

# Center Guild members enjoy English Tea

**H**ATS AND GLOVES were the "Order of the Day" when the Long Beach Center Guild of Ability First held its second annual English Tea in the beautiful home of Jorene Hankla Feb. 16 with 32 women in attendance.

Janis Klug, founder of the elegant Panache Services, presented the event and gave those attending a history of English Tea. "It was really interesting. Janis gave the how, where and why the formal tea was established along with all sorts of interesting tidbits," commented Wanda Sewak, past president of Ability First Guild.

The dining room table was decorated with fresh multicolored roses surrounded by ferns. The food was elegantly displayed on raised settings of embroidered cloth which then sat on an old-fashioned lace tablecloth. Adding to the ambience was an



Hats, gloves and happy times for, from left, Liz Minor, Jorene Hankla, Jackey Gray and Patricia Randolf.

abundance of delicate Waterford crystal, silver bowls and silver trays to enhance the display of the extraordinary edibles.

"We were instructed about the traditional procedure one follows when attending an English Tea (besides the hats and gloves)," Wanda said.

"First, you eat the small tea sandwiches, then the scones with creams and jam next. Finally, you consume the 'naughties,' which are the delectable deserts and sweets," adding, "Not all of the Guild members followed this plan and instead went straight to the 'naughties' — of course.



## SEEN AT THE SCENE

Shirley Wild

Everyone loves sweets — me included!"

There were many comments that the English breakfast teas were the best they had ever tasted. Social Committee members Patricia Randolf, Jackey Gray, Elaine Van Amburgh and Liz Minor prepared the delicious repast. President Eleanor Labeau welcomed everyone and thanked hostess Jorene for opening her lovely home to the group.

**FYI:** The purpose of the Guild is to provide charitable funds to help the clients at the Center through their many rehabilitating programs. At their recent meeting a check for \$17,677 was presented to Barbara Schlosser, Center director. It will be used to build a rubberized molded sports court for the use of the children with disabilities to play various games and sports.

**Scene at the seen:** June Benwell, Kathy Cleveland, Mary Alice Braly, Jean Gross, Mary Pat Sabol, Annemarie Forster, Marni Stegeman, Carol Yochum, Jeanette Cheshire, Patsy Sampson, Sondra James and Jacqueline Childs.

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