

Ladies of the Lake - January 2019 By Barbara Galvin

On January 2, 2019, the Ladies of the Lake met to bring in the New Year. We already know that January can be brutal with cold and/or ice and snow. But the day was breezy, not unbearable, so a few tough ladies braced the wind and came.

History tells us that we were not to schedule a regular potluck luncheon because the weather is so unpredictable. In 2018, the Ladies did not meet in either January or February due to inclement weather. Then the meeting was held at "Club 41" to make things even easier in March!

In January 2017, the idea of "Brown Bag" luncheons developed and, of course, there were no hostesses included. The "Brown Bag" luncheon was extended to February, 2017, and the Ladies enjoyed the change. The pattern is set. As the weather warms, the number of ladies getting out for the Ladies of the Lake luncheons increases significantly.

That said, the Ladies making the New Year 2019 luncheon brighter were: Bev Ver Steeg, Sharon Butler, Jane Stevens, Sandy Morrow, Barb Dunlap, Barbara Jonckheere, Laura Jennings, Marti Dallmeyer, and Barbara Galvin. Note: See how sturdy these Barbaras are!

Sandwiches were pretty much the standard lunch, along with salads of all varieties. Some things do not change, and dessert is unchangeable!

The Ladies of the Lake were happy to enjoy Sharon Butler's treats of chocolate cream pie plus chocolate fudge. Yummy! Marti Dallmeyer made a cute little brownie tray complete with green and red M&Ms. They are O Joy Brownies! Barbara Galvin went traditional with pumpkin pie.

Jane Stevens gave the treasury report and announced the directories would be distributed in February 2019. Barb Dunlap assisted Jane in the addition and subtraction of names. Get the Ladies of the Lake Directory next month.

Jane also brought a box of old directories beginning in the 1960s. The names of some ladies were unfamiliar, then we began to recognize names of the matriarchs of Ladies of the Lake when some of us moved to Little Swan Lake and began coming to the luncheons.

Barb Dunlap also asked for volunteers to hostess March 2019. The other months are covered. If you would like to hostess March, please contact Barb or Jane.

Sharon Butler asked the ladies for suggestions on where we will go for lunch in April 2019. A new dining area is open in Bushnell; next to Ace Hardware, on the corner. They

utilize catering. Club 41 was also mentioned for catering. The Ladies will be voting on the April destination.

Bring your ideas for lunch in April to the next meeting, on February 6.

The Ladies of the Lake concluded the January meeting by playing bingo. You are never too tired to play!

Bundle up and join us on February 6 to receive the Ladies of the Lake new directory. It will be another carefree luncheon with "Brown Bags" to keep it simple. Here's hoping the weather remains gentle, so we can see more of you!