

Ladies of the Lake – 3/7/2018

After a long winter which made Ladies of the Lake cancel not one luncheon but two, in January and February, the March 7th meeting was welcomed. The Ladies met at Club 41 for a luncheon arranged by Judy Brown and Sharon Butler, hostesses. Club 41 was cheerfully decorated in green for St. Patrick's Day. Shamrocks and leprechauns were vividly displayed among green garlands and green lights.

A luncheon special was Grilled Ham and Cheese which was ordered and enjoyed by several ladies. Others opted for soup with a sandwich, or a burger with a salad. The other favorite was the Deluxe Chicken Sandwich with French Fries. The chicken was so tender and delicious that everyone raved!

To add to the enjoyment of the meal, the waitress could not have been more accommodating. She let the ladies' wishes become reality from decaf coffee to separate checks. She was unperturbed by requests. Thank you!

A discovery by Nancy Hoppes' husband of a historic newspaper from "Little Swan Journal" dated April 28, 1977, kept all the ladies busy while lunch was being prepared. Nancy and Dave Hoppes had the newspaper pages laminated to highlight "Leisure Living at Its Best," a headline to advertise houses being built at Little Swan Lake.

Another headline, "New Neighbors to Enjoy the Lake" introduced pictures of new homes owned by Reverend Hunt, Connie Mooney, and Herb Kaufman. Do these names sound familiar?

An interesting and informative article was headlined "Step-by-step Instructions How to Clean a Fish." Advertisements were a hoot! Everyone especially laughed to see the prices of items from 1977. Louise Batson's father, Ralph Sabetti, owned the Coast to Coast Hardware Store in Bushnell, where a gallon of paint was \$6.99 per gallon.

In addition, Mahr's Heating, Plumbing, and Air Conditioning, Kay's Dress Shop, Ben Franklin Dime Store, Robbins Jewelry, and Swan Hills Golf Course had advertisements.

A map of Little Swan Lake showed lots for sale, from inside lots at \$2500 to waterfront lots at \$20,000. Lillie and Harmon were the real estate agents for the sales transactions in 1977.

There was even a page for classified ads and auction notices.

Back to Ladies of the Lake business, Jane Stevens gave a financial report and introduced the new 2018-19 Directories, which cost \$2.00 to cover Jane's expenses. Nancy Hoppes reminded the ladies of Spring Clean up.

Ladies of the Lake enjoying lunch at Club 41 were Judy Brown, Patty Sloan, Barb Dunlap, Gloria Bewley, Denise Thomas, Lonnie Woodring, Darlyne Ackers, Peggy McGrew, Sandy Morrow, Patty Anderson, Nancy Hoppes, and Barbara Galvin.

The April meeting of the Ladies of the Lake will be arranged by hostesses, Jane Stevens and Mariana Schrader. They think the ladies are pleased with trips to different towns and their restaurants, so on April 4 the ladies will car pool to visit Wyoming IL.

Wyoming has a unique coffee shop called "One Eleven." The Ladies visited a while ago and everyone enjoyed it, remembering the ordering counter where scrumptious desserts tempted everyone to indulge. The Ladies enjoyed being seated in a private room for their dining so they could enjoy visiting, especially with friends of friends who visit occasionally. Everyone enjoyed the soup and sandwich combinations or salad and sandwich combinations or salad and chili.

Plan to join the Ladies of the Lake on April 4th. They will meet at the Pavilion to car pool. If you have not already told Jane Stevens you will attend, please do so.

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