

MY CREATIVE EXPRESSION OF THE WOODLOCH EXPERIENCE

My husband and I first came to WOODLOCH in the 1980's on a one day bus trip with his employer, the GRUMMAN CORP. For the next few years we vacationed at Woodloch with three or four other couples and formed a lasting appreciation for the way everyone there "strives for excellence". Since our seven children were now grown we decided to try taking trips and see some of the sights...the Grand Canyon, Bermuda, Alaska, Hawaii, and most recently the Panama Canal to name a few. Two years ago we realized that 2007 would be our 50th Wedding Anniversary and what would be the best way to celebrate this very special achievement. Our family now numbers thirty, seven children, five spouses and sixteen grandchildren ranging in age from one to eighteen. We spend seven months of the year in Florida and don't get to see the family as much as we would like, so that's how the idea of a family gathering was born. Beautiful accommodations, outstanding meals and activities for everyone young and old alike. I contacted Joan Bryan, Senior Sales Manager at Woodloch Pines and immediately experienced the warm hospitality that this resort is famous for. After getting an idea of what the expense would be, we made our family an offer they could not refuse.....WE WOULD PAY THE BILL!. It would come out of their inheritance and we could enjoy it with them. What greater gift than their presence, to be surrounded by our entire family. And so on July 17, 2007 all thirty Dircks family members arrived for a five day stay that all agreed was one of the best times in our lives.

Our oldest daughter turns 50 next year and it is also Woodloch's 50th Anniversary so we are coming back August of 2008 to help you and our daughter celebrate! My mixed media entry is the above short story followed by a picture of the Dircks 50th Anniversary Family Gathering, July 2007, and remember a picture is worth a thousand words!

THANK YOU

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