

# The Girls

## Do Lunch in Long Grove Historic Village



### Introducing – The Girls -

Best friends since high school, Beth and Donna meet for lunch regularly, choosing a different spot each time they get together. Beth, a career woman, works for a large company in the suburbs and Donna is a stay-at-home mom with two school-aged children. In each issue, The Girls will visit a community in the North/Northwest suburbs and tell you all about it.

This week, it was Donna's turn to choose where they would lunch.

She picked Historic Long Grove. Beth, was surprised at first by the choice.

"Long Grove? For lunch on a Tuesday? I mean, I love it there. It's so quaint, but that's where I take my relatives when they come to town or when they have one of those festivals," Beth replied.

"Trust me. Long Grove is good even when there's nothing special going on," Donna assured her.

On Tuesday at noon, Donna had already parked and was walking toward the restaurant when she spied Beth's car pulling into the municipal lot. Happy to be sprung free from the corporate world for a long lunch, Beth was all smiles when they met up. "I have to admit this was a great idea," Beth said. "I got here in no time."

Donna linked her arm through her best friend's as they continued walking. "When have I ever steered you wrong?"

"You want me to answer that?" Beth opened the door to the restaurant.

Over lunch they caught up with the latest news of their lives, from Donna's children to Beth's last business trip. When the check came—it was Donna's turn to pay—Beth looked at her watch and smiled. "I don't have to be back until two-thirty," she said. "So if you want to walk around..."



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"Walk? Yes. Shop. Definitely," Donna said. "I've got a wedding in a couple of weeks and I need an unusual gift, plus something to wear."

Beth looked around at the all shops, some of which she had seen before, as well as several new ones. "So many choices... and so little time."

The first shop was perfect for the wedding present, a beautiful ceramic bowl that was both artistic and functional.

"When it comes time for my birthday, you can shop for me here," Beth joked, holding up a pair of earrings.

Donna narrowed her eyes playfully. "Your birthday is in three months...."

Next stop was a boutique for Donna's dress, another boutique for accessories, and a shop where Beth just had to try on something in the window, and then another and then another.

Arms laden with packages, they walked past shops and salons yet unexplored, and a day spa that Donna spotted.

"I never thought to come here, you know, just to shop," Beth said, unlocking her door.

Donna nodded sagely. "You need to get out more and explore."

They hugged and agreed to meet again soon for lunch. "Your choice," Donna called out.

"Are you kidding?" Beth yelled back. "We're coming back here—next week. There's a sweater back there that's got my name on it."

With a wave, Beth headed back toward the highway, while Donna made a few more stops for baked goods and a bottle of wine, and then made her way leisurely back home.

All in all, it was a good day for The Girls, especially for a Tuesday.

Next Issue the Girls visit Arlington Heights.

Lynda Coleman, of Hawthorn Woods, has always dreamed about owning her own retail store. With a background in retail management, she knew she could do it. Then a fire at her home got her thinking about how tenuous life is, so she decided to make her dream a reality.

Her new store, scheduled to open on Feb 16, 2007, will welcome shoppers into a shabby chic, vintage, yet modern space. There will be room for her customers to sit down and try the products she will offer. Although not an esthetician herself, Lynda, has hired estheticians to consult with her patrons on their individual needs. Some of the fine product lines she will carry include:

**Caudalie Skin Care from France** – Made from grape seed oil from actual vineyard seeds, these luxurious products are rich in antioxidants and other nutrients. They contain no paraffin or preservatives and are particularly good for dry and sensitive skin in need of extra moisture.

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**Lollia** – As seen on Oprah as one of her favorite things, this line of body crèmes and bubbles baths are rich in essential oils and nourishing properties like olive oil and shea butter.

She will also carry a line of cosmetics as well as a variety of Candles and fine gift items. Customers will also be able to get their make up done for special events at The Violet Apothecary.