HISTORY OF INSTALLATIONS OVER OUR 40 YEARS

6/79: Home of Janine Rosenfeld Meeting with Peg Martin installing new officers

6/80: Home of Joyce Meyer Meeting with Joyce conducting installation. Joyce gave a tour of her gardens, explaining plants as they walked.

6/81: No mention of any meeting or installation. They took a tour of Dunbarton Oaks. ????

6/82: Home of Ann Williams Program: History of Mt. Airy by daughter of Ann Smith (Cissy)–

former owner of Mt. Airy. Meeting Minutes say: Flower plants and gifts for new officers

????? in lieu of installation.

5/83: Home of Vivian Lynn Minutes present slate of officers. No June minutes.

6/84: Home of Margaret Hicks Meeting with Charmane Trusdale doing flower arranging

and conducting the installation.

6/85: Home of Joyce Meyer Meeting with installation done by Shirley Nicolai

6/86: Home of Ann Williams Meeting and installation conducted by Beth Young of Hilltop G Club.

She used the theme of Japanese flower arranging as the true art form for the ceremony.

6/87: Home of Joyce Meyer Meeting with Charmane Trusdale, District I Director, conducting

installation

6/88: COLONY SOUTH Meeting with Peg Martin installing using the same ceremony as Beth Young.

Each member was given a shovel and potted impatience.

6/89: No minutes

6/90: Mama Stella’s from May minutes. No Minutes for June

6/91: No June minutes, but May states dinner will be at the HOLIDAY INN in Waldorf re Anne DeB.

6/92: No June minutes, but May states installation will be held at FORT MCNAIR Officer’s Club.

6/93: No minutes but May’s states dinner will be held at OLD FIELD’S INN in Prince Frederick at 7:30.

6/94: No May or June minutes (Peg M. – secretary)

6/95: Partial minutes – Held at ANDREW’S OFFICER’S CLUB Installation by Dottie Sisson. (Re Elaine)

6/96: Home of Joyce Meyer Meeting and installation by Dottie Garrison

6/97: Mama Stella’s Meeting with installation done by Anne DeBosier Wonderful committee

Reports done.

(Installations con’t.)

6/98: Mama Stella’s Meeting with Committee Reports and installation by Patti Polvi using

plants from the bible. Members were given garden gloves and a trowel for a “job well

done” year.

6/99: Mama Stella’s Meeting with installation done by Connie Dalpra, District I Director. An

Ice plant was given to each member.

6/2000: Mama Stella’s No meeting or committee reports were done. Just dinner and

installation, which was conducted by Liz Saniga (new President) mother – Mary Breeding.

She gave each new officer a flopwer, depicting their duties from her rainbow – using color as the

theme.

6/01: No June Minutes Mama Stella’s from May minutes

6/02: No Minutes Mama Stella’s

6/03: No May or June minutes Probably Mama Stella’s

6/04: Mama Stella’s Installation by Marian Moreland. She gave each a pink carnation.

6/05: Mama Stella’s Couldn’t read hand-written minutes but don’t think anything was there

about the installation.

6/06: Mama Stella’s June was a lot of meeting minutes indicating that they didn’t have a complete

slate and would have to vote by phone or e-mail later in the month.

6/07: The 30th at COLONY SOUTH Marian installed the new officers

6/08: Home of Joyce Meyer Joyce was in hospital. Shirley Nicolai installed officers

6/09: MAMA LUCIA’S in Dunkirk Marian conducted installation and gave hand-made corsages,

telling the meanings of the flowers in them.

6/10: Mama Stella’s Meeting with Anne DeBoeser installing

6/11: Mama Stella’s Meeting with Marian conducting installation

6/12: Mama Stella’s Meeting with installation by Danielle Barbizon President, District I

6/13: Home of Jackie George Tornado threat wiped out the day. It was rescheduled in conjunction with the picnic in August at the home of Jackie George. Installation done by Marian

6/14: SILVER SKEWERS in Waldorf NO MINUTES

6/15: MAMA ROMA’S in Brandywine Julie did installation

6/16: OLIVE GARDEN in Waldorf No minutes I think no installation

NOTES FOR INSTALLATIONS OVER THE YEARS

For this meeting, I decided to look at where our past installations were held and who did the installations. This means 38 years, as there were no installations in the first two years. But, there is no information for 9 years – no June minutes and/or no May minutes to give clues.

Of the 38, only 15 gave me all the pieces of information I was seeking

For the holes I had, I called and picked the memories of a few of our long-time members. They did a good job – or at least gave me info I can THINK is true.

This detective work also brought a few ideas of what was done at installations – gifts given, how the ceremony was done, etc..

So, now you are asking, what did I find out?

WHEN HELD: All but one – for the info I could find – were held in June. This ONE was to have been held at The Royal Tea Room in LaPlata, but ended up being held with the picnic in August due to a tornado warning in Waldorf.

WHERE HELD:

They started out being held in members’ homes. 11 years were done this way and once, again, the generous leader for hosting these was Joyce with 5. The other 6 were: Janine Rosenfeld, Ann Williams(2x), Vivian Lynn, Margaret Hicks, Jackie George.

The first mention of having it at a restaurant is June of 1988 when it was held at Colony South and then we went back again in 2007 for our 30th.

The first mention of Mama Stella’s is June of 1990. 1989 could also have been there, but there are no minutes. It wasn’t until 1997 that they went back to Mama Stella’s and kept going there for a total of 14 years!!! It could be longer IF I assume that in those years for which there were no minutes they also went to Mama Stella’s. That would bring it to 23 years!!

Other places we graced with our presence were: the Holiday Inn in Waldorf (6/91)

Fort McNair Officer’s Club (6/92) Old Field’s Inn in Prince Frederick (6/93) and Andrew’s Officer’s Club in 6/95.

Other restaurants used have been: Mama Lucia’s in Dunkirk (6/09) The Silver Skewers in Waldorf (6/14) Mama Roma in Brandywine (6/15) and The Olive Garden in Waldorf (6/16).

SO WHO HAS HAD THE HONER OF CONDUCTING OUR INSTALLATIONS???

We’ve had a variety of folks who have conducted the installations. Once again the information is incomplete. Details for this area are only clear for 22 of the 38 years.

MEMBERS OF THE CLUB:

13 times were handled by members of the club: Peg Martin, Joyce, Dottie Sisson, Dottie Garrison, Anne DeBoeser – 2x, Marian Moreland – 5x, and Julie Harrison.

GUEST INSTALLERS

9 installations were conducted by guests.

1984 Charmane Trusdale, District 1 Director in the home of Margaret Hicks and again in 1987 in Joyce’s.

1985 it was Shirley Nicolai in Joyce’s home, and again in 2008 at Joyce’s when she was in the hospital.

1986 was conducted by Beth Young of the Hilltop Garden Club. She used the theme of Japanese Flower Arranging as the true art form for the ceremony. (What does this mean?)

1998 Patti Polvi ??? used plants from the Bible in her installation and gave each member garden gloves and a trowel for a job well done.

1999 brought District I Director, Connie Dalpra as the installer. An ice plant was given to each member.

2000 Liz Saniga’s mother Mary Breeding gave each new officer a flower depicting their duties from her rainbow – using color as the theme.

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