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Manor of Euclid feature married couple—August, 2015

If there was ever a real life recasting of the sports classic “Love and basketball”, John and Melissa Torres could play leading roles.

While attending a 2008 summer Cleveland Pro Am tournament game in which Melissa Woods appeared as a skilled point guard, John decided to offer her a post-game compliment—a move that would unknowingly lead to wedding vows at the Manor of Euclid Banquet and Conference Center.

“It was just a ‘friend’ date for both of us,” John, a former professional point guard himself, explained about their first evening together at Bar Louis in mid-February of 2012. “After that, we saw each other a few times a week, just getting to know each other.”

Up until that time, and for more than a year afterward, neither one even considered the idea of a relationship leading to marriage. By September, 2013, however, John felt open to the possibility. “I told her one night that I was beginning to reconsider the idea of marriage,” he said. Her response? “I think if you were to ask me, I’d probably say ‘yes’.” “We never really did have a date where we became committed,” he continued. “We understood what we had built to that point, and we wanted each other in our lives.”

So the Manor became the winner among five suggestions from their wedding coordinator, who already knew Manor manager Angela Slocum-Newby. “(The difference was) Angela’s demeanor, meaning she was not pushy or smug. There was a willingness to accommodate what we wanted.”

“As a bride, you have thoughts and ideas of how your day should go,” added Melissa. “They try to help your vision become a reality.”

For a prospective groom, there is usually another major consideration. “Just the overall price and value,” reflected John. “We received overall staff friendliness and the ability to do the wedding and the reception there...and the chef”, he said, referring to four-star Chef Valkof who specializes in customizing a variety of pre-sampled dishes. “You will never find a better overall value or service, from Angela all the way down.”

Melissa agreed. “They did everything to make sure my bridesmaids and I were comfortable and that the day went smoothly.”

Take it from two people who know the importance of a well-timed assist. Swish!