

From The Lewisboro Seniors

Valentine's Day is February 14 but for the Lewisboro Senior Adults it came early - February 3rd to be exact. The Park and Recreation Department paid tribute to the Seniors by giving them a Seniors Appreciation Lunch.

Under the expert guidance of the department's supervisor, Dana Mayclim, the setup group - Laura Stone, Laurie Wiegand, Linda Yurus, Pam Veith and Sybil Prezioso - came early to the South Salem Firehouse, decorated it with red, white and pink balloons, covered the tables with white and pink tablecloths and tableware, and Hershey's kisses.

Then as the Seniors came in, they were greeted by the wonderful scent of the warming food, chicken marsala, eggplant, stuffed shells, string beans, potatoes, and peppers and sausage. There was salad on one table and rolls and butter on another. Coffee, decaf and regular, tea, and punch were on yet another table.

In addition to the Seniors, many town notables came to wish the Seniors well: Peter Harckham, Charles Duffy, Joann Vasi, Kathy Cory, and Frank Secret. Also welcomed with smiles and greetings were Eleanor Rustici who was recovering from an injury, and Helen Hoffarth who had been ill. The firehouse had over 70 people, Seniors and guests, who were celebrating with the Seniors.

At a little after 12 noon, Dana Mayclim introduced Yvonne See to give the blessing. With a one sentence quick Blessing, we were amazed, amused and we clapped. Dana then started calling the table numbers. The serving crew, Pam, Laura, Laurie, Linda, Joe Muia, Danielle Weiss, Larry Grant, Randy Price and Sybil began dishing out the food.

For entertainment, Steve Avitabile, playing at the keyboard, gave us Girl from Ipanema, Spanish Eyes, and Taste of Honey. Senior Cliff Smith sang Beneath Our Clear Blue Sky, David Hirsch sang That's All and Our Love is Here to Stay and Dan Sant joined in with his harmonica.

Mr. Duffy and Ms Cory enjoyed their lunch with us, and Ms Cory remarked that the lunch was so delicious, she won't have to cook today, a feeling we all shared.

For dessert there were two huge cakes - chocolate and vanilla. Dana told the Seniors and guests that they would be served at their tables, and sure enough her group came around and gave each of us our dessert, quietly and efficiently.

Finally, as all things do, our lunch came to an end. Our president, Jean McGrath, thanked the Park and Rec people for a fantastic celebration, and Dana thanked the Seniors their contributions to the community.