

MLGC 50TH ANNIVERSARY - 1984 to 1994

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INTRODUCTION:

Some of the Club's' history during the late '80's is not different from when Ellen and Jeanne gave their presentation at the last meeting. The meeting dates and times, projects, trips and tours, installation of officers in June and the Christmas Luncheon etc., but it is that consistency and dedication of the members that brings us to celebrate the 50th anniversary.

So it is my pleasure to bring you 1984 to 1994:

What was happening in the '80's?

- Members driving to and from the meetings would spend \$.89 cents a gallon for gasoline. Until the early '90'S when there was an increase to \$1.34 per gallon.
- The Corresponding Secretary would send postcards to members each month as a reminder of the scheduled meetings, the cost \$.15 per post card. Postage stamps cost \$.22 each
- The first official ban on smoking was ordered on all public transportation, in 1985 Ash trays began to be removed from our meeting places and homes.
- As the nation was rebounding from a deep recession of the early '80's, love, dancing, and tickling were celebrated. Whitney Houston serenaded us with "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" and Tina Turner's sang "What's Love Got to Do With it? Tickle Me Elmo was born along with Talking Barney.
- The economy rebounded and soon began a sustained period of economic growth.

What was happening in the garden club?

PRESIDENTS

Six members volunteered to serve as President from the late '80's to the early '90's

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| 1983-1985 | Rose Mary Gittins |
| 1985-1986 | Betty Greaney served as President from 1985 to 1986. Betty resigned in Dec of 1986 Vice President Carole Eckstut presided until June of 1987. |
| 1987-1988 | Ruth Reace |
| 1988-1990 | Jo Drumheller |
| 1990-1992 | Alberta Bozzano |
| 1992-1994 | Jane Grabowski |

MEETINGS:

- Not all meetings were held in the library. Prior to the expansion of the library in 1992 when meetings were held they were held in the room now used as the "children's room" and by law had the capacity for only 50 people. With the addition, the meeting rooms the capacity was increased to 75 people.
- Combined or "open" meetings were held with the Marlton Garden Club usually at the Grace Bible Church, Church Street, Mount Laurel
- One meeting in May was conducted during a bus trip to Boehms Gallery, Trenton. Very creative use of time and space.
- At the first meeting in September of the 1988, plans were being formulated to celebrate the Club's 25th anniversary in 1989.

