

BL in Touch April 19, 2019



On the afternoon of March 21st Joyce Bromley gave an elegant tea party to celebrate Ann Leon's and Linda Hogle's recent retirements. Joyce served many different tea party delicacies which were delicious, as well as gorgeous, along with a champagne



punch. Audry Dybdahl contributed the rice pudding (shown above) and Gabriella Olson the asparagus sandwiches.

On April 10th we had our regular meeting at The Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Madison. Annette Norsman and Carolyn White decorated five tables with Easter themes in a private room, a part of the studio complex. Everyone brought their own lunch. Beverages were served and lemon and chocolate bars were provided by the co-hostesses for dessert.





After lunch Ellen Smithback introduced us to Ken Norton, the owner of the studio. Ken told about his long involvement with Arthur Murray Dance and gave us a brief history of Arthur Murray himself. Then he led us to the dance floor where he taught us a series of the most basic steps to do the most common ball room dances. Following that he taught us how to line dance. Everyone had such a good time!







After dancing we returned to the room where we had had lunch. Ginny Corwin opened the first meeting of her presidency.



Twenty seven answered roll call. A letter was read from Lois Benton expressing her appreciation of our newsletter. Ginny reminded us that May 10th is the deadline for suggestions to present to the convention. It was decided that we would resubmit our letter addressing the official language in the invitation to P.E.O. which requires potential members to declare their faith in God. Nancy Ross was installed as chaplain and our guest, Betty Keeney brought greetings from KC in Ames Iowa.

Suggestions for the good of the chapter began with Virginia Francis reminding members of the importance of leadership for the future well being of the chapter, such as serving as officers and chairing committees. Everyone should do their part in this aspect of P.E.O.

Gabriela Olson, who will be moving to Bend, Oregon this summer, expressed her appreciation for the friendships and fun the chapter has given her since she joined six years ago.

A thank you from Mary Case, Marlys Sloup's sister-in-law, was read. We gave a donation to Cottey College in Marlys' memory.

We were saddened to learn that Jane Stark, who is having trouble with frequent falls, is currently at Middleton Village; Ann Nelson's daughter-in-law was severely injured when run over by a truck in her own driveway; Sue Ullsvik's daughter was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; Judy Christensen is to have knee surgery the following Monday and Barbara Barker will have a hip replacement in Green Bay on the 24th of April.

Audrey Dybdahl's grandson Lars was just awarded a Fulbright, and her granddaughter Maren has just published a book on her innovative method called Kickstart, of teaching music to challenged students. Judy Kalan's grandson was named outstanding freshman in engineering at The University of Wyoming.

Book Club will meet on Monday May 6th at the home of Nancy Moore. Nancy will lead the discussion of Laurie Frankel's [This Is How It Always Is](#).

Our next meeting will be April 24th at the Stoughton Country Club. The Norwegian dancers will begin their program at **10:45 - an hour earlier than when we usually meet.**