

## Ladies of the Lake – April 2018

By Barbara Galvin

Another wonderful day filled with sunshine made the Ladies of the lake enthusiastic about the drive to Wyoming IL on April 4. Our hostesses, Mariana Schrader and Jane Stevens, arrived early at our destination, One Eleven, at 111 North 7th Street in Wyoming, to make sure everything would be lovely. It was!

One Eleven was established in 2014 and is noted not only for delicious soups and salads, but also for fresh roasted coffee. The Ladies took the opportunity upon arriving to introduce friends and neighbors who joined the group. Sharon Butler had her childhood friend, Sandy Langdon, a caterer and hair dresser, with her. They have been dear friends since they were three years old. Toulon was their home area. Mariana Schrader also had a friend to share memories and lunch with—Javon Eisenbarth, who was a playmate of Mariana's. We heard their story of how they were friends who not only shared lunches, but their "vehicles." Javon had a bicycle, while Mariana had a horse. Guess what happened? Yes, they would switch! Javon thought the horse was much better than a bike, while Mariana thought nothing could top a bike!

Other friends who joined the luncheon in Wyoming were Pansy Sloan, the mother of Lonnie Woodring, and mother-in-law of Patty Sloan, who accompanied Pansy. Another long time resident of Little Swan Lake was Connie Mooney, who said she lived at the lake longer than anyone there. No one questioned her!

Two other ladies everyone welcomed were Nancy Powell and Kay McKinley. It is so nice to see old friends.

As the ladies were greeting one another and catching up on the latest news, menus were examined. There were so many delicious sounding dishes, some ladies had difficulty deciding. The combinations of Soup of the Day, which was Cheesy Veggie, and a half sandwich, or soup and salad, were popular. A regular favorite is the traditional Chicken Salad Sandwich. Everything was scrumptious.

Leaving room for dessert is a necessity especially when the ladies learned the baker is an 85 year old woman who comes in the wee morning hours to bake. Her specialty is pie. One Eleven had lemon meringue pie, strawberry rhubarb pie, coconut cream pie, and apple pie. For those ladies who only wanted a "little something," there were chocolate chip cookies, sugar cookies, and sugar cookie bars. Of course, the Duryea Coffee made the desserts taste even sweeter.

Speaking of making things even nicer, our hostesses, Mariana and Jane, had door prizes which they distributed from the numbers on the sign-in sheet. Winners were Denise Thomas, who won a kitchen timer (no more burnt cookies), Barb Dunlap, who will be prepared for spring with flower shaped paper plates and matching napkins, Sharon Butler, who also won paper plates with jazzy colored napkins to match, and Sandy Langdon who won a magnetic list to keep her on task. Congratulations, ladies, and thank you, hostesses.

Sharon Butler reminded everyone to check out Lucy Dot's Bakery in Toulon on Highway 17. It is open from 12:00 to 6:00 PM.

Ladies of the Lake who enjoyed the food, fellowship, and trip to Wyoming were: Lonnie Woodring, Javon Eisenbarth, Sandy Langdon, Kay McKinley, Nancy Powell, Mariana Schrader, Jane Stevens, Darlyne Ackers, Barbara Galvin, Gail Maher, Sandy Morrow, Barbara Jonckheere, Pansy Sloan, Patty Sloan, Barb Dunlap, Sharon Butler, Connie Mooney, Carlene Adams, Pam Gaskill, Denise Thomas, Laura Jennings, Patty Anderson, and Judy Brown.

For a unique experience, try One Eleven, where bicycles hang on the walls and the Rock Island Bike Trail remains. Eight brothers began the businesses and today there are little shops established after the restaurant where antiques are displayed or children's clothing or a barber shop or a crafts shop or a kiln shop. The shops are located on 7th Street in Wyoming. Check it out!

Ladies of the Lake will meet back at the club house on May 2, when our hostesses will be Nancy Hoppes and Patty Anderson. Join us to learn about future plans and events.

Spring is coming! The flowers will be blooming in May. Make May 2nd a date to join the Ladies of the Lake.