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BANQUET PLAN-----THE BLUEBIRD  
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## Table Decorations-

There are many interesting ways to decorate a "Bluebird" table. If you have many flowers and greens make small garden scenes at intervals down the center of the table. A mirror for a lake, surrounded by moss or greenery is pretty. Small twig trees are placed among the greenery on the edge of the lake. Little cardboard bluebirds may be put in the twig trees and fastened with scotch tape.

If none of the above is available, pretty bird houses may be made of colored paper. Place these on smooth stick for poles. Paper bluebirds may be on the porches of the bird houses. Between the bird houses tall blue candles are placed. To bring out the blue color scheme still more, strips of narrow crepe paper may be put through the center of the table.

A still more simple table is one where the bluebirds are placed hit and miss over a white table cloth and groups of candles are used for the table center only.

Very elaborate and lovely tables may be made by taking characters from Maeterlinck's "Bluebird". Dress dolls to represent characters and work out the scenes from the play. A lovely abridged children's edition has beautiful illustrations that lend themselves to table decoration. (The abridged story may also be used in the program instead of the play itself.)

Favors may be nut cups on which bluebirds are perched. Place names are written on the birds. Small nests with candy eggs may be used for favors or cardboard bluebirds perched on twigs.

## Program Theme-The Bluebird

## Toastmistress speaks:

I don't need to tell you that the bluebird is the symbol of happiness, you all know that. The reason we chose this theme for our luncheon talk is two-fold. First, because your presence with us brings us untold happiness and second because we wish you to go away with a feeling of happiness and content when our program is over.

We are all consciously or unconsciously seeking for happiness. We are told that happiness is where we find it and that it consists of being perfectly satisfied with what we have and what we haven't got. Hawthorne said that happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued is always beyond our grasp, but which if we sit down quietly may light upon us.

We might go on at length quoting well-known person's ideas of happiness without finding any that just seem to suit us. However, we do know that it is a state of mind and that no one is happy who does not think himself so.

We receive advice and admonitions from many sources on how to be happy. One person says that the way to be happy is to be good, another that in order to be happy one must forget one's self. However, on this point we all agree-that is, to be really happy we must be willing to serve others.

The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you,  
And the more you spend  
In blessing the poor, the lonely and the sad,  
The more your heart possessing  
Returns to make you glad.

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But no matter what you believe happiness to be, or where you should seek it, we, your hostesses, hope that you may find a little bit of it here with us today as we travel along the trail with Tyllyl and Mytyl in their search for the Bluebird.

A response to the welcome is given by a guest.

Song - Solo "The Bluebird" or any song about happiness. A whistling solo will be very appropriate.

The toastmistress introduces the speaker who will at this time give a review of Maeterlinck's "The Bluebird".

At the close of the review, the toastmistress thanks the speaker and closes the program by saying:

From hearing this lovely story of the bluebird again I am assured that we will all go home with the certainty that as long as justly we keep the love of man or woman, the friendship of a comrade, the trust and faith of a child, we are rich even beyond our dreams. For there is that within us, abiding, unsullied and worthwhile, that is better than degree, jewel, place or wealth and that that thing will make us happy if we know it for what it is and value it for its real worth to ourselves.

We thank you for coming and we hope we may have the happiness of your presence again.