

August 2016

Ladies of the Lake
by Barbara Galvin

The Ladies of the Lake met on [August 3](#), 2016 to enjoy not only lovely weather, but the company of friends. Our hostesses, Barb Dunlap and Patty Anderson, made the pavilion so welcoming, even our fine feathered friends would have loved it.

Birds and everything they like made the pavilion a paradise. Barb Dunlap's husband, Hank, once again outdid himself with his fine craftsmanship. This time he must have been inspired by the birds, because the centerpieces were delightful bird houses painted a nature-loving green and filled to capacity with flowing silk flowers of every size and shape. Thank you, Hank, for your work.

To add to the delightful scene, two buckets filled with small stones held Bird House Decorative Garden Stakes, which Barb Dunlap graciously gave to each Lady of the Lake as she exited. Again, thank you to a super team, Hank and Barb Dunlap, the craftsman and the decorator. You both make us smile!

We also were informed by Jane Stevens that Cora Lee Douglas, a dear friend of Sharon Butler and a retired nurse and a life-long friend of Ladies of the Lake, sent a note and a check to us. More thank you's all around... How blessed the Ladies of the Lake are!

Peggy Garrett said grace before the ladies sampled the potluck meal. Sloppy Joes, a traditional favorite, a chicken-vegetable casserole, and an innovative dish, Mini Pigs in a Blanket, were main courses. Then, a variety of salads pleased everyone: deviled eggs, cucumbers with onions, tuna-macaroni salad, corn salad, pasta salad, and broccoli salad. To add some zip, there were Fiesta Enchiladas.

The ladies know to save a spot for dessert. The desserts were scrumptious: zucchini carrot bread, "lemon thing," peach cobbler, and everyone's favorite, brownies.

Jane Stevens began the meeting with the finance report before Nancy Hoppes asked for a vote to be taken on whether the Ladies were in favor of replacing the horizontal blinds with new blinds. The vote was "yes."

Nancy Hoppes also reminded everyone to begin gathering items for next year's rummage sale, which will be held on the weekend after Mother's Day in May. More information to follow as the time draws near.

Everyone noticed the absence of the huge tree that had been in the parking lot "forever." The tree had become diseased and was chopped down by Heartland Tree Service, specifically by Shawn Scott. The dying tree had been completely surrounded by asphalt in the parking lot, which certainly contributed to the death. Thank you, Mr. Scott, for a neatly done job.

On a happy note, Barb Dunlap shared her trivia on birds with the ladies. We even guessed answers to Barb's questions--- most of our answers were inaccurate! The birds are "trickier" than we may think. Do you know the largest bird? Nope, it's not the eagle. Try again. How about the smallest bird? Yes, it is the hummingbird, which cannot walk or hop. Did you know? The Ruby Hummingbird weighs 3 grams. Its egg is the size of a navy bean. We learned as Barb Dunlap shared her questions and answers.

Ladies of the Lake in attendance were Barb Dunlap, Patty Anderson, Darlene Armstrong, Jane Stevens, Sharon Butler, Peggy Garrett, Gloria Miller, Darlyne Ackers, Pam Gaskill, Bev Ver Steeg, Barbara Galvin, Nancy Hoppes, Nona Kempton, Cindy Hanning, and Gail Maher.

Jane Stevens reminded ladies that [September 7](#), our next meeting, will be catered by Milano's. So, no cooking, ladies, for the September meeting! Bring your place-setting and your purse to enjoy a variety of pizzas and chef salads. Please give Jane a call if you were not at the August meeting, to make sure we have more than enough pizza to go around. Thank you.

How about being a good neighbor and inviting the lady next door or down the road to join you at our next meeting on [September 7](#)? A smile and a ride make any invitation irresistible!