m.m. memos

Margaret Miller

We're a bit changed, but it's been a few years

She picked me out from the 200 or so just-a-little-bit-familiar faces and came over to say hello.

She remembered how we used to sit on the sidewalk in front of her house and play jacks. Centuries ago. Well, close to half of one century ago.

I have to admit she was not one of the ones I recognized right off the bat as 40-years-ago graduates and spouses gathered at the country club. For one thing, she was in the next year's class, so she didn't show in the yearbook I had scanned while doing my homework for the event. She was fully legal, though. She had married a member of our class.

And it crossed my mind that if we were to play jacks on the sidewalk now, she would do much better with the downsittings and uprisings. Her middle is considerably narrower.

We enjoyed a few neighborhood reminiscences, and then it was time for the program. And guess who tied for the most-grandchildren award? She and her husband have 10 children and 10 grandchildren and three GREAT-grandchildren. It was information hard to reconcile with that slim figure.

BUT I GUESS that's what you let yourself in for when you take a deep breath and decide to attend a gathering of contempories from four decades ago.

One of things that happens when you stay in the area where you grew up is that reunions pop up at intervals. I've attended several, and the faces have looked a little less familiar each time.

But this time it had been 15 years. All of the time I've been a returned-to-work mother. A lot of the time our girls have been growing up.

That's a fair number of years for growing into new relationships and out of old ones.

And I ran true to form. While anticipating the reunion for months and while writing notices for this paper, I still waited until the last minute to send in my reservation, and I never did get around to finding out which of my seldom-seen friends might be going.

SO I WENT prepared for just about anything and found a variety of experiences.

It was good to have dinner and a good fill of conversation with an old friend now in the letter-at-Christmas category. We exchanged regrets that we hadn't nudged others a bit more and resolved to make another occasion for our own little reunion.

It was enjoyable to see the class members whose paths have crossed mine in the years since high school. It was amazing to greet a few faculty members, some of them looking younger than some of the graduates of 40 years ago. It was fun to try to remember a face, then to check the nametag and realize it was someone I hadn't known anyway in a class of 400-plus.

It was more fun to read the tag and match in memory the face that had once been in the next row in math class.

And it was most fun to be recognized — even by one who has 10 grandchildren and is shaped like a graduate.

Lunch series resumes in Community Center

Lunch will again be offered in Farmington Community Center by local culinary experts, Barbara Dermody and Judy Antishin.

The series will begin Oct. 9 and continue for seven Thursdays ending Nov. 20. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. No reservations are necessary.

"The food was very well received last winter and spring sessions and we are looking forward to another successful series," says Mrs. Dermody.

The two popular hostesses promise to tempt luncheon-goers with new dishes plus many tried-and-true recipes from the Farmington Community Center Cookbook which will again be available after Oct. 15 for $7 a copy. It is in its third printing.

The menu for Oct. 9 is an innovation of Mrs. Antishin. The entree is called "Special Zucchini Boat" and features ham,cheese and potatoes stuffed into the zucchini, plus a hearty salad side dish.

Tea or coffee is served with the lunch which is $4 per person. Each day a choice of two desserts will be available for an additional charge.

Menus for future Thursdays will be posted in advance in the Center, 24705 Farmington Rd. For further information call 477-8404.

Cooking with herbs is her specialty

Caroline Jamison brings her "Cooking With Herbs" demonstration-luncheon to Farmington Community Center at 10 a.m. Friday.

Known as Detroit's 'Herb Lady,' Mrs. Jamison will show her audience ways to use herbs in holiday-inspired foods in the second of the Fabulous Fridays series this fall.

Reservations, at $9 each, will be accepted until Oct. 6 by calling the center, 477-8404.

Coordinator named at Grace

JoAnne Sorrentino, R.N., of Farmington Hills, has been named a home care coordinator for the Grace Hospital Division of Harper-Grace Hospitals.

Ms. Sorrentino is a graduate of Wayne State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Before joining Grace, she was a clinical nurse preceptor at the Harper Hospital Division.

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