

## **Morsels of the Mind Book Review**

### **Date:**

October 22, 2014

### **Book Title/Author:**

Whistling Past The Graveyard by Susan Crandall

### **Hostess:**

Julie Coup (aka Lulu)

### **Food Served:**

Mississippi Shrimp & Grits, biscuits & cornbread with butter & honey, crap on a cracker (deviled ham spread), fresh cantaloupe & watermelon, apple dapple cake

### **Book Synopsis:**

Starla , a young girl, is the impetuous main character living with a Cantankerous, belligerent grandmother while her Mother seeks a singing career in Nashville and Dad works on an oil rig. Harrowing circumstances coupled with the kindness of a stranger lead Starla to realize that family ties and love aren't limited to blood relatives.

### **Review:**

All comments led to a unanimous, positive parlay of praise for this novel.

### **Highlights of Discussion:**

A Skype session with the author proved to be insightful, both within the story line and the writing process. Susan Crandall answered our numerous questions, shared tales of her craft, and how certain characters in the book represented key people in her life. Talk of a movie has transpired, and Simon & Schuster recommended the book for freshman readers nationally.

### **Attendance:**

Julie, Nancy D, Anne H, Laura, Ginny, Nancy M & Nancy S

### **Suggestions/Business:**

Conversation relative to our holiday dinner (December 1<sup>st</sup>. Osteria Rossa at 6 pm) as well as the annual purchase of children's books was discussed. This year books will be delivered to the Santa Claus Girls.