

Ladies of the Lake – May 2017
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Once again the creative spirit of the Ladies of the Lake was evident. On May 3, the usual place for our meeting was occupied by the "goodies" gathered and arranged for the Rummage Sale, held on May 6th. So Nancy Hoppes graciously offered to host the luncheon at her home.

Nancy, in case you did not know, is an interior decorator, so visiting her home was a treat! The basement is decorated in a rustic style that works beautifully because Nancy has "the touch" and "the eye" of the artist.

Also to make less fuss for Nancy, the Ladies designated May to be a Brown Bag luncheon. All the ladies packed their own specialties. Variety is the spice of life and the Brown Bag lunches continue to prove it! From traditional sandwiches to more healthy substitutes, like skinny bread or tacos instead of white bread, from lettuce with tomato salads to fruit salads, the ladies know what they like and they brought the dish.

Several ladies were generous in making desserts, which the ladies always enjoy and even look forward to tasting. A fruit pizza was as tasty as it was scrumptious looking. Sandy Morrow treated the ladies to bars.

The big topic of discussion was the Rummage Sale which required many hands to prepare properly. In anticipation of some items remaining after the Rummage Sale ended, Nancy announced that "Beth's" in Bushnell would receive the items remaining after May 6th. Results of the Rummage Sale will be announced next month on June 7th when the ladies will return to their regular meeting place, the Pavilion.

Money from the sale will be utilized by the workers who tend the Memorial Garden with weeding and mulching.

Jane Stevens gave the financial report and noted the bills from tending the Memorial Garden, especially mulch to keep the weeds down and moisture in the soil.

Once again the winners of the Raffle will also be published next month after the June luncheon. Look for the names of the lucky winners of Hank and Barb Dunlap's hand-crafted goods.

The Ladies of the Lake also hope that the Walnut Grove Rummage Sale was successful. Busy shoppers like variety and competition so we hope our rummage sale was also beneficial to Walnut Grove.

The Ladies of the Lake who appreciated Nancy Hoppes' hospitality on May 3rd were Gloria Bewley, Carlene Adams, Pam Gaskill, Laura Jennings, Barbara Jonckheere, Sandy Morrow, Gail Maher, Jane Stevens, Bev Ver Steeg, Nona Kempton, Peggy McGrew, and Nancy Hoppes.

Please enjoy the lovely spring flowers and the sunny days which should become the gift of May. Then plan to join the Ladies of the Lake at the pavilion on June 7th when we will once more cook and bake our specialties for our friends and share news and laughter. We cannot continually eliminate cooking and baking or we will forget how to do so! (Stop laughing... you have not forgotten yet.)

See you on June 7th when we will see how successful the Rummage Sale was and who the lucky winners of the Raffle were. Join us!

