

OTTUMWA, IOWA – RON KOLLMANN

Ron, of Newton, Iowa, writes that an impromptu mini-gathering took place in Ottumwa, Iowa on May 17, 2008. A noon luncheon was enjoyed by those attending – **Rose Kollmann, Mary Lu Brown, Ron Kollmann and Bev Davison**. Following lunch, old times were remembered, respects were paid to those who are no longer with us and happenings of the day were discussed. But, as all good things come to an end, good byes were said and the group looked forward to the next gathering.



Left to right: Rose Kollmann, Mary Lu Brown, Ron Kollmann, Bev Davison

LOUISE JONES – DALLAS, TX

Dallas held its meetings on March 11, April 8 and May 13. The present officers agreed to serve for another year and the membership agreed. Members present at one or more meetings were: **Betty Bedwell, Dovie Jacoby, Elza Hudkins, Jerry & Fredia Reed, Mike Leath, Margaret Leath, Frances & Jack Slater, Bonnie Chipman, Jay Summers, Martha Holland, Linda Seamore (guest), Larry Munro, Joe Homelson, Sashi Tillman & Yogi Myers, Jerry Vickers, Max Hamilton, Rita Forbes, Louise Jones, Tony Fontenot, Minnie Barnett, John Riddle, Pauline Gilmore, Carl & Bonnie Brenneman, Ed & Myrtis Phillips, Willis & Helen McKinney, Lois & Glen McNeil, Eunice Reading, Geraldine Pruett, Virginia Opon, Chris Serchio, Frank Miller, Leo Whelan, Ruby Fite, Joyce & Eddie Bratton, Debbie Bratton (guest), Joe & Maggie Castillo, Grady King, Rin & Jim Hunter, Shirley & Jim Brooks, Berta Powers, Seamus Dollins (guest).**

Drawings for door prizes brought by many of the attendees were made and birthday greetings and the birthday song sung by all. Prayers were offered for all deceased and sick members as well as for the blessing for the food.

Leo Whelan announced that he was undertaking a review of the group's by-laws. Instead of a small committee, Leo decided to make all the members the committee. Leo is planning another "grandchildren or friends" meeting for August. In view of a sizeable surplus of funds, the April meeting was free to attending members.

LOUISE NIETERS – MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The December Meeting of the combined Minneapolis group was well attended with 26 in attendance: **Zoe Mary Cunningham, Delores Davis, Marge Delfs, Mary Dunham, John Ebner, Anita Edman (guest), June Edman, Jane Falconer, Diane Grabow, Kay Hogar, Mary Holien, Don Holien, Pearl Johnson, Carol Lunde, Henry Musial, Dolly Nelson, Earl Nelson, Al Nieters, Louise Nieters, Ken Oestreich, Marilyn Peters, Marceil Shaughnessy, Anna Mae Tikkanen, Dennis Wilson and RoseMary Wilson**. The ladies group met in January and March. Attendees were: **Kathleen Anderson, Zoe Mary Cunningham, Marge Delfs, Mary Dunham, Jane Falconer, Louise Nieters and Janice Thoraldson**.

Lorraine Wyman, wife of RWUEA Honorary Member **Cliff Wyman**, passed away in February at the age of 80. Lorraine is survived by her husband, Cliff, four children, 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Sympathies were extended to the family.