

Eleven of us met at Carolyn's today for lunch and discussion of Thursday Murder Club. We were greeted with delicious apple cider and wonderful spinach puffs. And Ann surprised us all with beautiful gold brocade coasters that she got on her recent voyage. Carolyn served a delightful lunch of vegetarian lasagna (recipe from Cookie and Kate's), Caesar salad, and Italian bread. We were informed after the fact that there was a delicious pumpkin cake for dessert (recipe from Natasha's Kitchen), but we got involved in the book discussion and forgot all about dessert! Thanks anyway, Carolyn!

After lunch Carolyn led us in a game of charades. Everyone had been assigned a character to portray. It was great fun, but the funniest was Nina's depiction of Bernard, just sitting on the bench doing nothing. The first guess was that it was comatose Penny!! Ha ha!

The book was greatly enjoyed, even with ALL the characters. Joyce's diary helped to move the plot along without having to devote extra chapters to dialogue and details. There were many notable quotes, including "you've got to cry a little or you'll cry a lot." Also many interesting (and unknown) British expressions that added intrigue!

Our next gathering will be at Susan's sister's on Nov. 14, What Kind of Paradise by Janelle Brown. Donna has graciously offered to write up November's summary since I will be traveling that day.

Many had news to share- some positive and some not so positive. Maggie's positive news is that she is awaiting a new puppy! She shared pictures and he is adorable! He will be 8 weeks old when he arrives, and ready for training. That will keep her mind off the negative news that she shared. She has been diagnosed (again) with breast cancer. It appears to be very similar to her first bout which was thankfully contained following a lumpectomy and 5 days of radiation. She's facing this very bravely, but prayers are always useful and appreciated.

Donna has a new great granddaughter! And I have a new house! Dee's brother-in-law had a successful surgery for removal of a brain tumor and it was NOT cancerous. And Mickie's daughter Amy continues to battle her cancer. Again prayers are very useful and appreciated.

Donna recommend The Names by Florence Knapp. And Carolyn mentioned seeing Chris Turner in Fort Collins. He is a spontaneous rapper and puts on a fabulous show!

Fall is here in Summit County (we heard that Barb is enjoying morning walks in 91 degrees). Happy Halloween!

*Laura*