



News from the
Porch of REC

November, 2005

--HAPPY HOURS at Café Ole--

Look's like another Miramichee tradition was established Oct. 14 for Friday night HH at Café Ole! Skinny dipping afterwards is optional.



--HURRICANE WILMA--

Fortunately she missed our Florida sisters and/or their families but sent Suzanne Hilton fleeing her Ft. Myers penthouse work station and cut the power to her familial residence in Orlando.



--Bye, Bye Birdie—

Our very own Miramichee baby (well, OK, Jan Pool's baby) Megan Wingo knocked them cold, stone, dead in *Bye, Bye Birdie* at the Desoto County Civic Center.



--Southern Festival of Books—

On Oct 9, Lyda Phillips appeared on a panel at the South's premier book event. Afterwards, she signed both *Mr. Touchdown* and *Peace I Ask of Thee, Oh River*. Miramichee love was present in the form of Betsy Panky Dooley and her darling daughter, Emma.



---MIRAMICHEE WEBSITE---

Well, it's coming along. Please go look!

So far we've got:

- 1. Events Section - This section has been updated to post all "Porch of Rec", KIA Kima Newsletters and etc.
- 2. Contact Us Section - For this new section a behind the scenes database has been developed to capture this information.
- 3. Privacy Statement - When a Web site collects information, it must document how it plans to use the information.

FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

- 1. Why did the site not work for a few hours last month?
Because Mary Barton had it "down" to load the new "Events" and "Contact Us" sections.
- 2. What happens to e-mail that can not be delivered?
All undeliverable e-mail is captured and the sender will be notified of the failed e-mail.
- 3. What happens if my mail box is too small? E-mail
admin@miramichee.com to request additional space.

REMINDER: Miramichee.com e-mail addresses are still available. To set up an e-mail account, send your request to *admin@miramichee.com* and request an e-mail address.



--MILESTONE--

Miramichee The Lifeline crossed the 50,000 hit mark on Oct. 23. Josie "The Artist" Sullivan pushed it over that mark. In

her acceptance speech, Josie thanked all “the little people who made it possible.” That’s us, gals.

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**---WINTER CAMP---**

Plans continue for a possible Winter Camp in Vail, Colorado, during January or February 2006. *Jan Pool* is requesting your suggestions for this event.

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---POOLSIDE---

An October 24th dinner at Ann Pool’s attracted more than just the broadly extended Pool clan. Baby Eenie invited the whole board, and looks like a good contingent heeded that siren call. This from Gail Madsen:

“Ann, thanks for a WONDERFUL time at your home Monday night!! Thanks for including your Miramichee Sisters! It was GREAT seeing everyone and I really enjoyed meeting Ginny Golden. She’s real to me now ... not a name on a board! Ann, your home is lovely, perfect for entertaining, and you’re a great hostess!! Being with the Pool clan was a real treat. Enjoyed meeting them all, especially “Big Ann.” Gary Wingo is so much fun. Y’all make a perfect couple, Jan! It was nice meeting the Pool girls’ children that I had not met and seeing the star (Megan, of course!) again. Dot, so glad I got to meet John and Corrine. Corrine has so much presence to be as young as she is! I enjoyed talking to Velcro, Carson and Corrine. Neat kids!!!! To top off the night, Beth [editor’s note: Bobbitt Stengel, ever the party girl] and I sang “Camp Miramichee, We Will Always Love You” at the top of our lungs in the lobby of Fairway Towers. Some of the other residents did not look amused ... but did I care? It was worth it!!!”

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**PREVIEW OF NOVEMBER:**

**Nov. 1 -- LynnFest, the Bennigan's at Poplar and I-240-**

Michele Wojtowicz Miller has pulled this one together for Lynn Crawford Campbell's arrival in town. Set for 6:30 p.m.

**Nov. 3 --** Josie Sullivan's **art show** opens at the Cherry Street Artisan Gallery in Columbia, Mo., runs through Jan. 2.

**Nov. 12--IDASTOCK--**This is it, the Big 'Un, Camp East, Fall Camp, whatever you wanna call it. Two hundred acres, and we may need it for the full-throated yowling--oops, correction, singing--we'll be doing. Bring your camping gear!

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---DECEMBER DOINGS---

10th -- Tentative Date for Holiday Party
Arrival of Suzanne Hilton and ChiChi Livaudais

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

- Fawn Harrison – 11/6
- Nancy Chandler – 11/12
- Phaedra T. "Banana" Halfacre – 11/20
- Ginny Golden Steffens –11/20
- Pam Pigford – 11/28
- Carolyn Mathis Wright – 11/28
- Kristin Altes Allison – 11/30

**A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!**

(If we've missed your birthday, please post your information on the Database Board!)

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

From Dorothy Lane (posted Oct. 23, during Game 1 of the World Series):

"I don't watch organized sports, but enjoy ya'll's enjoyment of it. Chalk it up to permanent burnout from a lifetime of forced watching my brother (who, as a matter of trivia, ultimately went pro w/the Detroit lions) bend over and fall down (he was a long snapper) while perfectly sane adults screamed and hollered like lunatics."

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## ---POETRY CORNER---

I went back to camp  
It had been a long while  
As a matter of fact it was my years as a child

The structures were gone  
But the river was there!  
I hardly knew the old place  
that I once held so dear.  
But the memories, the memories were perfectly clear

We all said the same, "It won't disappear."  
This huge grin we all wore reaching ear to ear  
Looking back on our youth in this place  
we hold dear  
brought forty-eight hours of laughter and cheer.

I know it's quite odd,  
I know it's quite strange,  
But, the friends of my childhood looked exactly the same.

We laughed and we talked and we laughed some more  
By the glow of the campfire we prepared our s'mores.  
We sang all the old songs,  
We still knew every word,  
Our voices so harmonious we know the angels heard.

Yes, we got the chance to go back over the hill  
Reliving our childhood  
Gosh, what a thrill!  
We renewed our friendships  
Time and distance weighed nil  
Our bond is much tighter and stronger still.

Yes, I went back to camp.  
It had been a long while.  
And I know it seems odd  
And I know it seems strange  
But, this camper's life will not be the same!

**---By Pam Pigford--**

