

Ladies of the Lake – October 2019
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The Ladies of the Lake relaxed on October 2 to return to a more traditional potluck luncheon. Our hostesses, Nona Kempton and Denise Thomas, made the pavilion into an autumn scene complete with not only the fall colors, but also fall food. Orange tablecloths made the perfect background for vases filled with yellow, orange and white mums and daisies, along with garlands of autumn leaves. Halloween candy bars made all the ladies smile. Who does not enjoy chocolate bars?

After so many ambitious and unique luncheons, the ladies were ready to relax and to enjoy one another's company. It was lovely. It was also delicious! The hostesses set the autumn mood with not only one delicious hearty soup, but two! Nona treated the ladies to homemade chicken soup, while Denise made cheesy broccoli soup. Scrumptious!

There was a tempting cheese and cracker tray for those ladies who need to tantalize the appetite. A zucchini and carrot casserole complimented several salads, including a yogurt-jello salad (shaped like a fish), a strawberry salad, a raspberry-spinach salad, and a broccoli salad. Pumpkin bread added spice to either soup or salad.

Then the desserts were autumn tested. Apples were plentiful in a Snicker apple dessert, an apple pie, and an apple-pecan cake. Other desserts were red raspberry bars and tropical island bars with pineapple and coconut.

All the ladies enjoyed the variety and the fellowship.

Once the ladies had sampled the treats on the dessert buffet, Jane Stevens called the ladies to order. The meeting began with the acknowledgement received from Tom McGrew for Peggy's memorial stone. It was heartfelt and touching as the ladies loved Peggy too.

Jane then reminded the group that November's hostesses will be Darlyne Ackers and Barbara Galvin on November 6. Expect another traditional potluck luncheon, so bring your favorite dish. However, there was a need for clarification of who the hostesses would be for the December 4, Christmas luncheon at Lake Bracken Country Club. Stay tuned as the hostesses are volunteering. The December luncheon will again be ordered by each lady as previously arranged. Grab bag gifts may be needed, but you will be informed once the hostesses are in charge.

Patty Anderson then mentioned that a new garden service is being hired for the garden clean-up, which wears the volunteers out. (We are not getting any younger! So, the ladies were receptive to getting more hired help.) Planting more perennials was another item on the gardening agenda. Annuals need watering so again the ladies agreed that perennials are the solution.

Carlene Adams next announced that Little Swan Lake logo mugs are still available for \$5.00 each.

Jane Stevens reminded the ladies that she would be asking for hostesses to sign up for 2020 at the Number meeting. Check your calendar and select the month that works for you. Also select your co-hostess. Make the Ladies of the Lake luncheon enjoyable not only for the other ladies but also for the hostesses.

Sharon Butler shared the news that the Exercise Group is planning a trip to Bishop Hill on October 16. Get in touch with Sharon for more details.

The Ladies of the Lake enjoying the entire afternoon were Cora Lee Douglas, Darlyne Ackers, Denise Thomas, Sharon Butler, Pam Gaskill, Carlene Adams, Sandy Morrow, Cindy Hanning, Barbara Jonckheere, Kay McKinley, Nona Kempton, Barb Potter, Jane Stevens, Patty Anderson, and Barbara Galvin.

Remember to count those blessings as autumn reminds us of Thanksgiving, with Christmas right around the corner. Share your gratitude with family and friends in the season of thanks.

See you on November 6. Bring that special dish only you make!