement of being on the estate once again.

Upon getting ready for bed, we approached the high four poster beds, needing a step-stool to climb beneath the heavy quilted coverings. We fell asleep to the chiming grandfather clock, the sound of the crackling log fire in the next room, and the scent of late-night holiday cooking preparations, which permeated the grand home from the estate kitchen. The anticipation of Christmas, and our new skates, woke us early, and sent us quickly downstairs to a hearty breakfast feast. Among the chatter and elated moods, we could hear the grandfather clock bellowing the late morning hour, which motivated us all to get ready for sledding and skating on the lake. There was an exhilarating cold nip in the air, the sky was gray and over cast, with tiny flakes drifting down through the air. As evening drew near, we walked back to grand father's house, where we found the main fireplaces lit and welcoming. As the warm comfort over-took the chill of the afternoon from us, we reveled in the mood of the festivities before us and the comforting feeling of belonging to a time honored tradition with all of its antiquities that stemmed from it...including, the old grandfather clock.

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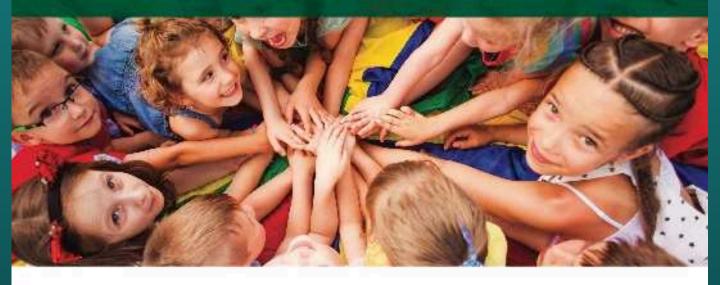
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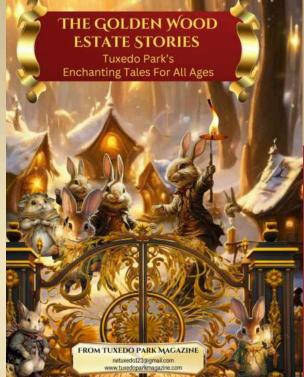
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THE GOLDEN WOOD ESTATE STORIES Tuxedo Park's enchanting tales for all ages

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Later in the same day when Grandfather first met the Mugworts, the evening began with a sharp wind whistling down the chinney. The wide chinney peeked up to the dark sky through the snow that almost buried the barn. Branches snapped in two with the strength of the wind and the weight of the snow.

But there was a cheerful fire glowing in the woodstove, and the winter jam was releasing its strong candy aroma throughout our coop barn. Cimamon bread was baking in the oven and cimamon apples hissed in the large kettle. Everything amelied of cimamon, even the snow, thought Grandfather, as he opened the door to get more firewood.

Out in the deep, drifting snow he pulled on the woodpile, filling his arms with logs. Suddenly, a pile of snow slid from the roof, covering him right up to his neck. This is fun', thought Grandfather, letting the wood fail into the snow, he scooped up handfuls of snow and threw them wildly into the air. In the dim, fading light he noticed with a surprise that the anow was pink!

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#### Saddle River Day School Breaks Ground on the new Dr. Kristen Walsh Hall of Science and Entrepreneurship

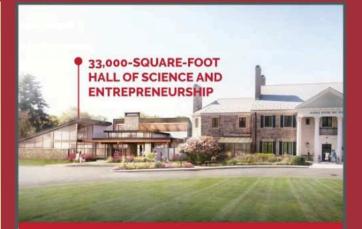
Saddle River Day School proudly announces the groundbreaking of the Dr. Kristen Walsh Hall of Science and Entrepreneurship, a 33,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility providing 21st-century spaces and learning tools to support innovative new programming and an expanding curriculum. The ceremony, held on February 28th, marks a significant milestone in the school's commitment to educational excellence and student success.

The new Hall of Science and Entrepreneurship will serve as a hub for Upper School students, with cutting-edge science labs, collaborative workspaces, AI-driven educational environments, and specialty learning spaces. Designed to foster innovation, entrepreneurship and hands-on learning, the facility aligns with the school's vision of transforming the campus of today to build the leaders of tomorrow. The event also celebrated the generosity of donors who made this transformative project possible through the school's Building the Future capital campaign.

Head of School Jalaj Desai opened the ceremony with heartfelt gratitude to Saddle River Day's supporters, especially the Walsh family, saying: "This is not just a building; it is the beginning of something extraordinary. To the Walsh family, we extend our deepest appreciation. Your passion for education and commitment to empowering the next generation are truly inspiring. This hall will bear your name, but more importantly, it will reflect your spirit and unwavering belief that every child should have the opportunity to explore, grow, and achieve greatness."

Dr. Kristen Walsh's husband, Francis J. Walsh III, was joined by their son Francis J. Walsh IV, who added: "Education has always been at the heart of our family's mission. We firmly believe that knowledge is the foundation of opportunity, and opportunity is what allows young minds to dream, innovate, and shape a better future. This school is more than just a new building; it is a symbol of hope, learning, and the boundless potential of every student who walks through its doors.

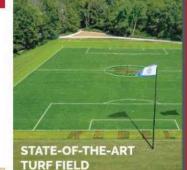
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The Dr. Kristen Walsh Hall of Science and Entrepreneurship is expected to open in the Fall of 2026, and will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Saddle River Day School as it continues to grow and innovate.

#### About the School

Established in 1957, Saddle River Day School is a Pre-K3 through grade 12, co-ed, independent school serving just under 600 students. The school provides a robust curriculum and inspires students to achieve academic and personal excellence by teaching them how to think and not what to think. Each division (Lower PreK3-4th; Middle 5th-8th; Upper 9th-12th) offers a signature yearlong research program. Saddle River Day also offers 30+ advanced placement and honors level courses, a full range of visual and performing arts as well as interscholastic athletics (grades 6th-12th), and highly individualized college counseling to encourage students to discover their passions and prepare them for whatever comes next. SRDS graduates are thriving at colleges like Duke, Columbia, Cornell, Georgetown, Johns Hopkins, NYU, Northwestern, Villanova and Wake Forest.

For more information about the project or Saddle River Day School, please visit saddleriverday.org.













# America

#### From simple meeting hall to architectural splendor

ver since man believed a higher power was responsible for the creation of life, religion began to form its roots in the world. In early societies, these religions needed a place to worship. And so from the beginning, these places where just that, places. They were mostly outdoors locations (an unusual cluster of trees, a special shaped outcropping of stone and even the foot of a beautiful lake). These locations where identified as significant not only because of the religious groups assembled there for worship, but because each place's attributes created its own unique identity by its distinct characteristics.

Over time, society developed religious building styles that were trying to be interpretations of what was "Heaven on Earth". These buildings paid homage to numerous ideologies and forms that were believed to be divine in origin.

As explorers traveled to America, a new type of religious building was developed. This was the congregational meeting place. These buildings where very simple structures, similar to barns, which formed the center of social and political activity for the small growing communities starting up in America.

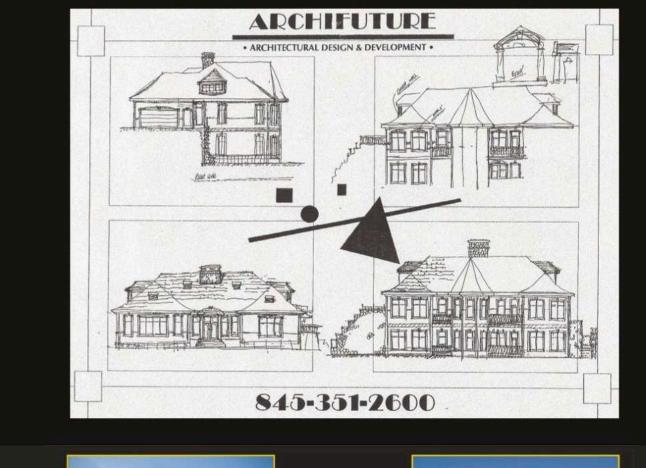
The American Church as it is known today started out as a meeting hall, a large open space with high ceilings and lots of natural light. As American society began to mature, the architectural styles of these religious buildings transformed into a reflection of the times and the materials that could be used to construct such buildings.

Even today, these structures represent the mixed expression and symbolism for each religious community, whether as a town center or a building on the hill.

During my 30-plus years in Architectural practice, I have had the pleasure of designing and renovating numerous religious projects for many different faiths. It is quite a challenge to meet the demands of each individually special religious community. I do enjoy the various challenges of creating a design that manifests a unique place of worship and reflects the religious identity of each community. I feel a great sense of satisfaction and pride at the end of each design project. And when the building construction is complete and I enter for the first time to participate in the premier opening cere-

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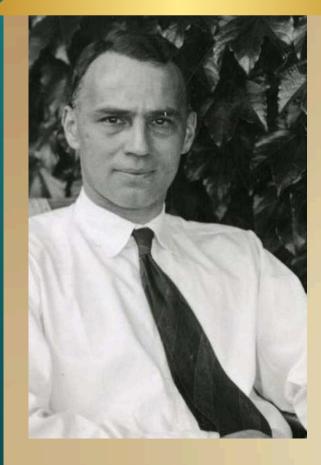
Tuxedo Park's, Alfred Loomis... President Roosevelt praised the value of Loomis's work, describing him as being the civilian who was second only to Churchill, in facilitating the Allied victory in World War 2.

Throughout the years, he traded vast sums of money on the financial market during the week—in the evenings and weekends he worked with the world's greatest scientists at his own secret laboratory in Tuxedo Park.

In the early 1920s, Alfred Lee Loomis and his staff conducted experiments in sound waves, spectrometry and precise time measurements.

He was credited with the inventions of the Aberdeen chronometer, a microscope centrifuge, and a pressurized fire extinguisher.

In 1928, anticipating the coming Wall Street Crash of 1929, he, his partner, and his firm had converted their investments into cash, having determined that the market had risen so dramatically that it was unsustainable and a crash was inevitable. Once the stock market crash had bankrupted the majority of speculators, and Wall Street floundered, he and his firm became extremely wealthy as a result of purchasing stocks cheaply after they had plummeted in value, and few people had the cash to reinvest.



From the late 1920s through the 1930s Loomis and renowned scientists performed successful research at his Tuxedo Park laboratory.

Besides working on ultrasonics; he collaborated with George Kistiakowski on spectroscopy; and with E. Newton Harvey on electrical signals in the brain and heart. His Tuxedo Park laboratory was nicknamed the "Tower House" and "The Palace of Science".

He turned this Tuxedo Park laboratory into a meeting place for the most visionary minds of the century, such as Albert Einstein. Alfred Loomis invented the artillery chronograph to better measure the speed of artillery shells, and conceived of and patented the LORAN system (Long Range Aid to Navigation) of navigation transmitters and receivers. He worked with Vannevar Bush, who in mid-1940 convinced Franklin Roosevelt to start the National Defense Research Committee (NDRC) to coordinate the work of civilian scientists in the event that America was drawn into the European war.

Loomis's own radar studies, coupled with his money and influence, being a first cousin to Henry Stimson, Secretary of War in both World Wars, made him an ideal choice to head the NDRC's Microwave Radar Project.

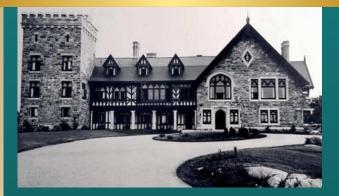
It was in that capacity that Loomis hosted the British scientists who brought the cavity magnetron to Tuxedo Park.

Loomis later worked closely with FDR and his administration in preparing the country's technological base for war.

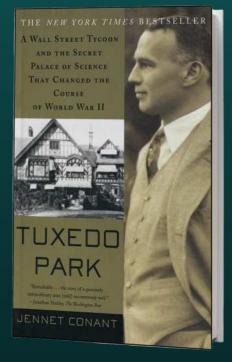
Using his many contacts in New York finance, and with generous sums from his own considerable fortune, he financed the early developments in radar before government money could be provided.

President Roosevelt praised the value of Loomis's work, describing him as being the civilian who was second perhaps only to Churchill, in facilitating the Allied victory in World War II.













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