

# Bingo Ladies Gone Bad

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CAST

DIXIEANNA: President of the Perfect Petunias Garden club and chief bingo caller.

MARIETTA: Vice-president and chief cohort of DIXIEANNA.

LUCY BELLE: Treasurer and secondary cohort of DIXIEANNA.

MARY ALICE: The newest member of the PPGC.

ROSE: The next to newest member of PPGC.

FLORENCE: She was the newest member last year.

GLORIA: She was the newest member the year before last.

NOTE: Non-speaking extras may be double cast as club members.

Place:

*The parish hall decorated for a party.*

Time:

*The annual Perfect Petunias Luncheon.*

*At Rise: There are several tables with floral decorations. Three women sit at each table. At one table sits MARY ALICE, ROSE and FLORENCE. GLORIA is gathering her purse and coat to leave. DIXIEANNA, MARIETTA, and LUCY BELLE are huddled at their table secretly going through bingo cards and a deck of cards. At another table sit a pile of gaily wrapped gifts. There is a small podium which DIXIEANNA approaches with the cards in hand.*

DIXIEANNA: Ladies, ladies I want to again thank everyone for all the work you did to make this year's Perfect Petunias luncheon a huge success. The chicken a la king was lovely, Mary Alice, and the peppermint fudge was to die for, Florence, and I just don't know what to say about that Waldorf salad, Marietta.

MARIETTA: I customized it this year. Instead of apples, I used marshmallows and green maraschino cherries. Instead of walnuts I used Spanish peanuts, and instead of mayonnaise I used cool whip, so I'm not calling it a Waldorf salad anymore, I'm calling it an Econolodge Salad in honor of our town's finest hotel.

GLORIA: (*in a stage whisper*) If the Econolodge had a restaurant they wouldn't serve that mess. I wondered what it was supposed to be but it was so sweet it folded my teeth back and it turned my tongue green.

MARIETTA: I heard that, Gloria! You have no room to talk since you didn't make anything. You just brought the paper napkins.

GLORIA: And the paper plates and they matched. I understand festive and classy.

MARIETTA: (*jumping up defensively*) I could take you Gloria, don't think for a minute I couldn't, but I will refrain for the sake of the club and the three strikes you're out law.

GLORIA: (*getting into MARIETTA's face*) Don't you even think about touching me because you made a nasty salad. (*strikes a karate pose*) I am a master of martial arts!

DIXIEANNA: Gloria, Marietta, this year's luncheon is not going to deteriorate into a fist fight like last year. If the police get called, it's on your heads, and there is no money for bail in the club budget.

MARY ALICE: (*to GLORIA*) You only had to bring paper napkins and plates! I had to make chicken a' la king for 27 women!

DIXIEANNA: It is the responsibility of the newest member to bring the entrée. It's a time honored tradition.

GLORIA: And we play rock-paper-scissors over who gets to bring the paper goods.

ROSE Last year I had to make Beef Stroganoff. Seventeen pounds of cubed beef. Six cartons of sour cream. I cried with joy that I got to make the peas this year.

FLORENCE: Two years ago I had to make turkey and dressing. It put me in bed for a week.

LUCY BELLE: Excuse me, ladies, but time is a-wasting. I came here to play Bingo! AA gets the hall at 3:30.

GLORIA: That's my cue to leave.

MARY ALICE: Leave? Why are you leaving when we're just getting ready to play bingo? You won't get a prize.

GLORIA: Trust me, if I stay I won't get a prize. It's better to leave. I stayed last year.

DIXIEANNA: Gloria, if you're going to go, then go. Don't go scaring Mary Alice. You are only causing discord and I don't like discord. Thanks for the napkins and see you at the meeting in January.

GLORIA: (*GLORIA rolls her eyes and heads offstage*) Ladies, try to remember it's just a game!

DIXIEANNA: First, for the benefit of our new members, we have made some improvements to the traditional bingo game. Instead of using those little balls we have created a special deck of bingo cards. (*holds a card aloft*) Every number between 1 and 75 is represented on the cards which I will randomly draw and call. Don't worry, I will shuffle the deck between every game.

MARY ALICE: (*raising her hand*) I noticed that some members have two cards. I'd like a second card please.

DIXIEANNA: And we would love for you to have two cards too, but we don't have enough cards.

LUCY BELLE: In the fight several years ago, some punch was spilled on a number of cards and they were just ruined.

MARIETTA: So we decided at our January officers' meeting that elected officers should play two cards each.

DIXIEANNA: And now it has become another time honored tradition. If you are ever lucky enough to be elected to office, you too will be given two cards. It's a small perk for all the drudgery of running this club.

MARY ALICE: You play two cards, too? You're the caller.

DIXIEANNA: Lucy Belle and Marietta are kind enough to play one of my cards each. Now, are we ready ladies?

LUCY BELLE: Get on with it, Dixieanna, stop dilly dallying.

DIXIEANNA: (*lifts the card and shows it to everyone*) B-15. That's B-15.

MARIETTA: Got it on all three cards.

LUCY BELLE: (*they high five each other*) Me too. Good start.

FLORENCE: I don't have it.

MARY ALICE: Me either. (*all the other characters can also say they don't have it*)

DIXIEANNA: B-13.

MARIETTA: 2 of the 3.

LUCY BELLE: Me too.

DIXIEANNA: O-69.

MARIETTA: Must be my day, all three cards.

LUCY BELLE: Me too.

DIXIEANNA: B-7.

MARY ALICE: Finally, I got one.

FLORENCE: I haven't gotten anything, not that I really expected to.

DIXIEANNA: (*looks at the card in surprise*) I-17.

MARIETTA: An 'I'? How did that get in there? And I only have it on one of my cards.

LUCY BELLE: I don't have it on ANY of mine.

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