



# SHARING OF THE

Just after we accomplish being all about red (Valentine's Day and National Heart Month), it is time to start thinking green, as in St. Patrick's Day. See what fun our members had making the transition from one fun celebration to another. And here's to becoming green, environmentally speaking, 365 days a year.



West Virginia Preceptor Alpha Lambda, Lewisburg was not able to celebrate with a Valentine Queen, so they decided to do the NEXT best thing, according to the calendar. Since St. Patty's Day was around the corner, it made perfect sense to elect a Miss Leprechaun. Pictured is Preceptor Alpha Lambda member Marilyn Hylton (*center*) and her princesses Vivian Clower (*left*) and Karen Eggleston (*right*).

"A good time was had by the members and husbands as they tried to complete the last line of several Irish blessings and then it was decided that we really are not smarter than 5th graders," says Preceptor Alpha Lambda member Shirley Turner. "It was was a bit out of the ordinary but a lot of laughs!"

Various International office staffers and members of **Missouri Alpha Omega, Belton**, participated in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, a happening that is looked forward to throughout the year. After a committee meeting, it was decided that the theme would be "Sharin' O' The Green with Friendship."

By meeting every Thursday morning during a quick break, the ideas flowed and the office was slowly turning green with treasures found to include on the float. They had shamrocks, leprechauns, hats, and green money everywhere. Conversations were centered around the float, what was needed and what could be crossed off the list.

The weather however, did not want to cooperate. The weather forecast was calling for possible snow, rain, and cold temperatures. As luck of the Irish



**British Columbia Xi Beta Delta, Kamloops** held a 'Think Green Bowling Party' last March. Strikes and spares were everywhere!

would have it, Mother Nature was feeling charitable and only went for the cold, deciding against precipitation. The committee proudly represented Beta Sigma Phi by passing out rushing handbills to introduce women to sorority and invited them to call the International office for more information. They also handed out shamrock necklaces and fun flashlights to the children.

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The float was small but impressive for a first-time entry. It must have impressed the judges! They awarded the float 11th in the Family/Organized Groups Division, winning the committee one hundred dollars towards next year's parade entry. Everyone was pleasantly surprised and eager to start planning for the next parade.

Ready to share again the wonderful gift of sisterhood. Parade organizers hope for a day full of interest about sorority and perfect weather. We can only hope Mother Nature feels so obliged.

Every March, members of **New Mexico Xi Alpha Omicron, Albuquerque** hosts a St. Patrick's Potato Bake for **Albuquerque, New Mexico City Council** members. In keeping with the theme, guests are treated to baked potatoes topped with cheese, sour cream, chives, chili and bacon bits; leprechaun punch and key lime pie. "Everyone participates in the games, raffles, door prizes and take home baggies filled with shamrock shaped mints," writes Xi Alpha Omicron member Bessie Aragon. "Before our guests leave they have their picture taken with our leprechaun! Xi Alpha Omicron has been hosting this fun-filled event for about 11 years."



**Texas Laureate Beta Lambda, Houston** chapter members made special St. Patrick's Day centerpieces to decorate the dining area at a local living center. Members also provided special shamrock cookies to share with the residents.



The sisters of **Missouri Alpha Omega, Belton** and members of the International office staff share the Green of Friendship at a St. Patrick's Day Parade.