

Recipes for old fashioned picnic

Nothing is more fun during the summer months than an old fashioned picnic. Recently, after a busy season of performing, the New Community Singers celebrated the close of another season with a picnic at the home of Joyce Swepston.

A delicious meal of delmonico steak, with a variety of salads and desserts, was the highlight of the evening. Each member brings her speciality. Each year the picnic activities are consistent loads of food and loads of fun. This year, to work off the large dinner, members enjoyed swimming in Joyce's pool.

This week, Members of the New Community Singers agreed to share some of their favorite recipes with Post readers. Although all the recipes sounded delicious, due to limited space, only several could be printed. Nancy Cushing's

Champagne Punch is a refreshing hot weather treat. Remember to add club soda just before serving. Diane Wojciechowski's Seven Layer Salad is easy to prepare and very tasty. Layer lettuce, celery, green pepper, sweet onion, peas, sharp cheese, and crumbled bacon, then refrigerate for 24 hours before serving.

Nancy Delinsky's Noodle Salad is truly a unique recipe. Fettuccini noodles, McCormick's Salad Supreme Seasoning, Zesty Italian Salad Dressing cucumber, green pepper, tomato and green onions are combined, then marinated overnight.

Three dessert recipes, Beverly Todd's Pineapple Custard Pie, Dot Walp's Mandarin Cake and Mary Lauer's Irish Tea Cookies are nice summer time goodies. Beverly Todd's Pineapple Custard Pie has a pineapple base topped with a cream cheese mixture, then sprinkled with chopped nuts. Dot Walp's Mandarin Cake calls for a white or yellow cake mix to which one can of mandarin oranges is added. The frosting is made by combining Cool Whip, instant vanilla pudding and crushed pineapple. Both these cool desserts are perfect hot weather desserts. Mary Lauer's Irish Tea cookies are baked in a 9 x 9 x 2 inch pan. Flavored with orange juice, dates and walnuts, Irish Tea Cookies are frosted with orange confectioners frosting.

The New Community Singers, comprised of approximately 25 to 30

women, perform at various nursing homes and civic organizations throughout the year. December is an especially busy time when the group performs at nursing homes and for civic organizations as well as giving their annual Christmas concert for the public. The group's spring season begins in March and runs through June.

Diane Wojciechowski is director of the New Community Singers. Emily Steltz is accompanist. **CHAMPAGNE PUNCH**-Nancy Cushing
24 t. lemon juice
3 t. powdered sugar
1 bottle of maraschino syrup
1/2 bottle Triple Sec
1 pt. brandy
2 qt. champagne
1 qt. club soda

In a large bowl combine lemon juice and powdered sugar. Mix thoroughly until sugar dissolves. Add maraschino syrup, triple sec, brandy. Put mixture into an ice mold. Freeze.

Pour champagne over ice. When ready to serve add club soda. **SEVEN LAYER SALAD**-Diane Wojciechowski
1 med. head lettuce, chopped
1 c. chopped celery
3/4 c. chopped gr. pepper
1 c. chopped onion, sweet
1 can LeSeur peas
1 pt. mayonnaise plus t. sugar
1 c. grated sharp cheese
1 lb. cooked bacon, crumbled

Layer ingredients in large bowl in order listed. Refrigerate 24 hours before serving. **NOODLE SALAD**-Nancy Delinsky
1 lb. fettuccini noodles, broken up
1/2 jar McCormick's Salad Supreme Seasoning
1-8 oz. bottle Zesty Italian Salad Dressing
1 cucumber, diced
1 tomato, diced
1 gr. pepper, diced
gr. onions to taste, diced



PICNIC RECIPES-New Community Singers held an end of the season picnic recently and graciously agreed to share some of their unusual and delicious recipes with

Post readers. Above, some of the members are shown with some of their recipes. (Mark Moran Photo)

Cook noodles according to package directions; drain. Add all other ingredients and marinate over night. **PINEAPPLE CUSTARD PIE**-Beverly Todd
1-3 c. sugar
1 T. cornstarch
1-9 oz. can pineapple with juice

1-8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, room temperature
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 t. salt
2 eggs
1/2 c. milk
1/2 t. vanilla
9 inch unbaked pie shell
Blend sugar with cornstarch. Add pineapple. Cook, stirring constantly until thick and clear. Cool.

Blend cream cheese, sugar and salt. Add eggs. Stir well. Blend in milk and vanilla. Spread cooled pineapple mixture over bottom of pie shell. Pour in cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle top with chopped walnuts.

Bake in a 400 degree oven for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 325 degrees and bake 50 minutes longer. **MANDARIN CAKE**-Dot Walp

1 yellow or white cake mix
3 eggs
1 can mandarin oranges with juice
Mix cake mix, eggs and mandarin oranges well. Grease and flour 2 round

cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Split cakes with thread to make 4 layers. **FROSTING**
1 lg. container Cool Whip, 12 oz.

1 can crushed pineapple with juice, 20 oz.
1 box vanilla instant pudding, 3 oz.
Beat with an electric mixer. Spread between layers and on top.

IRISH TEA COOKIES-Mary Lauer
1/2 c. butter or margarine
1/2 c. sugar
1 t. grated orange rind
2 T. orange juice
1 c. sifted flour
1/2 t. baking soda
1 egg
1/2 c. chopped walnuts
1/2 c. chopped dates

Grease bottom of a 9 x 9 x 2 inch pan. Melt margarine or butter in pan and remove from heat. Add sugar, orange rind and juice. Blend. Stir in flour sifted with soda. Add egg and blend well. Add nuts, dates stir lightly. Pour into pan. Bake about 25 minutes until done at 350 degrees. Cool in pan, frost with orange icing. When frosting has set cut into 16 bars.

Use confectioners sugar icing, using orange rind and juice instead of milk.

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