

# *Dinner Party of Fifteen*

At the Notarnicolas

July 2021—#218



It was with relief and joy that DP8 convened for Summer 2021, especially that the pandemic seems to be done. (correction may be needed!)

And it was the first time in a long time that all 15 were present. In fact, the archives show that this was the first time ever done, a

startling fact. Since 2011, the start of all invited, a full contingent has never been realized.

Joyce and Mark masterminded their usual excellent organizing of who was to bring what. About the only person not cooperating was the weather forecaster.



Some of the starters





## Entrée and Sides







## Dessert, weather, and talk

The stars of the show—  
Mark cooking through the sliding  
door, and Joyce (photo from  
2019) coordinating!  
Rain forced us indoors,  
with the Notars  
admirably adapting.



## The Sweeter Side



## Dinner Talk

In addition to the  
joy of gathering again—  
the day's weather (of course), a  
wet & humid July, getting back  
to almost normal, Deb K's long  
hair, horseback riding, horse  
rollovers, real estate closings,

cats & dogs, children, grandkids, summer vacations for we  
retired teachers, cutting grass, Regina, a word that rhymes  
with Canada's Regina, women's anatomy, canceled cruises,  
Den's big trip a few years ago, lots of bear stories, grizzly  
vs black, art trips, gardens, mowing lawns, not mowing  
lawns, (not a word of Trump or politics), chilly pools,  
Mark's cooking skills, Joyce's organizing, East Conesville,  
infirmities, pets vs traveling, progress on Notar house in  
Florida, Deb's success with Sweeter Side, Ross' medical  
stuff, the Adamses' itinerary in NY, baseball, upcoming  
trips, possible winter visits, no chocolate for Ken, Ken's  
sister, Kriss's visits with old friends, and a bunch more  
wafted on the evening air.