

News, Views and Reviews of 2009 from Marcia & Ted
The ★ Phenomenal ★ Granddaughter ★ Issue

Miss Briana Isabella Bennett

October 15, 2009
courtesy of Claudia & Chris



Briana is the feminine version of Brian and means “strong.” Our little Briana was really anxious to greet the world and joined our family two weeks earlier than Claudia & Chris (or the doctor) expected. The fabulous Whiskey is assisting.



Briana entertaining Claudia’s Mom
We now have sufficient young ladies for a beach volleyball tournament. Margaret & Charlotte are bringing Beth & Jeff in for Christmas to meet their new cousin/niece. Briana,



Off to Key West at the end of the 2008 year to celebrate Marcia’s birthday and to watch Sushi being lowered in a red high-heeled slipper.



January saw Ted in his preferred garb returning from The 5 Brothers Cuban Grocery with his *Café con Leche* and papers. Ah, civilization!

Miss Taryn Caroline Allison

November 19, 2009
courtesy of Katie & Matt



Taryn is a name meaning “tender/innocent” taken from Matt’s Scottish heritage and is pronounced like “Karen.” Caroline is Marcia’s middle name and she is ecstatic! Taryn arrived a day early to surprise us.



Margaret (L) and Charlotte Sekera



Taryn observing her new world

Claudia & Chris are going to Peru for Christmas. Claudia’s sisters, nieces and cousins can’t wait to get their hands on little Brianita! We send *Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo!*



Katie & Matt visited for a week in **February**. Here they are dining at a favorite, Louie’s Back Yard.



Helen Jacobs & Bill Hohe at Louie’s Back Yard’s Quarterdeck in **March**. They stayed at the beautiful Garden’s Hotel and took the ferry out to Fort Jefferson in the Dry Tortugas.



At the end of February we drove up to Dunedin, FL, to see Ted’s StepMom, Kay Bennett. On the way back to KW we stayed with Diane & Brian Jones at their home in Naples, FL



Claudia & Chris cocktailed at the home of Jane Grannis & Terry Wetmore. Claudia wasn’t drinking, as she’d just discovered she was pregnant with their first child!



Jan Gibson & Paul Bergmann returned to stay with us in **April**.



Part of the Shrimp Boat fleet seen during a yellow-tail snapper lunch at the Shrimp Shack on Stock Island.



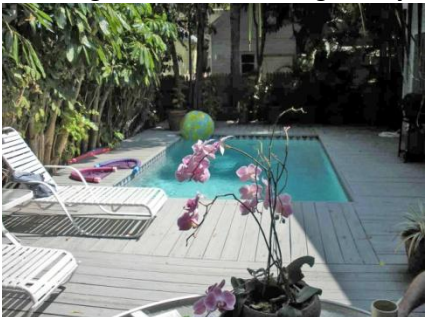
Louise & Dick Weithas went with us to Sunday brunch on Sunset Key off KW.



Audree Chase enjoyed a sandwich with us at the Geiger Key Marina



Marcia peeled a bumper crop from our mango tree before leaving in **May**.



One last look at our pool & deck.



Disaster awaited us when we arrived home: our huge oak had succumbed to the wet ground and slowly tipped over onto the house. It had to be cut into sections and lifted off and/or over the house by a huge mobile crane.



We celebrated Memorial Day and Katie's birthday with a brunch with our friends.



Ted spoke about his grandfather at a talk on the 100th anniversary of publication of the 1909 Burnham & Bennett Chicago plan. Here he is with Katie and lifelong friend Michelle Storrs Booz. Bennett and John Storrs were friends at the Beaux Arts in Paris.



In **June** we drove to Minneapolis for John Marshall IV's wedding.



Afterwards we drove to our home in Desbarats via the route north of Lake Superior. Here we are looking down into Aquasabon River Gorge Falls.



Judy & Frank Siebrecht came to visit us in Desbarats in **July**, bringing their twelve-year-old grandson, Grant.



We were visited by a juvenile porcupine; cute but destructive. The railing board is a 2x6.



In **August** we drove to St. Louis for Marcia's Normandy High Reunion; Marcia & Herb Smith entertained. While on the road we received word that Kay Bennett had passed away.



Ellen and Hess Carroll came in from Cape Cod to stay with us for the Bell School Class of 1959 Fiftieth Reunion.



Love—

Marcia
Ted

**Let's all hope for
a better 2010!**