

February 2016

Ladies of the Lake
by Barbara Galvin

The February meeting of the Ladies of the Lake was blustery and cold, but seeing friends and sharing stories warms the heart. So, on [February 3rd](#), once again the Brown Baggers met.

Jane Stevens distributed the new Ladies of the Lake Directory for 2016-2017, complete with color photos of summer meetings and our [Christmas](#) group at Lake Bracken. Remember to purchase your copy in March for \$3.00.

Jane Stevens also gave her regular reports. Ladies of the Lake send a Get Well Shout-out to Sharon Butler who continues to recuperate from knee surgery. A special thank you also to Sharon, who orchestrated a delightful album of the [Christmas](#) Party 2015 at Lake Bracken. Wonderful memories captured in photos!

Talk turned to the redo in store for the pavilion, when the nasty paneling will be removed and replaced with neat and tidy dry wall. No dates were mentioned.

Once we caught up on news, especially about ladies not present, we were ready for grace and the Brown Bag lunches each lady brought. Interestingly, the Brown Bag lunches were more involved this month with soup and salad appearing. In January, sandwiches were pretty standard.

Both Barb Dunlap and Barbara Galvin made desserts to share. Talk about "great minds going down the same path," both Barbs made lemon desserts! Barb Dunlap made a lemon poppy seed cake, which was scrumptious, and Barbara Galvin made lemon bars, which melted in your mouth. Ladies of the Lake were invited to take a treat home too!

Conversation drifted to the Little Swan Lake lowered water level. Barb Dunlap explained and also answered several other questions about what's going on around the lake.

How the ladies moved from that conversation to games remains a mystery. But soon the ladies were reminiscing about their adventures or, more commonly, misadventures especially with bingo. Barbara Jonckheere had everyone in stitches as she described how you know you are in over your head playing bingo. Key is when you purchase ONE bingo card, and look around to see that everyone else has a dozen or so bingo cards methodically lined up and taped to the table.

Barb Dunlap continued with misadventures in bingo; she shared the story demonstrating that Church bingo ladies are serious competitors. She won at such a gathering and then said that the parking lot became hostile territory because she was not a Church bingo lady and she won! How could she?

So, perils of bingo were set aside, especially since few of the ladies had to worry about Barb Dunlap's experience. If you do not win, you are welcome to come again and again!

Jane Stevens had high hopes of playing a card game, called "31." But, even after Jane had brought and distributed directions, we did not play. Jane was the only lady who knew the game! Such a group of gamblers?

Ladies of the Lake who enjoyed the Brown Bag luncheon were: Barbara Jonckheere, Bev Ver Steeg, Darlyne Ackers, Gail Maher, Barb Dunlap, Jane Stevens, and Barbara Galvin.

Our next luncheon will return to our regular schedule with hostesses and potluck dishes. Please join us on [March 2](#) for fun and company. (If you already know how to play "31," make sure you come. We need experienced players.)