

Ladies of the Lake – July 2017
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Celebrating the 4th of July on July 5th was the Ladies of the Lake meeting. Hostesses, Carlene Adams and Sandy Morrow, made the holiday celebration complete with the national colors of red, white and blue, complete with our flag decorating the Pavilion. What could make this celebration even more authentic? The picnic atmosphere was the real thing, because the ladies were asked to bring Brown Bag lunches and they did so. Our hostesses continued the picnic theme with lemonade and iced tea for beverages plus sundaes complete with choice of topping for dessert. That made a big bang for the 4th of July!

Jane Stevens gave the financial report after the ladies enjoyed a variety of lunches from their Brown Bags. The surrounding area of the Pavilion looks lovely. All new landscaping, where needed mulch and rock were added, makes a tremendous improvement. Come by and have a look!

Bev Ver Steeg announced that she and her fellow hostess, Gail Maher, are asking Ladies of the Lake to bring a piece of jewelry with them on August 2nd. We will then be asked to share the significance or sentimental value of the piece of jewelry.

Nancy Hoppes reminded ladies about live music on July 8th, compliments of the Shubee's, who play music from the 1980's and 1990's.

Chrisa Anderson explained about a new item at her restaurant, "Storm Shelter Pub," in Avon, which is called Blue Plate Special. She also gave some info on the "Escape Room" across the street, in the works. A stage for entertainment and a Street dance are being planned for the dates of the Fat Steer Show. Stay tuned for more details.

Cindy Hanning exclaimed about the Mennonites and their super fresh eggs for \$2.00 per dozen, plus produce, especially tomatoes.

Farmer's Market will be visiting Avon's park on Thursday afternoons. They will be selling produce from 4:00-7:00 PM. Organic is the key word for all the produce from chives to snap peas.

Mariana Schrader asked about taking our luncheon to a restaurant in Norris. It's "Joe's Place," a supper club, not open for lunch usually, but for a group. She recommended waffled chicken, a Southern dish.

Sandy Morrow knew the chicken dish as chicken waffle with gravy as a breakfast dish in Portland, Oregon, where she visited.

Ladies of the Lake enjoying the celebration of 4th of July on the 5th were Carlene Adams, Nona Kempton, Barbara Jonckheere, Jane Stevens, Nancy Hoppes, Sandy Morrow, Gloria Bewley, Cindy Hanning, Mary Sheen, Chrisa Anderson, Mary Ingrass, Mariana Schrader, Bev Ver Steeg, and Barbara Galvin.

A special thank you to hostesses Carlene and Sandy for the special sundae dessert.

Also a special shout out to Mariana Schrader for sharing "Schrader Chocolate Syrup" with the Ladies of the Lake. She made the syrup before she married Ken. It's his favorite! Recipe follows: 2 cups sugar, 1/3 cup cocoa, 1 cup boiling water, 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Another dessert was made by Judy Anderson, Chrisa's mother-in-law. It was a scrumptious Pumpkin Cheese Cake. Thank you.

Gloria Bewley also graced the dessert table with a classic, Apple Cherry Nut Bread. Thank you, Gloria.

Needless to say, all the ladies had a delicious dessert, no matter what they selected.

Let us greet one another on August 2nd! Bring your favorite dish and a special piece of jewelry. The hostesses, Gail Maher and Bev Ver Steeg, will be happy to see you, and so will the rest of the Ladies of the Lake.