

Through Good Times and Bad...

A half century of friendship

After a half century of friendship the women of the “Infamous” Bridge Club have seen each other through all of life’s up and downs.

“We raised our kids together, we’ve been through the deaths of parents, siblings, spouses, children and divorces,” said club member Pam Frick. “We’ve been there for each other during all the bad times and celebrated all the good times.”

The bridge club started in 1963 when four young mothers — Mary Ellen Bowes, Pam Frick, Monica Geersen and Kathie Gerstner — met at a Welcome Wagon meeting and struck up a fast friendship. They rounded up four more friends and started playing bridge once a month in each other’s homes. Over the years some members moved away and others were found. In addition to the four charter members, current members also include Jackie Wray, Audrey Stevens, Lyndall Cornette and Linda Stephenson.

In addition to playing bridge once a month, the women meet for coffee and fellowship at least once a week and celebrate each other’s birthdays.

“We also get together as couples,” Wray said. “We go to dinner, bike riding, hiking, boating, ice skating, swimming — just everything.”

The club members have raised their children and watched them grow and have their own kids, all along the way sharing the trials and tribulations that go hand-in-hand with childrearing. In total the group has 30 children and many, many grandkids.

“I have 30 grandkids all by myself, so it’s quite a number of grandkids,” Stephenson said.

About five years ago the women were discussing a news item they had heard about — a group of middle-age women who made a calendar with “nude” photos of themselves for a fund raiser. The



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