

Ladies of the Lake
By Barbara Galvin

The Ladies of the Lake decided to "live dangerously" and try a new restaurant, "One Eleven," at 111 North 7th Street in Wyoming. April 5th was a rainy and cloudy day, but wasn't bad for driving, especially since the ladies who were doing the driving knew how to get there or knew to follow Sharon Butler, the leader of the vehicle line."

It took about an hour to get to Wyoming and Sharon had taken the fastest route. Arriving at "One Eleven," the ladies, who had never been there, were pleasantly surprised. Wyoming is a nicely laid out place, with restaurants and little shops located together.

"One Eleven: was also a pleasant surprise. The motif was bicycles of all sizes, shapes, and colors. A unique bicycle built for two was hanging from the front wall in the open dining area before the counter where tasty treats were displayed. The counter was also the spot to receive a menu, which had a variety of salads, from chicken salad to taco salad, from oriental chicken to pear bleu cheese with walnuts plus soup of the day. The soup on Wednesday was cheesy veggie which many of the ladies ordered. A popular menu item was one half of a sandwich and a cup of soup plus a small salad. Sandwiches were also delicious.

There were breakfast sandwiches, burrito sandwiches, Reuben sandwiches, turkey club Parisi, chicken spinach artichoke, grilled three cheese, and another favorite, chicken salad sandwich, because this one had lots of chicken plus cranberries, celery and walnuts. Yum.

Coffees were available at an Espresso Bar. The choices were delicious for coffee lovers. Also available were non-coffee favorites so the other ladies were happy, too.

Desserts were prominently displayed on the counter. The Ladies of the Lake were not overwhelmed by the variety. The ladies were happy to decide on the best selection to share with their buddies, because there were no small pieces of any dessert. Instead the selections were Barb's Pie, several breads, any kind of bar you would like, muffins of all types, and cinnamon rolls. A lady's favorite was scones, filled with cranberries and white chocolate. Delicious! Another favorite was huge chocolate chip cookies. Uncle Bob's Ice Cream was another choice.

The Ladies were also treated to little Easter boxes filled with chocolate bunnies and other candies by the hostesses, Mariana Schrader and Jane Stevens. The Ladies enjoyed the celebration of Easter with the decorations and especially the chocolates. Thank you, Mariana and Jane. You are the best!

Ladies of the Lake enjoying the trip to Wyoming and the delicious food at "One Eleven" were Nancy Powell, Mariana Schrader, Javon Eisenbarth, Laura Jennings, Peggy McGrew, Barbara Galvin, Barb Dunlap, Patty Sloan, Barbara Jonckheere, Darlyne Ackers, Sandy Langdon, Pam Gaskill, Nancy Hoppes, Patty Anderson, Lonnie Woodring, Sandy Morrow, Sharon Butler, and Jane Stevens.

Jane Stevens gave the business report and introduced Nancy Hoppes to report on the Rummage Sale which will be held on May 6. Nancy also brought raffle tickets which will also be sold at the Rummage Sale. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Hank and Barb Dunlap donated the four prizes for the raffle. The prizes are all hand made by this talented husband and wife team. We saw photos of the prizes. They are a Pole Bird House which is 4 feet tall and has a beautifully decorated pole with flowers and lights, a Green Wren Bird House which is a lovely centerpiece with silk flowers to grace your Spring table, a Black Cat with lights that sits 2 feet tall for your Halloween decoration, and a Snowman with lights for the Christmas holidays. Try your luck! Buy raffle tickets and one of these lovingly-made craft items could be yours. Thank you, Hank and Barb, for the raffle prizes. They are super! We appreciate your talent, your hard work, and most of all, your generosity.

If you would like to donate items to the Rummage Sale, items may be donated at the Clubhouse on May 1 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, May 2 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, May 3 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and on May 4 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. No clothes or electronics, please. Any questions, call Patty Anderson at 309-775-9008

All proceeds from the Rummage Sale and Raffle will be used to maintain the "Memory Garden," located next to the Clubhouse. See you at the Rummage Sale on May 6, rain or shine, at the Little Swan Lake Clubhouse from 7:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

With the ladies having a special outing, guests were also invited. Sharon Butler invited her dear friend, Sandy Langdon, who has been friends with Sharon since they were three years old. From being childhood friends, they moved to the Toulon school system together. There were bosom buddies in both grade school and high school. Sandy had a grandmother, Lillie Beall who ran a local restaurant. The apple did not fall far from the tree. Sandy is also a busy lady with numerous talents. Sharon and Sandy shared priceless memories over the lunch. They are planning to get together again soon.

Barb Dunlap invited Patty Sloan, who lives two miles west of Avon. Patty is married to Carl Sloan. Everyone knows Patty's grandchildren, McKayla and Wyatt, whose dad is Trevor, Patty's son. Patty belongs to an old area family so she also knows everyone. Welcome, Patty. Please come back with Barb again.

Last but not least, Mariana Schrader also invited a dear friend, Javon Eisenbarth, with whom Mariana played with Log Babies. Javon lives in Wyoming, so she is a frequent visitor to "One Eleven." Mariana and Javon reminisced about the chocolate shakes they made out of mud. Mariana remembered how she would help Javon with her chores, specifically filling the wood box, so they had more play time. Mariana and Javon have been friends for 80 years! Javon recited a touching poem about an elderly woman who is old and raggedy. She's alone and uncared for, until a school boy sees her standing at a corner waiting to cross the street. He does the right thing and helps her. The poem is entitled "Somebody's Mother." The touching part of the poem is that Javon dedicated it to her dear friend Mariana, because she now walks with the help of a cane, like the lady in the poem. Thank you, Javon.

So many great stories to share and people to meet, do plan to join the Ladies of the Lake next month on May 3. Nancy Hoppes has graciously offered to host the luncheon at her home since the clubhouse will be prepped for the rummage sale. Nancy asked for ladies joining us to bring Brown Bag lunches like we have been doing during the winter months.

Enjoy the Spring temperatures and plan to join us at Nancy's house on May 3 with a Brown Bag lunch.