

Holiday party ideas

For our games, members were asked to bring a prize (wrapped) worth about \$1. Practical items, such as lotion, tissues, napkins, were suggested, but anything was ok. We had a table piled high with prizes, so we played several games. We still had a lot of prizes left over, which the leader took home to use for a future games day just after the new year.

Christmas Song Bingo

Each person wrote down the name of five Christmas songs. I then drew names of songs from a dish (I had written down every one I could think of -- came up with 57); as I called the name of one's song, they marked it off. When the fifth song on anyone's list was called, they did not call "bingo," but sang the opening line of the song. Some members really got into the spirit; and if I called the name of a song they liked, or one they hadn't thought of in awhile, they would sing it out. We didn't stop with the first win, but continued to call more song titles for more winners. When I called "Silent Night," (which was on just about everyone's list), it resulted in seven wins at one time. And it was neat, as all seven started singing out the song -- in different keys, and with different start times. Everyone really seemed to enjoy this game.

For our gift exchange, we have always just numbered each gift, then drew numbers to claim a gift. Wanting something different this year, I cut gift tags in half. As each gift came in, I attached half a tag to the gift, and put the other half in a box. Everyone who brought a gift drew a half tag from the box. Gifts were then passed around. When someone found a gift with the other half of their tag, that was their gift. Everyone seemed to enjoy this, too.

We also played a game the chapter said they had played before. Each person received three ordinary playing cards, placed face up on the table in front of them. One member then drew cards from a complete deck, and called them out -- number and suit. As a person's card was called, that card was turned face down. When all three cards had been called, that person had bingo. Since more than one deck of cards was used, it was possible that someone could have two cards of the same number and suit. If that was the case, and that card was called, both cards could be turned over.

One of the members received a fun gift from another member (a very close friend). It was a sandwich bag full of styrofoam packing "peanuts," tied with a fancy bow, and with the following note attached:

You've been bad,
Santa got the scoop.
So all you get
Is snowman poop.
She passed this around and everyone got a laugh from it.

Present Exchange

Our chapter also has a present exchange.....9 weeks before christmas we all bring in a \$5.00 item that is wrapped 8 times. Put the "gift givers" name on the inside of the present with a christmas message before you wrap it. (It also works best if the wrappings are numbered) and then ... For the next 8 weeks if you come in with a loss or turtle (or are a KOPS in leeway) you get to take a wrapper off! And at christmas you will have a special gift from a special someone in your chapter!.....and have 8 consecutive losses or 2 months in the blue!!!

CHRISTMAS AUCTION

Each member that wishes to participate must bring in two \$5.00 gifts. Do not wrap! The treasury buys two \$5.00 gifts also, but these can be wrapped if you choose. We chose to wrap ours, makes it more fun to bid on something that you have no idea what you are bidding on. The Auction will be on Dec.13th at our Christmas party. Each week up until a week before auction members earn play money to bid on these items. (Start this around August or September)

\$20.00- WEIGH-IN

\$50.00- STAYING FOR ENTIRE MEETING

\$40.00- WEIGHT LOSS

\$50.00- IF YOU GIVE A PROGRAM

\$30.00- FOR EACH CERTIFICATE YOU HAVE WON OR WILL WIN FOR CONTESTS

\$50.00- FOR MEMBERS WHO HELP ME KEEP TRACK OF ON GOING CONTESTS

\$50.00 FOR EACH GIFT YOU BRING IN (LIMIT 2)

\$30.00- FOR BRINGING IN YOUR GIFT EARLY

\$100.00- FOR BEST LOSER OF THE WEEK

\$100.00- BEST WEEKLY KOPS

\$200.00- BEST MONTHLY LOSER

\$200.00- BEST MONTHLY KOPS

\$100.00- KEEPING A FOOD CHART EACH WEEK (MUST BRING IN)

\$50.00- FOR 3 DAYS OF EXERCISE (HONOR SYSTEM)

\$25.00- FOR TURTLES

IF YOU HAVE A GAIN YOU MUST GIVE BACK \$50.00 EACH TIME THAT YOU HAVE A GAIN!

Its more fun if you have a really energetic auctioneer! We have done this for 2 years and it gets more fun each time. You can change or add to the way you earn money for the contest.

One more way that we get members to come and to stay for meetings is to let them earn an extra \$300.00 the last day of the contest if they have been at each meeting and stayed for the entire meeting since the contest began.