

Ladies of the Lake – June 2018
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Never say that we, the Ladies of the Lake, cannot keep a secret! The June 6th meeting for a “regular” pot luck was truly extra-special and a secret for Jane Stevens. We pulled it off! Jane will celebrate her 90th birthday on June 14th, but the Ladies of the Lake, orchestrated by hostesses Barb Dunlap and Kay McKinley, managed to surprise our best supporter and loyal worker.

Barb and Kay picked up the birthday theme for Jane and ran away! Every place that could be decorated was decorated with birthday colors of yellow and green. Complete with crepe paper streamers and polka dot balloons, the pavilion radiated birthday cheer. Barb even made a huge “90” with balloons.

The Ladies of the Lake could hardly wait for Jane to arrive, but they came early for the welcoming with the best song on a birthday, “Happy Birthday to You.” Needless to say, Jane was surprised and smiling her beautiful smile. Mission accomplished, Ladies of the Lake!

Nancy Hoppes then said a blessing before the birthday meal. The ladies outdid themselves. The buffet was variety in all dishes. There was an appetizer of cheese, salami and crackers for those who have to “wake up” their appetites! Then, Chicken Salad Croissants and a Chicken Veggie skillet dish for our chicken lovers, plus Chicken Mushroom Noodle Casserole. A little Chex mix never “hurt” anyone, so the ladies took a pinch! A pork dish with apples, onions and pineapples hit the spot.

The greatest selection was salad: from deviled eggs to pasta salad, from Watergate salad to broccoli salad, from a sunflower salad to vegetable salad, from creamy tomato Cole slaw to regular Cole slaw, from a jazzy 7-layer salad to pineapple salad. We had salads!

Fresh fruit also made the scene, and still another salad, grape salad, before (what else?) birthday cake, compliments of the Exercise Ladies. Thank you, Ladies. The cake was white and/or chocolate, so everyone had her favorite. Jane did the DEED! She waited for another chorus of “Happy Birthday to You” before blowing out the candles, of course, after making her wish.

Jane thanked everyone profusely and said she was so appreciative and surprised; in fact, she said, “I’m flabbergasted.”

To add to the festivities, all the Ladies of the Lake gave Jane birthday cards to savor the moment when the party was over. Even Cora Lee Douglas sent a special gift, a check to honor Jane on her 90th birthday. Sharon Butler, a dear and long term friend of Cora’s, made the presentation to Jane. Thank you, Cora, for your thoughtfulness. We love you!

Ladies of the Lake enjoying the celebration were Jane Stevens, Barb Dunlap, Kay McKinley, Patty Anderson, Carlene Adams, Sandy Morrow, Laura Jennings, Gail Maher, Sharon Butler, Elaine Homer, Elizabeth Hiel, Gloria Miller, Pam Gaskill, Judy Rogers, Gloria Bewley, Nancy Powell, Darlyne Ackers, Bev Ver Steeg, Barbara Jonckheere, Nona Kempton, Mariana Schrader, and Nancy Hoppes.

A special thank you to all the Ladies of the lake for making a special birthday for a special lady even better. Good job! Special kudos to hostesses, Barb Dunlap and Kay McKinley. Hey, are you ladies for hire! Party center? Wonderful job!

Happy 4th of July! Remember to celebrate double-duty. There will be no meeting of the Ladies of the lake until August 1st, at the pavilion with hostesses, Barb Potter and Elizabeth Hiel.

Keep safe. If you are traveling, be careful. If not, enjoy the homeland.