

GETAWAY GALS GAZETTE

3RD GG BIRTHDAY BASH

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Dixie Taylor in her "Mama" costume.

Friday night was the birthday party and a few more arrived in time for it. A very pretty birthday cake was served and it was all dressed up in colorful spring flowers made of butter cream icing. A beautiful bouquet of a dozen red roses was presented to me by Linda Williams with a "Happy Birthday" balloon attached to it for our 3rd GG birthday. Also, a (very large) birthday card was signed by those who attended. Thank you sooooo much, ladies!

Spring Has Sprung!

And it truly did with beautiful springtime weather at the Tyler campout. By the time we got there the trees had budded out and by the time we left they were in full bloom with a million shades of green! BEAUTIFUL!

The second weekend of April around 145 GG's celebrated our 3rd year of camping with a huge "Birthday Bash".

On Thursday evening 140 GG's attended a "snack supper" and the fellowship we shared was very special. For many, it was their first campout of the year, and for others, it was their first time to camp as a Get'away Gal. Lots of excitement was generated during the drawings for a total of forty door prizes. At times it became quite comical. Your number was finally drawn, wasn't it, Cindy Schlaht! LOL

We were entertained throughout the night by Larry Livingston of Gresham, TX with a little help from Debbie Johnson, Jodi Mauldin & Marilyn Johnston, along with some craziness from the bashful Trish Bounds! The entertainment was just what the gals needed to "shake that thing into spring"! Petticoats were in full bloom as the GG's whirled and twirled on the dance floor while Larry belted out song after song. He was so entertaining and I think I can safely say the gals truly enjoyed him. He and his music kept the party going on for hours. He wanted me to tell all who attended that he had a wonderful time.



We live, laugh, and love to get'away!

Saturday night was our catered dinner/ costume party night. You GG's are awesome! It is amazing how creative you all are and the time and effort you put into your costumes certainly showed. Those of you who came in groups, such as the cheer leaders, the different colored m&m's, the Louisiana crawfish and the "Steampunk" girls were all so unique and sooooo cute but the one who wins the prize for dressing in "theme" was Gail McCann from Edmond, Oklahoma. How cute she was as a flower pot that was filled with beautiful silk flowers. You ALL had on wonderful costumes and it was exciting and fun to see what you all came dressed as.



The weekend ended on an emotional note for me as I listened to girls (from time to time) tell me how they love being a GG and how being a member has changed their lives, and me thanking those for the sweet notes that so many of you send to me throughout the year telling me how much you love and appreciate me. When a "first timer" stands up and tells everyone it's the most fun they've had in years or have ever

had, that's awesome and it makes me cry. I saw a few others wiping tears away also.



Before this campout I told no one that a freelance writer was going to be there because I wanted everyone to be themselves. At the end of Saturday night she got up and told everyone who she was and I was so pleased that she found us to be a very warm and friendly group of women who made her feel very welcomed. Thank you, GG's, for being the persons I thought you to be, and thank you, Laura Jenkins, for spending the weekend with us and thanks to Diane Tyler's friend who thought we had a story worth writing about.

Love to all until we meet again.

Dixie

