

Claire Coleman Had a Birthday Surprise

On Friday, March 3, the Friday TGIF game and the Unit feted Claire Coleman on her birthday, expressing our appreciation for her prior ownership of the Friday game and 30+ years of service to the Unit as an owner director.

Ida Lee and Helen MacDonnell arranged the event and did a great job of totally surprising Claire. She said she really had no idea that they were doing anything for her and sat there shocked as the surprises unfolded.

- Ida Lee arranged for two full Coffee Crunch sheet cakes from Eastern Bakery in San Francisco's Chinatown. They were delicious! The unit shared the cost with some of her friends. Unfortunately the delivery was delayed when Ida got stuck in Hwy 101 traffic on her way to the Bridge Center, as did so many other Friday players. The collision of a dump truck with the Embarcadero overpass delayed the game and dessert but could not dampen spirits. Actually, Claire said that she was slightly delayed as well.
- Claire's husband, Duane Coleman, who has been so instrumental in renovating our marvelous playing hall, came for cake and to join the celebration. Over the years, Duane has done so much to maintain and improve the facilities we have occupied. We owe them both a big thank you!
- In addition, Helen provided a surprise partner for Claire -- Ed Barlow. This was the first time she has played with Ed and she expressed initial "thrilled intimidation." Not surprisingly, they finished first in their section.

Claire asked me to express her appreciation to everyone involved in making it such a great day. She really enjoyed it!