

May 2016

Ladies of the Lake  
by Barbara Galvin

On [May 4](#), 2016, Ladies of the Lake celebrated Cinco De Mayo at their luncheon. Hostesses, Peggy Garrett and Barbara Jonckheere, decorated with bright primary colored tablecloths and lovely plants as centerpieces. Peggy even wore her piñata colored jacket to make the Cinco De Mayo celebration even more inviting.

The ladies were delighted to welcome the "snow birds" back to Little Swan Lake. There was so much to share since the ladies had departed for warmer places like Florida and Arizona.

Jane Stevens showed the ladies the new directory for the Ladies of the Lake. A colorful cover shows the Ladies having fun last year during the summer and the extra special [Christmas](#) luncheon held at Lake Bracken Country Club. Make sure to have the new directory for 2016-2017 in your hands next meeting, if we missed you in May.

The potluck dishes were scrumptious with chicken dominating the meat dishes. Healthy chicken dishes included Chicken Marsala with Wild Rice, King Ranch Chicken, traditional Chicken Casserole, and Chicken Florentine. Salads are always tasty, especially with novel ingredients. Salads available were Strawberry-Spinach Salad, Pistachio Pineapple Salad, Taco Salad, Pineapple Salad, Pasta Salad, and Pea-Cauliflower Salad. For the Italian ladies-- or the lovers of Italian food-- there was the delicious traditional spaghetti and meatballs.

A huge dish of fruit peaked every lady's appetite, along with a favorite, Strawberry Whipped Jello.

These ladies knew how to leave off before feeling full, because desserts are delicious with variety from traditional Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Raspberry-White Chocolate Scones, and Chocolate Pudding, to the lady's favorite, Peanut Butter Pie.

Another surprise was playing Bingo after every lady had sampled the desserts. Peggy Garrett set up her station to be the official number caller, while Barbara Jonckheere distributed the Bingo cards to ladies. The winners were Nancy Hoppes, Pam Gaskill, Kristen Lail, Carlene Adams, and Sharon Butler. Each Bingo winner received one of the beautiful garden plants that had adorned the tables. A new geranium, Fiery Lightening, and the old stand-by, Gerber Geranium, were prizes. The centerpieces were also given as prizes for Bingo winners.

The Ladies of the Lake enjoying the May luncheon were Pam Gaskill, Sharon Butler, Sandy Morrow, Bev Ver Steeg, Barb Dunlap, Barbara Jonckheere, Darlyne Ackers, Kristen Lail, Gloria Bawley, Gail Maher, Carlene Adams, Barbara Galvin, Nancy Hoppes, Peggy Garrett, Barb Potter, Jane Stevens, Elizabeth Hiel, and Nona Kempton.

Please be sure to join the Ladies of the Lake in June. [June 1st](#) comes along as soon as you turn the calendar---be smart, remind yourself of Ladies of the Lake meeting on the calendar in late May! We miss seeing you and want to know how you are doing. Keep up the "good fight" on weeds, especially those dandelions and creeping Charlies. Free trophy-sized samples at my yard!