

# 2004—2005 Theme Ideas

*Gift giving to another person can be one that is bought or shared between two or more people.*

At Christmas time, so many gifts are bought or shared that it takes the giver many hours of time and lists to complete the task at hand. Then again, a phone call or card will cover the rest of those on the lists to be remembered.

Throughout the year, holidays of every type and kind are marked with gifts! So much has been bought or made, wrapped and bagged that husbands often wonder if there is actually a month their wife doesn't have to find a present or two for their friends.

If a holiday is not being celebrated, then a baby shower, wedding or anniversary is commemorated with a token of our affection and praise. Yes, we do a lot of buying to cover our basis. I suppose it's like leaving a part of ones self with someone else.

This year is no different from the prior ones—yet it does express the Giving of—Gifts—of—Sisterhood. Although a simple theme can take a sister onto many ideas or not, she must see the meaning to truly get the idea first or shop around...

One, look at all the ways GIVING can be done.

Two, we already part take in the giving of GIFTS, so try creative ways to wrap the presents or bag those items—use note cards with written messages from you. Three, share the gifts of SISTERHOOD with each other and strangers. What we have gained as sisters needs to be given away and shared and not, contained within the chapter or council walls. It is indeed a blessing we stepped into this organization when we did and received those gifts—now share them.—Karen Ing

For more ideas go to—  
[www.betajournal.com/wooble\\_04\\_2004.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/wooble_04_2004.htm)

**Wooble's Place**

## Online Yardstick

Yardsticks can still be mailed into International.

For your convenience, the yardstick submission form is online.

[http://www.betajournal.com/yardstick\\_2003\\_2004.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/yardstick_2003_2004.htm)

Chapters have until June 20, 2004 to get them in, in order to have the chapter listed with the star rating and printed in the September, 2004.

Please do not forget to review the Yardstick tips prior to filling out the form.

Print a completed copy out for the chapter records before hitting the submit button. Write to

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if you wish to check and see if the form made it to International for credit.

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- Saudia Arabia sisters
- BSP Cruise to Panama Canal 2006
- International I-6 Convention
- Land Conventions (May/June)

## STRAWBERRY PATCH & PARTY PLANS

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[http://www.betajournal.com/patch\\_287.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/patch_287.htm)

### GARDEN PARTY

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[http://www.betajournal.com/patch\\_288.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/patch_288.htm)

### TOGA PARTY

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### SPA PARTY

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[http://www.betajournal.com/patch\\_290.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/patch_290.htm)

### BSP CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN

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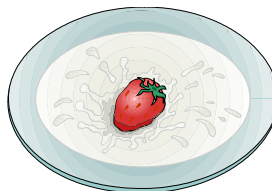
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### CHOCOLATE PARTY

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[http://www.betajournal.com/patch\\_292.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/patch_292.htm)

### IT'S TEA TIME



What a Way to Socialize!

[http://www.betajournal.com/patch\\_293.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/patch_293.htm)

### ENJOY A BIT OF COLOR, CHARACTER & CHARM WHILE INVITING NEW MEMBERS

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## FEBRUARY FROLIC—Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

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February is a month of friendship and love especially for the Xi Epsilon Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi Saudi Arabia Kingdom Council in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

The month had many pleasurable experiences for the Chapter. On the 9th the Chapter met in Catarina Beresky's house and had their monthly meeting. It concluded with a very scrumptious fajita dinner with all the trimmings and a very entertaining and informative presentation on reflexology by our hostess. It was very timely since it is an excellent month to think of caring for oneself and treating those ills that come with "maturity".

The Chapter members attended the Beta Sigma Phi Champagne & Pearls Sweetheart Ball in Bahrain on the 12th. The ladies dressed in beautiful gowns while the men wore elegant tuxes. Members from the nine chapters in the Kingdom Council attended the ball. Several of the chapters selected sweethearts and they were presented that evening. Sandi McNeil represented

Alpha, Cindy Cavanaugh represented Gamma, Georgia Stockwell represented Xi Delta, Teresa Gail Roberts represented Xi Zeta, Jane Clark represented Preceptor Alpha, and our Dee Ann Raz represented our Xi Epsilon Chapter. The members had a fantastic evening which consisted of magnificent food and superb dancing. Our chapter was in charge of the guest favors. We selected beaded napkin holders in a variety of colors. Seven of the members were fortunate and carried away several fantastic door prizes and raffled items.

The following day, thanks to the arrangements of Dee Ann Raz, the members attended a champagne brunch with live entertainment at the Diplomat Hotel. The music provided an auspicious stage for magnificent eating and equally wonderful conversation.

The Chapter had a remarkable weekend and month of activities. It is currently planning a trip to Dubai for shopping, golfing, and general sight seeing. For fund raising, it is also planning a Bunko party with a sister chapter. Be-

ing a member of the Xi Epsilon Chapter and of Beta Sigma Phi is and continues to be a memorable experience.

by Catarina P. Beresky





Deb Wallick, Annette Buren, Angela Mundy, Dee Ann Raz, Linda Smith, Gwen Prestridge, Sandra Beske, Catarina Beresky—Xi Epsilon—Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

## TOP TEN MOTHER'S DAY SAYINGS

Why? Because I said so, that's why!  
 I'm going to give you until the count of three!  
 It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt  
 I don't know is NOT an answer  
 I would never have talked to my mother like that  
 I'm not running a taxi service  
 If everyone jumped off a cliff would

you do it too?  
 Someday your face will freeze like that  
 It hurts me more than it hurts you  
 I love you  
 Money doesn't grow on trees  
 Were you born in a barn? Shut the door  
 Go ask your dad  
 I'm not talking just to hear my

own voice  
 I hope someday when you have kids they're just like you, then you'll know ... whatever your name is  
 From:  
[Everythingmothers-day.com](http://Everythingmothers-day.com)



## POEM ABOUT GRANDMA

I like to walk with Grandma,  
 Her steps are short like mine.  
 She never says, "Now hurry up!"  
 She always takes her time.

I like to walk with Grandma.  
 Her eyes see things like mine do.  
 Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,  
 Half hidden drop of dew.

Most people have to hurry  
 They do not stop to see.  
 I'm so glad that God made  
 Grandma  
 Unrushed and young like me.

*Author Unknown*



*Grandparents are special!*

**Ports of Call  
Tentative**

- [Cozumel, Mexico](#)
- [Puerto Limon, Costa Rica](#)
- [Panama Canal \(Cruising\)](#)
- Cristobal Pier, Panama
- [Montego Bay, Jamaica](#)
- Georgetown, Grand Cayman
- [Galveston, Texas](#)

11 Night Cruise from Galveston, TX

(Postings for this cruise pkg are not available as ships, cruise lines and itineraries are being shifted around in Galveston (now the 5th busiest port).

# January 2006

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## BSP CRUISE TO THE PANAMA CANAL

We are planning on a cruise around the 2nd or 3rd week of January, 2006 out of Galveston, TX. This depends on what and when the new cruise schedules are posted as far as seeking a firm date and/or pricing.

About 30 or more have shown an interest so far through private E-mail. [tikitex@betajournal.com](mailto:tikitex@betajournal.com)—Karen Ing

When you get a minute, visit the page at

[www.betajournal.com/panama\\_cruise2006.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/panama_cruise2006.htm)

Updates will be throughout the summer months and on, so come often or bookmark the page for future reference.

We would love to have any and all sisters online and offline, chapters, groups, husbands and friends.

It's always a pleasure to cruise among friends. If you didn't

know the sisters before, you will after 11 days at sea.

A sister to sister gift exchange will be done again along with

the many other activities we have on-board and at port.



Karen Ing  
Hostess  
3rd Online  
Cruise

Online in 99 with Audrey and friends. Cruise to the Western Caribbean!

# June 2006

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## I-6 Information

- Tentatively Scheduled for June, 2006 in Overland Park, Kansas

- Help us name the I-6 Mascot. Send your ideas for names to ILJarvisI6@aol.com—Irene Jarvis.

Www.betajournal.com/  
convention\_angel.htm

- Online Interest form can be found at:

<http://www.betajournal.com/intl2006a.htm>

- 87 sisters have filled out the Interest Form, to date.

- Chairmen are: Irene Jarvis ILJarvisI6@aol.com and Karen Ing tikitex@betajournal.com

- Bookmark the main page as it will change from time to time...

[www.betajournal.com/  
convention\\_2006.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/convention_2006.htm)

Everything is linked off the main page for I-6.

## International (I-6) Online Convention—Celebrating 10 Years Online!

We hope you have a great summer and enjoy the many breaks of the day to day routine has to offer. Summertime is suppose to be happy, carefree and relaxing. It can and shall be for you and us.

While you are relaxing with a good book, soaking up the sun, chasing kids or headed for an adventure you somehow have scraped and saved for think of the I-6 convention and visit the page as the updates will be coming in over the summer. Or, you may have signed up to help and there's E-mail awaiting you in the folder at home or on the road.

[www.betajournal.com/  
convention\\_2006.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/convention_2006.htm)

If you haven't signed up on the Interest Form as yet, please do so before running away from home and life. We really would like to know if you are interested and would enjoy the pleasure of your company in 2006.

[http://www.betajournal.com/  
intl2006a.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/intl2006a.htm)

*Note: The convention is not just for online sisters. It's for all sisters, friends and family. It's for the curious, not so curious and seasoned veterans of online as well.*

While we have your attention...think about hosting our precious I-6 mascot. She is quite lonely and could happily part take in the gifts of sisterhood right now.

We only have one small problem, she doesn't have a name right now. Won't you please help and send Irene a name for her to choose from...ILJarvis@aol.com or ILJarvisI6@aol.com

Enjoy your summer and think "I-6" in 2006.

- Online celebrates 10 years in 2006.



## May Conventions

**Alberta** Olds May 28 - 30, 2004

**Australia** Adelaide April 30 - May 2, 2004

**California** Santa Barbara May 14 - 16, 2004

**Florida** Cape Canaveral  
May 14 - 16, 2004

**Georgia** LaGrange May 14 - 16, 2004

**Ohio** Columbus May 21 - 23, 2004

# May 2004

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## May—Convention Links

### Florida Convention

#### Website:

<http://www.cawamn.com/04FL-BSPconvention/>

**Theme: “Rainbow Connection”**

# June 2004

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### June Conventions

**Alabama** Huntsville June 11 - 13, 2004

**Colorado** Steamboat Springs June 11 - 13, 2004

**Delaware** (Mid-Eastern) Ocean City June 25 - 27, 2004

**Iowa** Council Bluffs June 11 - 13, 2004

**Kentucky** (Northern Area) Covington June 25 - 27, 2004

**Newfoundland** Gander June 4 - 6, 2004

**Oklahoma** Tulsa June 25 - 27, 2004  
Ontario Windsor June 4 - 6, 2004

**Tennessee** Memphis June 25 - 27, 2004

**Utah** (Quadra-State) Salt Lake City June 25 - 27, 2004

**Washington** Wenatchee June 25 - 27, 2004

## June—Convention Links

### Alabama Convention

PDF Flyer:

[www.betajournal.com/conv1.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/conv1.htm)

Theme: “Vegas Extravaganza”

### Iowa Convention

Hotel Link:

[www.betajournal.com/conv1.htm](http://www.betajournal.com/conv1.htm)

Theme: “Voyage of Discovery”

### Washington Convention

Website Link:

<http://wastatebetasigmaphiconvention2004.org/>

Theme: “Let’s Celebrate”

Forms in PDF and Word

## BETA SIGMA PHI

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### *Life, Learning and Friendship*



*Some of the pages will be redone over the summer months and sections added. One section that is in great need will be the Membership Items.*

*Plans are to move forms found in the area of membership to an open location, so sisters have more ease of access.*

*Remember: There are only 6 total annual E-Editions now. The next issue is due out June 30, 2004. The Beginning Day issue will go out the 1st part of August since so many changes happen during the summer months.*

*We are looking into a program that will defer the bots off the sister links pages, so the search engines won't list them.*

*We haven't had many donations of support for the Beta Journal server fees within the past 3 months. Please don't forget us! - Thank you, Karen Ing*

*Make checks payable to: TIKI SERVICES CORP., and mail to: Box 460212, Garland, TX 75046-0212 (c/o the Beta Journal)*

## By Suzann Darnall

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the flowers are asleep  
soft snowflakes have been falling  
spring seems so far away  
winter times in season  
silver snowflakes dancing  
cold, harsh winds are blowing  
there's a peek-a-boo sun  
gray clouds are the reason  
most nuts have been buried  
autumn's apples are picked  
the harvest has been reaped  
nature's store is stocked-up  
home fires are crackling  
hearths glowing rosily  
logs pop and embers glow  
perfect for a hot cup  
fresh baking bread smells nice  
hot cider brings comfort  
a kitchen on cold days  
with loved ones all around

in snowstorms and blizzards  
so hard to imagine  
that springtime is so near  
it's just beneath the ground

by: Suzann Darnall



*Is it spring yet?*