



He Has Risen!

Chili Cook Off

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Our chili cook off was on Sunday, March 19, 2023 with 12 good chili cooks entering their chili in hopes of winning the title of Queen or King and the \$25.00 gift card to Texas Roadhouse. I think the title of winner was more important than the actual gift card. Lots of fun and laughter back and forth as J.D. Flack may have to give up his title from last year as Chili King for 2022. It was a perfect day for the chili cook off. Clear weather but very cold. I think it was around 20 degrees when we got up. Anticipation was running high and all the entries were excellent. We didn't specify if it was mild or hot so when you took the first bite, you had to beware. Some of the entries gave a clue to what was in their chili. Entry names were: Porky Pig and Gobble Gobble; Eating in the Pews; 4-Bean Vegetarian; Gobble that Turkey 4-Bean; Mild Chili; Gary's Goodness; Lil' Buck Chili; Cowboy Chili, Jalapeno Popper Chicken; Best Beef & Pork; Pioneer Chili and Veggie Chili.

The room looked very "chili" festive in the red tablecloths and cute chili bean centerpieces. Thanks Laura for those centerpieces. It smelled wonderful when you walked into the fellowship room. People were anxious to start the tastings and the tables filled up fast. We had about 60 people in attendance and 50 people voted.

Ken Kavanagh took pictures for our bulletin board.

Our valiant losers were:

Me (again...I do seem to be a consecutive loser in this category); Laura Schafer; Amber Augliano; Edy Kempney; Gary Hampson; Zach Patterson; J.D. Flack and Asher Flack. These were all very tasty chilies (I did get two votes though I found out my husband voted for me so thank you to the one other person that voted for Porky Pig and Gobble Gobble).

Winner was Karin Sheppard, 1st place was Kelly Taylor, 2nd place was Wendy Falzano, and 3rd place was Billie Lawrence.

Thank you to all who signed up to bring chili, those who helped set up and clean up and those that brought in all the other food necessary to make this wonderful event. This is an event that turns out great only because of EVERYONE that participates. Until next year...I will be researching for that "winning" chili. God bless.

