

Ladies of the Lake – April 2019

By Barbara Galvin

The Ladies of the Lake welcomed Spring with an outing to “Charred 51 Artisan Bar & Bistro,” located at 51 North Prairie St in Galesburg. Every lady was ready to be served lunch without cooking, baking, or cleaning up, on a sunny day, April 3.

Ladies met at the Pavilion to eliminate more than necessary vehicles. That really proved to be unnecessary because there was ample parking. Still, it was so nice to catch up on what has been happening in other lives of people we sometimes only see at the luncheons.

“Charred 51” has an interesting luncheon menu, which the ladies examined. The variety was stupendous! First choice was from several different sandwiches; we picked the Grilled Cheese Sandwich overwhelmingly. Second choice was from the Soup of the Day: “Loaded Baked Potato Soup”— either a cup or a bowl. Third choice was a Spring Salad with choice of dressing. The choices of combining these items was unique. Half a sandwich could be combined with a bowl of soup, or soup and salad could be lunch, or a sandwich and salad.

Some ladies selected items from the regular menu, like Breast of Chicken with onions, green peppers and chiles plus fries. No one fussed when the food arrived, so selecting the choices from the menu was exactly the right way to go.

While awaiting the food, the Ladies signed cards for two of our dear friends, Peggy McGrew and Bev Ver Steeg. Both have health problems, so our thoughts and especially our prayers are with them. (We missed you both, Peggy and Bev. The luncheons are always better when you are both with us,)

Jane Stevens called our attention to the lovely favors decorated with tulips to match the cheerful and bright napkins which Mariana Schrader made for the Ladies. Of course, the chocolate bunnies inside the little boxes were the real prize. Thank you, Mariana, for always thinking of us!

Jane gave the treasury report and read a precious letter from our dear friend, Cora Lee Douglas, who escapes our winters. Cora sent her condolences to Carlene Adams on the passing of her mother, along with a check which will be used to get a plaque for the Ladies of the Lake Memorial Garden in memory of Carlene’s mother. Thank you, Cora Lee.

Then Sharon Butler attempted reading a message sent to us from Peggy McGrew. Sharon faltered with sincere emotion, so Laura Jennings read the greetings and information from Peggy for Sharon. That’s what Ladies of the Lake is all about—friendship and helping one another, thank you, Laura.

Patty Anderson spoke next about her project, Ladies off the Lake Rummage Sale, which will be held on May 4 from 7:30A.M. until 1:30 P.M. Drop off times are at the Clubhouse on April 29 from 8:00-10:30 A.M., April 30 from 8:00-10:30 A.M. and 6:00-8:00 P.M., May 1 from 8:00-10:30A.M. and 6:00-8:00 P.M., and on May 2 from 8:00-10:30 A.M. and 6:00-8:00 P.M. No donations on May 3 which is set up day! Also no clothes or large electronics! Questions may be directed to Patty Anderson.

Our next speaker was Nancy Hoppes, who has moved to Rock Island, where she and her husband Dave are happy as larks. Their new home is smaller inside, but with a spacious area outside to walk and enjoy nature. Of course, Nancy has utilized her amazing interior decorating skills to make the new home “their very own.” Welcome back, Nancy. We wish you much happiness and joy in your new home...you too, Dave.

The Ladies of the Lake enjoying our new adventure to “Charred 51” were: Judy Brown, Gloria Miller, Nancy Hoppes, Cindy Hanning, Sharon Butler, Laura Jennings, Lonnie Woodring, Barbara Jonckheere, Mariana Schrader, Barbara Galvin, Darlyne Ackers, Nancy Powell, Carlene Adams, Sandy Morrow, Patty Anderson, Kay McKinley, and Jane Stevens.

Our May 1st meeting will be different, so please mark the calendar. The Wednesday date is right smack dab in the middle of Rummage Sale set up, so Barbara Jonckheere has graciously offered to have the Ladies of the Lake meet at her home. Note: bring a brown bag lunch Barbara will have little to do. We appreciate her generosity. See you on May 1st at Barbara’s house.

Stay busy! Gather those “old” treasures you no longer want for the Rummage Sale. Tell your friends and neighbors about our Rummage Sale. Help Patty Anderson spread the word.

Enjoy the Spring flowers! (Yes! They are popping up!) Stay healthy and happy, and please remember our members who are ill, in prayer especially, but also with cards or calls.