



Laughing Out



Fun is the name of the game when we get together with our sisters and play hard. We like to LOL, the online acronym for Laugh Out Loud. Nothing is such a hearty compliment to the soul, just having a good laugh and forgetting the struggles of daily life. Enjoy. Chances are you will LOL.

Looks like Bingo Mama is on the move again. She, of the traveling bingo cards, does seem to make the rounds, this time landing at **Idaho Alpha Master, Boise's** meeting. The event was to honor a 65+ mother-to-be, member Betty Graffee. Earlier in the year, two boxes of chocolate mysteriously appeared at a meeting to announce a couple of upcoming events. When no one claimed to be the owner of the candy, Betty remarked she did, indeed, have an announcement, she was with child, two of them to be exact! After the laughter died down, the faux impending birth turned into a running gag which the chapter enjoyed all year long. The last meeting of the year was a baby shower with cake, ice cream and a lot of laughs. And the baby gifts were all donated to a local charity.



The **Boise Valley, Idaho City Council** has other exciting projects and parties in the works. The goal of their Council this year is one to aspire to, they want to see membership grow and to have fun! One of their guests at an early fall meeting was Louise, last name unknown, whose nickname is Blow Up Blonde Louise. "Louise was a guest at the Twin Falls convention four years ago, and she finally became a member of Idaho Alpha Master, Boise," says Judie Dietzler. "She is full of hot air so she fits right in!"

Loud (LOL)

The members of **Oregon Xi Beta Phi, Bend** recently celebrated a chapter birthday by going bowling. They took along husbands, kids, whoever was in the mood to wear rented shoes. "The hit of the evening was a fun creative cake made by our sister Molly Casad," writes member Cyndi Fischer. "Instead of being a hit, it was a strike!"



Missouri Xi Xi Delta, Lake Ozark had a really tacky idea. They decided to have a Clash Bash, where only the most mismatched clothes were allowed. "Prizes were given for the Worst Office Get-up, the Scariest and the Most Ozark-like," says member Stephanie Skinner. As you can see by the photo, the night was a clashing success.

Nine members of **Alabama Xi Beta Chi, Wetumpka** traveled to the beach and had some fun in the sun with **Gulf Shores, Alabama** sisters from **Laureate Zeta** and **Preceptor Alpha Alpha**. The three-day venture turned into a mini-convention, according to Xi Beta Chi member Glenda Cardwell. After a dance lesson on the beach, the members dined at a famed oyster house. "Fun and laughter, and a little sun was had be all," says Glenda. Another one of their great adventures was to find their inner pirate. They set out for their version of the Barbary Coast, aka Niceville, Florida. In keeping with the theme of "Share Our Passport to Adventure," they scoured every area (read: every mall in Destin) to find bounty and loot. They finished with a feast of seafood.



Xi Lambda Lambda of Titusville, Florida, recently glammed it up for a night of "Putting On the Ritz." All the members were called either early in the morning or late at night and whatever they were wearing was to be worn to the social — with no makeup allowed. After arriving, laughing and having snacks, all made on Ritz crackers, a consultant from a national beauty chain arrived and everyone had a makeover. It helped everyone get to know their real sisters!



South Carolina Laureate Rho, Greenville made their annual trip to the beach, not realizing their chosen destination was also a "Bike Week." And we are not talking about the kind of bikes you clothespin cards to the tires of, we are talking hogs, as in motorcycles. "The chapter decided to go with the flow and share the Harley experience," writes member Linda Buchanan. "Beach, seafood friends and bikers — another great social!"

The sisters of **Kansas Lambda Tau, Ozawkie** recently experienced a happening when they held a retro prom, circa 1970. The evening was full of great moments from the '70s and all members and their husbands were attired in '70s funky threads. "It was so much fun to see how our members came decked out," says Lambda Tau member Mary LuAnn Petty. "And we had one couple come as chaperons, so we did not get out of hand!" Shown here is the prom's king and queen — Lambda Tau member Shastel O'Hara and her husband Nick.

