

Ladies of the Lake – November 2018
By Barbara Galvin

On November 7th, the ladies of the Lake met for their regular meeting, but had a gracious guest, Georgene Erickson, waiting for them as a bonus surprise. Hostesses, Darlyne Ackers and Barbara Galvin, had transformed the pavilion into an Autumn scene with lots of additional help from not only Darlyne's dear husband, Charlie, but also the exercise ladies who pitched in to move furniture and anything else that needed done. Thank you all.

Our guest, Georgene, works in the gift shop at the Knox County Nursing Home, where she makes residents and shoppers smile. Georgene brought a small sample of the unique crafts she creates for the gift shop. Lovely placemats and other different items, like a bowl-holder to keep hot bowls from burning hands, were made in patterns to celebrate a favorite season, like Thanksgiving with a "Gobble Gobble" table runner, or a fan's team, like the Bears or the Cardinals.

Another entirely different line of crafts was hand made jewelry. Necklaces and bracelets to match were available in every color of the rainbow. The Ladies of the Lake enjoyed an early Christmas shopping spree.

Georgene also spoke about the Nursing Home welcoming donations of knick-knacks or other little items she sells for nickels and dimes to the residents, who enjoy "shopping" for a treat for their rooms. Georgene works on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. (She used to work every day, so they are seeking a volunteer to run the gift shop on the other days.). If you do have knick knacks to donate, please do so, All items are welcome except candles, which are not allowed.

The Knox County Nursing Home Gift Shop also has a wide variety of greeting cards from birthday to anniversary. If you would like to take a drive, the Nursing Home is across from the Knoxville Cemetery. Make someone happy, especially Georgene, a lovely lady, who works so diligently to make others happy.

Other guests, Pat Way and Francie Gardner, helped Georgene set up all the lovely items she brought to show the Ladies. Thank you so much.

After grace was said, the Ladies with their guests enjoyed a delicious lunch. The day was chilly, so Stuffed Green Pepper Soup tasted pretty darn good, especially as the only "appetizer" for the other dishes. Salads were in every variety: pasta salad, coleslaw, fruit salad, macaroni salad and broccoli salad. Other real appetizers were bacon-water chestnuts and pickles.

Main entrees included Taco Beef Bake, Zucchini Casserole, and a favorite of Beef and Noodles. But there is always room for dessert, and the desserts were scrumptious. Celebrating the season, desserts included Pumpkin Mini Bread Loaves, Butter Pecan Cake, Turtle Pie, Cherry Coffee Cake, and Strawberry Pretzel Mold.

Jane Stevens called the ladies to order before giving the financial report. Then, she reminded everyone to sign up on sheets being passed around. One sheet was to sign up as hostess for the 2019 calendar of Ladies of the Lake Luncheons. Another sheet was to confirm a reservation for the annual Christmas Party on December 5 at Lake Bracken Clubhouse, where hostesses will be Kay McKinley, Elizabeth Hiel, and Lonnie Woodring.

Pat Anderson reminded the group to start stock piling items for the Ladies of the Lake Rummage Sale, which will be held on May 4, 2019, a Saturday.

Barbara Jonckheere passed around a sheet to order T shirts, swearshirts, etc, to be delivered at the Christmas Party on December 5.

The Ladies of the Lake who enjoyed all the laughter, good food, and fellowship were Jane Stevens, Cora Lee Douglas, Nancy Hoppes, Barb Dunlap, Sharon Butler, Barbara Jonckheere, Laura Jennings, Bev Ver Steeg, Patty Sloan, Judy Brown, Sandy Morrow, Patty Anderson, Kay McKinley, Gloria Miller, Darlyne Ackers, and Barbara Galvin. Our Guests were Georgene Erickson, Pat Wagy, and Francis Gardner.

Mark your calendar for our Annual Christmas Party on December 5 at Lake Bracken Clubhouse. Please let one of the hostesses know if you did not sign up for the event. Barb Dunlap reminds us about what is coming up on the LSL website.

Thank you, Barb.

Enjoy the beginning of the holiday season! Count those blessings we all have, just to be living right here. Keep healthy and warm as the winds blow. Hope to see you at the Christmas Party on December 5 with your grab bag gift of \$10.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!