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My extended family and I recently stayed at the boulders, and I wanted to reach out personally and tell you how FANTASTIC it is. I see you're right down the road— I live in Weston and work in New Canaan (at the Tow Foundation). I grew up in Washington (CT) and the Boulders has always been an iconic place in our lives. One sister worked as a waitress there while in high school/college, my two sisters and I had all our wedding dinners there, and various guests have stayed there over the years. My parents (Michael and Nelly Condon) emigrated from Ireland in 1955, directly to Washington, where they married and have lived happily ever since. We gathered for 4 days (August 4-8) to both have our annual family reunions, and to have an early celebrations of my parents 60<sup>th</sup>. It was at once perfect homecoming for us, and the perfect holiday destination.

Mostly I want to thank you for the sensitive and beautiful restoration and renovation of this historic building, which is so close to the heart of many from the area— certainly from all of us. You've managed to tastefully upgrade the place in every possible way and yet its heart and soul and old-time beauty are perfectly intact. We loved every detail--- the beautiful lake photos all around the house, and the historical ones in the entryway; the magnificent (and fun to work in) kitchen; the comfortable and lovely bedrooms; the crooked floors; the abundant outdoor furniture; the lakefront complete with kayaks and paddleboards--- and the boat house, complete with ping pong. (I can guarantee that that ping pong table has not seen the amount and level of multi-generational competition--- ping pong is central to our family's together time and imagine our delight that we didn't have to figure out how to move a table from my parent's house to the Boulders.)

We were 12 in the house, and we entertained some friends on the Saturday for my folks' anniversary. We felt privileged to be there and totally protective and proprietary about the house and its surroundings--- a place to be treasured and loved even as it is being fully used.

Jeff and Amanda were fantastic--- both ahead of time during our stay. You couldn't have a better caretaker--- attentive and easygoing at the same time eager for us to relax and enjoy and share their clear love of the place.

AND--- your daughter's pottery! So beautiful and so perfect. If she sells it, we'd all certainly like to purchase a piece or two--- but enjoyed looking at it every day.

So--- from Weston and Washington, CT, Lancaster, PA, Houston, Scarsdale, Boston, and New York--- you have our heartfelt thanks for the gift of our cherished Boulders brought to new life. Amazingly, the best vacation rental any of us have ever had--- right in our own town! We'll be back, for sure. (And I suspect a number of our party guests will be wanting to book the house as well!) I can only hope you enjoy the house as much as we did!

I hope our paths cross someday--- maybe in Fairfield County or at the lake.

Warm regards,

Eileen Wiseman