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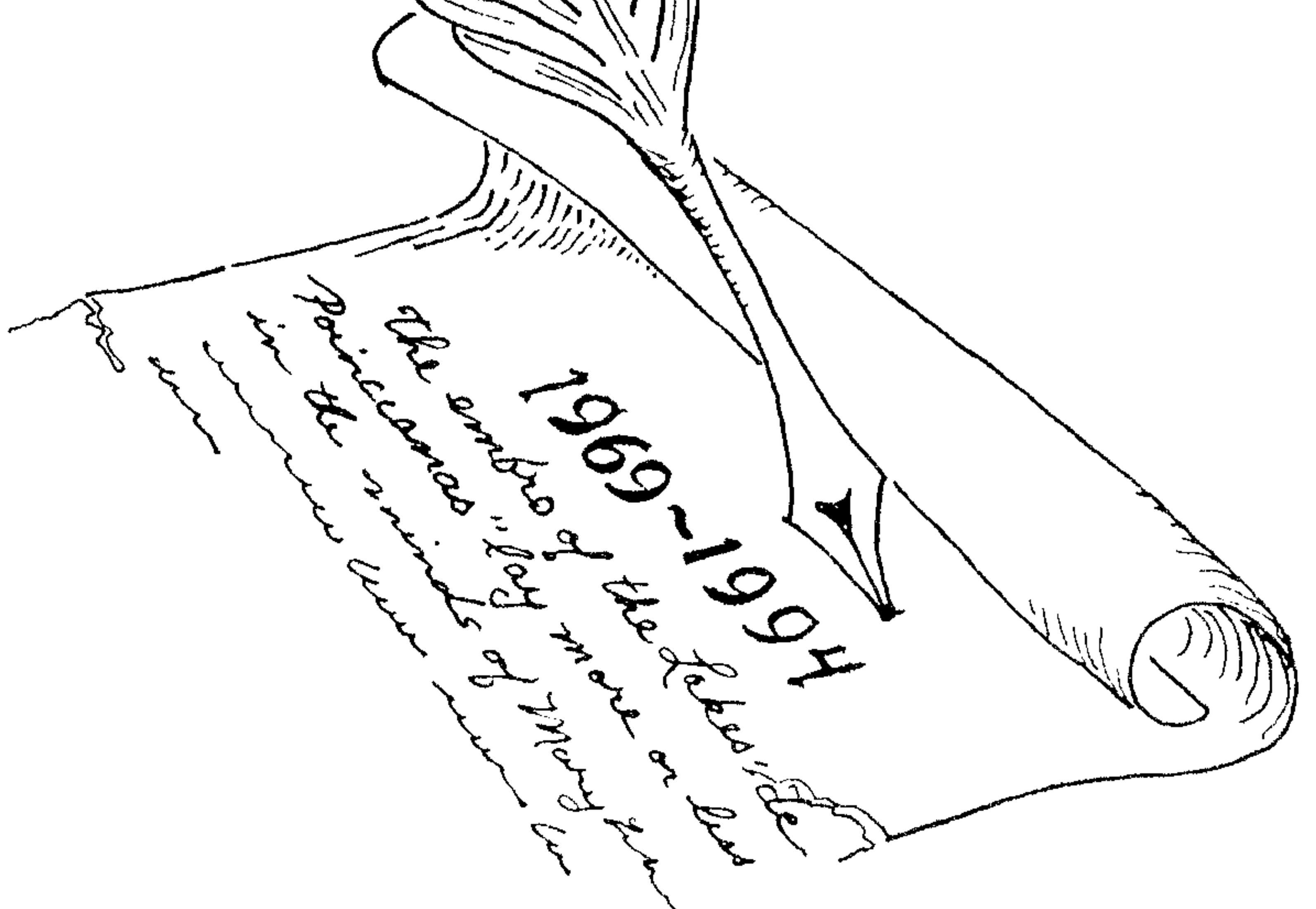
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LAKESIDE

Poinciana

WOMEN'S

CLUB



PRESIDENTS:

Ina Mayer
Mary Teommey
Gladys Bourne
Maybelle Prather
Clarice Bardsley
Dorothy Wolner
Marie Von Stetina
Ruth Hughes
Val Stokes
Vivian Gray
Sally Prather
Margaret Roof
Ruth Burt
Camey Egnor
Peggy Paustian
Anna Mae Shideler
Margaret Cray

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the clubhouse and took the initiative in acquiring a flagpole for the recreation area.

Gladys Bourne, our third president, saw the installation of venetian blinds in the clubhouse card room and at the close of her term, two hundred dollars was put in escrow toward the purchase of new draperies for the clubhouse.

The 1971-72 term was filled by Maybelle Prather. At the end of that term, there was much satisfaction derived from the acquisition of new draperies for the clubhouse. This was accomplished through the cooperation of the Craft Group. Each organization contributed \$600. toward this purchase. It should be noted that in 1971 Bernice Crosby presented the Poincianas with a lovely tea service in memory of her daughter. It has been appropriately inscribed so that the source of this generous contribution will not be forgotten.

Clarice Bardsley, Poincianas' fifth president, was prevailed upon to serve two terms in office. During her second term, carpeting and flatware were purchased.

During Dorothy Wolner's term as president, we had storage cabinets installed in the south end of the clubroom and painting were purchased.

The Poincianas have always contributed to charities. Since the first year of its existence, a Christmas contribution to the "Empty Stocking Fund" has been made. For the past several years an additional larger project has been undertaken. One popular project has been the collecting of staple foods for the migrant farm workers, and gifts for the children of these workers. For a period, a group of our women who sew made over men's old shirts into hospital gowns for the county home.

In 1973, the Poincianas undertook the chore of compiling a directory for the Lakeside Point Condominiums. The work and cost of this project was borne entirely by the organization.

Marie Von Stetina was handed the president's gavel in 1977. That year started the tradition of Christmas Open House for the entire condominium community. Also, a Hawaiian-type dinner and splash party and brunch was held. The major accomplishment in 1973 was the remodeling of the kitchen in the clubhouse. The most memorable evening was the result of the talent of Mary Lou Byerly who presented a program of clothing fashions from the year 1850 to 2000, modeled by members of the Poincianas.

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Marie Baconet wore Mary Lou Byerly's grandmother's outfit from 1850. Mary Lou Byerly wore an outfit belonging to her aunt from 1910.

Dorothy Wolner, Dorothy Mann and Gladys Bourne in matching black and white outfits and straw hats sang "I was strolling Through the Park One Day."

Vi Waterhouse dressed as a flapper of the '20's. Ina Mayer wore her own wedding dress of 1930. Jean and Larry Fulmer wore coordinating outfits and became the 1950 jitterbuggers.

Maybelle Prather stole the show as the 1930's Enemy No. 1, Dillinger. Sylvia Lindfors was a 1960 hippie; Lena LaPerle was a 1970 "sexpot."

Clarice Bardsley and Marie Von Stetina wore evening gowns from 1960. Val Stokes closed the program representing the electronic woman of 2000.

Ruth Hughes, president during 1978-79, saw the following contributions to Lakeside Point Community:

- 1 - Compiling and distributing new directories for our condominiums.
- 2 - Purchase of 2 new umbrellas for poolside tables.
- 3 - Purchase of 4 new chairs for poolside.
- 4 - Painting of exterior of clubhouse.

Val Stokes became president in 1979. A hot dog lunch (\$1.00 per person) and spaghetti dinner were among the money-making events. Once again, Mary Lou Byerly demonstrated her abilities and capabilities in the creation of the program for Feb. 26, 1980. She assembled the talent from among the membership and wrote the script for the skit.

Mary Lou Byerly introduced the program wearing a flashy, red, white and blue outfit, mustache and straw hat.

Irene Bartose and Dorothy Slattery did a song and dance number; Al Janssen was a great Al Jolson. A humorous skit was presented starring Maybelle Prather as the grouchy school teacher and Vi Waterhouse, Lena LaPerle, Sylvia Lindfors and Kip Taylor as the rotten school children.

In 1981, no one was found who was willing to serve as president. Three ladies agreed to share the responsibility for the year - Vivian Gray, Margaret Roof and Sally Prather. The one money maker of the year was a luncheon and style show which was very successful.

On March 27, 1984, during the presidency of Peggie Paustion, Mary Lou Byerly shared her creative talents once more in the form of a fashion show to end all fashion shows. The hilarity started even before the program did when President Paustion by a "slip of the tongue" announced that the program would be a "passion" show.

The program opened with Mary Lou Byerly, the French fashion expert. She wore white slacks, a navy blazer, a beret, a mustache and, to the enjoyment of all, a very hairy chest which she pridefully displayed to all. Mary Lou introduced each of the models and described their outfits.

The first model was Kit Roche, labeled "Miss Striker." Her checkered pants displayed numerous cancelled checks sewn onto the slacks. Her T shirt was adorned with many golf tees and she swung a golf club with abandon. She was a genuine sports' woman and her number was accompanied by "Take Me Out To The Ball Game."

Bee Kelleher appeared second as "Miss Classy" accompanied by Dorothy Wolner on the piano with "Ain't She Sweet!" One of the outstanding features of Bee's outfit was the "pencil stripe" dress. The stripes were actually rows of pencils sewn onto the dress.

Number three was "Miss Look Well" modeled by Maybelle Prather. Her "scoop neck" blouse displayed a genuine sugar scoop fastened in the front and back. The "tea dress" boasted many tea bags sewn around the bottom. The "Can Can" skirt was adorned with orange juice cans around the bottom. The climax of her costume came when she displayed voluminous bloomers with a huge "Hi" on the seat. Spaghetti straps consisted of real spaghetti taped to the blouse. Miss Look Well's parade was accompanied by "Ta Ra Ra Boom Te Aye" on the piano

Also in the program with equally humorous presentations were Marie Baconet, Sylvia Lindfors, Lena La Perle, Virginia Garvin, Irene Bartose, Val Stokes, Emma Vach and Larry Fulmer.

Camey Egner became president in 1986 and served until 1993, with the exception of 1989-90. During Camey's presidency, the members were treated to annual catered birthday dinners.

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On Feb. 24, 1987, Mary Lou Byerly's production of Birthday Extravaganza was presented to the delight of all. Twelve members were selected to represent a month of the year. Each was given the option of representing her assigned month in any way she wished.

Mary Lou Byerly was the narrator and was Uncle Sam.

Irene Bartose represented January as Baby New Year.

Valentine Stokes dressed in a white dress with red hearts represented February.

Marie Von Statina in kelly green represented March.

Doris Sullivan, in raincoat and umbrella, suggested those April showers.

Lorraine Neimi was dressed as the Queen of May.

Representing June was Elizabeth Panos singing an adaptation of "Making Whoopee." She was dressed as a very pregnant bride.

Representing July was Ruth Hughes dressed as Miss Liberty.

Vi Waterhouse was dressed in a 1900 bikini for August.

Emma Vach dressed as a 16-year-old ready for school, represented September.

Lena LaPerle, with a clown outfit, was prepared for Hallowe'en for the month of October.

Becky Ledger was dressed as the Pilgrim mother ready for the first Thanksgiving in November.

Sylvia Lindfors, dressed as Santa's elf, represented December.

The twentieth anniversary of the Lakeside Poincianas was celebrated in great style; first of all, on Jan. 24, 1989, with another memorable production by Mary Lou Byerly. She was the author and narrator of a summary of the activities and accomplishments of the organization starting with the organizers in 1969.

On March 28, 1989, the members were treated to a catered banquet with all surviving presidents present and given special recognition.

Anna May Shideler became president in the fall of 1989. In November we had a Thanksgiving pot luck supper, which included husbands.

In February, Mary Lou Byerly once more entertained us royally with a special program of members' home states. As always, Dorothy Wolner's piano accompaniment was an important part.

Representing Ohio were Mary Lou Byerly, Kathryn Decker, Sylvia Lindfors, Vi Waterhouse and Lillian Finch.

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Other states were represented as follows:

Pennsylvania by Margaret Cray.

New Jersey by Bee Kelleher.

Kentucky by Sally Prather, Lorraine Neimi, Penny Cosby and Sylvia Lindfors.

Illinois by Doris Truelaen (Val Stokes' daughter.)

Missouri by Elizabeth Panos.

On March 23, 1993, Margaret Cray was elected president.. At her first meeting on October 26, Joanne Purdy presented a fashion show with six members.

On November 5, the Poincianas were hosts to all the Lakeside residents to a pot luck supper in the clubhouse. The refreshment tables were laden with a great variety of delicious foods. The offerings were so plentiful it was necessary to have a separate table for both the salads and the desserts. Extra tables had to be set up to accommodate all the guests. The dinner was such a success it will be repeated later in the season.

On December 22, the candlelight Christmas Carol Sing-along for all residents was led by vocalist Florence Epiney and pianist Dot Wolner. It was a real "fun" party in the beautifully decorated clubhouse, where, with a great "Ho-Ho-Ho," Santa arrived with a gift for everyone.

The annual brunch consisting of Val's omelette (see below), coffee cake and coffee was held on January 15. The hour of pleasant fellowship was enjoyed by 137 residents of the complex.

There are a number of other special events scheduled. There will be a card party and luncheon on Feb. 12, and there will be two more pot luck dinners; one on Feb. 4, and another on March 4.

Our regular February meeting will be very special. Val Stokes, who has been a big part of the Poincianas for many years, will be there. The program will be a dance medley with Val's daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter and grandsons performing .

VAL'S OMELETTE

Four tablespoons melted butter or margarine

Twelve eggs

One half teaspoon white pepper

One 12 oz. can evaporated milk

Using a 9x13 pan, well greased, layer bottom of pan with ham and parsley.

Beat eggs well adding melted butter or margarine while beating. Then add evaporated milk. Pour this over the mixture in the greased 9x13 pan and bake in a well preheated oven at 350 degrees for thirty minutes.

Place pan in center of oven so that the mixture in the bottom of the pan will rise, giving the appearance of a decorated cake and will not burn.