







## *Here Comes the Bride Bingo*

*Work together to see how many spaces  
you can fill identifying something about the  
women attending PWOC today!*

Had more than 5 bridesmaids	Had a unity candle	Had something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue	Did your own hair
Married in a military chapel	Married your high school sweetheart	Married before husband was in the military	Went to Hawaii on your honeymoon
Husband cried during the ceremony	Smearred "cake on the face" at your reception	Married less than one year	Had more than one bridal shower
Sister was your maid/matron of honor	Husband wore his uniform for the ceremony	Had a ring bearer or flower girl	Married more than 20 years



## *Prepare for the Bridegroom*

OBJECTIVE: Ladies will be introduced to the 2007-08 PWOC theme and verses. They will become acquainted with the concept of preparedness in waiting for Christ, our bridegroom.

### SCRIPTURAL EMPHASIS:

Mt. 25:1-13 *At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps...At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"...The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came, "Sir! Sir!" they said. "Open the door for us!" But he replied, "I tell you the truth, I don't know you." Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.*

Eph. 4:11-13 *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

DECORATIONS: Think of this decor as the "Bridal Shop" with displays and samples of ideas for everything you need to properly prepare for a wedding. Use white accents in tulle, lace, cotton, white table cloths, candles, and big tulle bows. Add flowers and greenery for color. The participation table will have name tags and "guest list/sign-in book." Ladies could sign in using a special pen and receive their "Wedding Planning Checklist" (agenda - see attached) and other PWOC information (trifolds, etc.). Set up other tables with space for "Bride Self-help Books" (Bible study sign-up), "Special Touches" (sign-up for committees such as watchcare, prayer chain, programs, etc.), "Precious Memories" (PWOC scrapbooks and photos), "Honeymoons" (Fall Focus brochures and photos of past conferences).

FAVOR: Small votive candle wrapped in tulle with the theme verse attached.

MIXER: "Here Comes the Bride Bingo." See attached.

SKIT: "The Hope Chest." See attached. The skit is written in such a way that it may be used to introduce the board members as they add items to the Hope Chest, or you may decide to introduce the board members first and then do the skit.

MUSIC: For a light-hearted, humorous touch have an ensemble wear veils and carry flowers while singing "Chapel of Love." Other songs could be "love songs" such as "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Power of Your Love," "Shout to the Lord," "Kiss of

Heaven," and "Exceeding Joy" by Hillsong; "When I Fell in Love with You" and "Your Love is Too Pure" by Dennis Jernigan; "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris; our theme chorus "We Will Dance" by David Ruis; and theme hymn "I Am His and He is Mine."

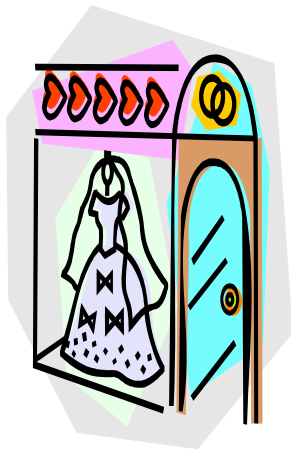
DEVOTIONAL EMPHASIS: Ask your chaplain advisor or a lady from your group to speak introducing the 07-08 theme. Emphasize the concept that the kick-off "Bridal Shop" is to help ladies be aware of ways to prepare for the bridegroom (Christ). We must stay prepared and ready because we do not know when He will come. Allow time for ladies to browse the "Shop" and sign up for new Bible studies.

MENU: Place wedding food "samples" such as finger sandwiches, cake slices, etc., in various spots around the room. Arrange a punch table separate from everything else. Ladies can snack and fellowship while browsing the "Bridal Shop."

AGENDA: Copy the attached agenda onto cardstock. Punch holes in the bottom and attach a small pencil with ribbon. It is written as if it was a "Wedding Planning Checklist" to go with the "Bridal Shop" theme and can be given to ladies as they sign in. Consider having your president or programs chair present the agenda in a light-hearted way as if she were the "wedding consultant" or the owner of the shop.

SAMPLE AGENDA: Based on 2½ hour time frame. Adjust to fit your schedule.

- 9:30 Welcome and opening prayer
- 9:35 Mixer - "Here Comes the Bride Bingo"
- 9:50 Announcements, introduce theme and verse
- 10:00 Introduce board members
- 10:10 Skit - "The Hope Chest"
- 10:20 Praise and Worship
- 10:35 Devotion - guest speaker/chaplain advisor
- 10:50 Special Music - "Chapel of Love"
- 10:55 Introduce Bible studies and teachers - "Bride Self-help Books"
- 11:05 Closing and prayer. Invite ladies to sign-up, snack, and fellowship while browsing the "Bridal Shop."



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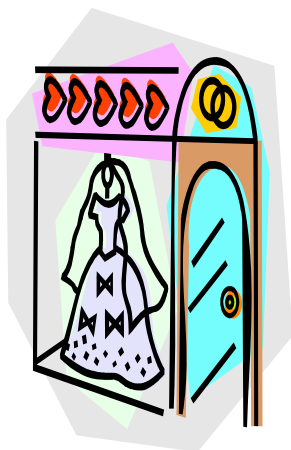
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(sign in)
- Prepare guest list and seating chart  
(mixer)
- Decide on wedding theme  
(intro to PWOC theme)
- Choose attendants  
(intro PWOC board)
- Purchase items for hope chest  
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# *The Hope Chest*

*By Lynn Jackson*

*Preparation: Place a hope chest, trunk, or even a footlocker center stage with a sign/label "Hope Chest." Challenge each board member to prepare a gift to place in the chest that represents her hopes and desires for the coming PWOC year. Be creative. Examples are given below. The President should make sure each board member is introduced by name and job title.*

President: As we prepare for the coming of the Bridegroom, the board and I would like to share our hopes and desires for this year's PWOC. I am placing a "Fix It Yourself Manual" in the Hope Chest because I want God to give me wisdom to be a problem solver for the board and for the ladies in PWOC this year.

Watchcare: I'm placing a box of diapers in the Hope Chest in anticipation of meeting the needs of the children whose mother's come to meet the Bridegroom.

Spiritual Life: I'm placing a Bible in the Hope Chest. I want our Bible Studies this year to give the women the recipe for the "good life" they will enjoy with the Bridegroom.

Participation: I'm placing a quilt in the Hope Chest because I want to help create a patchwork of good memories as I relate to the ladies who attend PWOC.

Hospitality: This serving bowl represents my desire to serve our ladies by providing snacks that will enhance our fellowship time together.

Programs: I'm placing this box of invitations in the Hope Chest so that we will be prepared to invite women who aren't part of our studies to share with us in our programs and see the love that we share because of the Bridegroom.

Praise and Worship: I'm placing a CD in the Hope Chest. The Bridegroom gives us a song and we give it back to Him in our praise and worship time.

Treasurer: I'm placing this dollar bill in the Hope Chest to represent the generosity of the Bridegroom and to remind us that we are only stewards of all that He gives to us this year in PWOC.

Prayer: I'm placing this telephone in the Hope Chest to remind myself that we always have an open line to the Bridegroom. Also, to remind the ladies that they always have an open line to me to pray for any requests they might have.

*Closing: Prayer person should be last, close the chest, and pray over the "Hopes" represented in the Chest.*