**PICNICS HELD OVER 40 YEARS**

**I decided to do this exercise for a few reasons – one being I hoped it would bring back**

**good memories for each of us. Another was to document who had hosted picnics just for the fun of it.**

**I used our Yearbooks and Scrapbooks to get the information I needed. It turned out that this was not the easiest project to do because there were years with no mention of a picnic in the yearbooks nor any pictures in the scrapbooks. But, there was mention in written reports that were done each year up to a point. So, this is what I found:**

**The first picnic was in 1977 and was held at the Naval Communication Picnic area in the evening. 9 of the 15 members attended with husbands. It is written “ The hillsides overlooking the wooded areas were beautiful…” It was a relaxing, enjoyable, and successful picnic.**

**From 1978 to 1982 picnics were only mentioned in a report in a Scrapbook covering 5 years. It states “In addition to all the serious activities….there has been the annual picnic in August…..” No pictures of this event or info on who or where they were held was given except for the above 1977 event.**

**The first mention of a picnic in the Yearbook was in the 1986-87 edition. Then, for some reason, 1988 to 1991 had no mention of said activity. Then in 1991 it surfaced again under “Dates to Remember.” In 1996/97 our yearbook became the size it is today and picnic information was in a new Calendar of Events section in the front of the book. In 2002-2003 the Yearbook changed the placement of the picnic to a list of events to take place located at the end of the programs pages.**

**I mention all this placement business because it affected which Historian was placing it in the scrapbook.**

**So, from 1977 to 1988 there is no mention in the Yearbooks about a picnic to be held. But, the annual reports often stated who had the picnics (held mostly in August). Those who hosted in their homes from 1982 to 1987 were:**

**Dot and Grey Singleton Earliene and Donald Rawe Vivian and John Lynn**

**Julie and Bob Harrison Margaret and Sonny Hicks**

**The first mention of a picnic in the Yearbook came in the 1986-87 Yearbook. Marian Moreland hosted this year but , again, there are no pictures in the scrapbook, as is the case for most of the above.**

**Then, again, from 1988 to 1991 there was no mention in the Yearbook, but pictures revealed the following: Picnics were held at the homes of:**

**Marie and Jack White Joyce Meyer Mary Ellen and Roger Heagey**

**(One year seemed to have not had one)**

**From 1991 to 97 the picnic date can be found under “Dates to Remember” However, one time this was forgotten to be put in.**

**Hosts for picnics at their homes from 1992 to 1997 were:**

**Margaret Hicks Peg Martin Marilyn Berkut Easter Neckere Joyce Meyer**

**In the 1996-1997 year, our yearbook became the larger size it is now and the picnic was mentioned in the new Calendar of Events area in the front of the book. Scrapbooks began to put pictures starting with the installations and ending in April or May. Hosting picnics in their homes from1997 to 2003 were:**

**Liz Saniga May Kemp Dottie Garrison Julie Harrison Joyce Meyer May Kemp**

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**Hosting from 2003 to 2016 were : Anne DeBoeser in Gettysburg**

**Joyce Meyer Pam Smart in VA Home Joyce Meyer Arminta Donovan**

**Linda Millette Joyce Meyer Pam Smart in VA Home**

**Pat Hall Jackie George Lenay O’Quinn Pat Hall This year’s: Lorraine**

**Leonard hosting at Julie Harris’**