

Bon Voyage, Aunt Bossy!

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When I was a very little girl, maybe 4 or 5 years old, I remember my Mama inviting her lady friends over for lunch. She didn't host a monthly event, but the ladies came to our house for a fancy luncheon several times a year. The dining room table was set with the good dishes from the china cabinet and several card tables with crisply pressed



tablecloths were set up to seat the additional guests.

The ladies were most often the mothers of my friends from Sunday School and kindergarten. I can see Mama in a blue dress and pearls, hair freshly coiffed from the beauty parlor, entertaining flawlessly as she served chicken salad, tomato aspic, homemade biscuits and tall glasses of sweetened iced tea garnished with fresh mint and an orange slice.

Last week, I invited a few of my girlfriends over for a salad and martini luncheon to wish our

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dear Susan Murphy (LCW's Aunt Bossy) a fond farewell as she leaves us for a few months to spend her summer in France. In a nostalgic attempt to recreate ladies luncheons of days past, I pulled out a lace-fringed tablecloth along with our wedding china, Mama's silver flatware and the crystal glasses from the breakfront. I unwrapped our Reed and Barton napkin holders from their protective cases and set the dining room table with freshly starched napkins in preparation of the all-girl event.

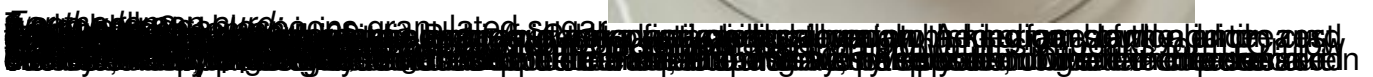


Susan and I were joined by LCW editor Margaret Evans, Greenbug president Louise Hodges, and Karen Wyman from The Blood Alliance and WHHI-TV. Anyone who knows Susan well knows that she's very fond of dry martinis and chopped salads. I did my best to accommodate. What a good time we had! It's exhilarating to spend time with smart and interesting women who like to laugh and love to eat. I recommend the experience to anyone who is in need of some girlfriends time. I forewarned all of my guests that I was planning to turn our event into a column. I chose recipes that were simple to make and could be prepared ahead of time so that I could spend the afternoon with my friends and not in the kitchen. I served a choice of red or white wine (and big glasses of ice water) along with the martinis. I did have to make the salad plates just before we sat down to dine, but it only took a few minutes. The lemon curd in the dessert can be exchanged for store-bought lemon curd or lemon pudding, if you don't want to take the time to prepare it yourself. I hope you'll be inspired to host a luncheon for some of your favorite women. I can't wait to do it again!

Covington Vodka Dry Martini

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