

Women's Group Meeting Notes from April 8, 2026

The meeting began with a prayer. The meeting was led by Linda Wickenhauser.

Guest attending: Sue (friend of Fran Berg)

Prayers are requested for:

Julie Heitz for Jane's daughter, who is deployed in the Iran conflict

Lisa Roberts – recovering from torn retina surgery

Donna Reese – has severe back pain for the past two-plus weeks from yard work

Mark Eckhouse reported that Dave's sister, Cindy Jacobs has a recurring issue

Donna Narup reported that her cousin Vivian has late-stage cancer

Thanks to Karen Aldridge, Mary Lou Sutton, and Shirley Roderfeld for today's treats. **Denise Smith, Mary Jane Berry, Mary Grant, and Jean Runtz** volunteered to bring treats to the **May 13th** meeting next month.

Debbie Ellebracht requested help for **funeral luncheons**, especially since some former helpers are no longer available. Volunteers are needed to help serve and set up, and to bring food. There are four teams of 37 people per team. Please sign up for salad, dessert, potato, or vegetable dishes. Teams are headed by 1) Linda Wickenhauser and Nancy Corbin, 2) Barb Bellm and Linda Jun, 3) Debbie Ellebracht and Janet Davenport, and 4) Martha Von Ah and Jean Ervin.

Please be sure to call the office **to update your phone number if it has changed or will be doing away with landlines.**

Wednesday, **June 17th PJ Dance Party.** Mark Ellebracht will be the DJ. The time is 4:30 – 7:30. Please bring a light appetizer and a new pair of children's PJs.

The **Mystery Tour** is full. Three spots remain on the **Branson tour.** The \$200 deposit is now due for the Branson tour, with the remaining amount due May 6th.

The **final meeting** of the **salad luncheon committee** will be **Monday, April 13th at 1:00 pm.** More salads are needed, or else make a double batch. Bring the salads and cookies on April 21st between 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm, or on April 22nd at 8:00 am.

Joan Klockenkemper and Martha Von Ah are working on the baskets. Karen Aldridge said we are good on baskets. We have 60 baskets. A Blues cup needed for the Blues basket is

being ordered by the office. The deadline for gift certificates or flowers should be the 17th/18th, but we will still take them later.

Please wear an apron. There are no shifts for hostesses, but please help. **All workers are to buy their own ticket – no free lunch.** Tickets for the teachers will be taken to the school office Secretary. The parent group will re-imburse the Women's Group for the teachers' tickets.

The **new Ice Maker** has been installed at a price of \$5485.62. Although more compact than its predecessor, the new ice maker can produce 300 pounds of ice, which is equivalent to 19 bags.

Shirley Roderfeld is selling **Catholic Charities' "On the Move"** tickets for the April 18th dinner and raffle.

Suggestions for future speakers for our meetings:

For the May 13th meeting: Martha Von Ah will check with Joe's Market Basket (Pam Kasten) **Update** on this: Martha Von Ah checked with Pam Kasten. This is a busy time of year, and Pam will not be available until the first of the year. Caroline will check if a speaker is available with the Garden Club.

For the October meeting: Catholic Charities speaker Amy Blankenship has a Counseling degree and provides therapy to various age/demographic groups.

Shirley Roderfeld suggests the Women's Group hear a speaker for a charity at the November meeting with follow-up of Women's Group member donations to that charity at our December meeting.

Notes taken by Caroline Speidel