

Margaret
Miller

Visitors a problem? We'll never believe it

Out of breath, she landed in the seat next to mine at a Saturday morning lecture on a new sewing method. Didn't think she was going to make it, she said. A guest visiting her and her husband was leaving that day, and she had to cook him a good breakfast.

Had he been there long? I asked. Well, nearly two weeks, but he hadn't been feeling well so they had been taking care of him.

They hadn't had time to do much else. It seemed it was like that so much of the winter season in Florida.

That was what I had been hearing. One woman told me about waiting in a shopping center half a day while a visitor from up north had her hair done. Another said she'd learned that with visitors you settle it right from the start when you go out it's Dutch treat because "otherwise they seem to expect you to pay for everything."

Still another, whom I see weekly, would report each Wednesday that no, relatives hadn't left yet and she wasn't sure when it would be.

BUT ALTHOUGH I heard the lament a lot, I never took it seriously. Joe and I simply couldn't imagine anyone we know behaving in anything like the manner of those described to us. And now that we've had our first full

season of welcoming folks to Florida, we're here to state the fact either we have unusual friends or the stories are exaggerated. Probably both.

We enjoyed every minute with all our visitors - related and unrelated, short-term and slightly longer term. Nobody stayed as long as we would have liked. Everybody was super considerate, super helpful and super worried about disrupting our activities in any way.

Having them around made sunshine, beach and pool better than usual. We loved introducing them to our spot while exchanging the latest news. In fact, we decided that the next thing about being retired in a place like Florida is that you get in on a little bit of other people's vacations.

ONE OF OUR friends, who lived in Florida six years, is no complainer but probably a good summer-upper of the visitor situation. "When you live in Florida," she said, "sooner or later everyone you know comes to see you."

We certainly hope so. Our visitors are the greatest.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor of Observer Newspapers for 18 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of Hadassah sponsors its 11th annual Women's Open Tennis Tournament Wednesday through Friday, May 30 through June 1, in Franklin Racquet Club in Southfield.

Hadassah was founded in 1912 to provide a link between American and Israeli Jews. It has grown to 360,000 members in the United States and Puerto Rico which makes it the largest women's volunteer organization in America.

Proceeds from the Hadassah tournament will support cardiac-vascular research at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.

This year Nadine Miller is chairwoman for the tournament which will feature singles and doubles events at all levels. The entry fee of \$25 includes lunch on Wednesday, a tournament visor, and balls. All contributions are tax deductible.

The three day tournament which has been expanding each year is open to all area women. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place winners and there will be a consolation tournament.

Entry forms are available at area racquet clubs. For information, call Hadassah Office at 337-2920. Entry deadline is May 24.



Committee women who are heading Hadassah's Women's Open Tennis Tournament this spring are Barbara Gutman (at left), Mariann Cramer (second), Audrey Edelholtz, Nadine Miller, Janice

Bloom and Barbara Ben. Miller is chairman for the event which will support cardiac-vascular research in Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.

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