

“There are a few things we always do when we get together. We eat, we talk, we shop, we talk.”

~ Gloria Abe
London, Ark.

feelings.”

Another tradition the Boji Queens have developed is bringing gifts for each other to open.

“We bring little gifts for each other and we save them and all open them together,” Mary said. “It is really fun and we all have little reminders of our friends to keep with us all year long.”

For the most part their annual visits are filled with humor. The Boji Queens love to laugh and they realize that laughter can get them through any of life’s troubles.

“We laugh and laugh,” Mary said. “We have a deep respect for each other and appreciation for our friendship. We support each other through any troubles or issues we’re having in our personal lives or with our kids but most importantly we get together and laugh.”

“Each of us have different personalities, which keeps it really interesting,” Gloria said. “It would be pretty boring if were all the same. We just make sure to stay clear of politics and religion.”

In addition to their yearly visits and frequent e-mails the Boji Queens make sure to send each other birthday cards.

“E-mails are nice but when you get a birthday card with a handwritten note, you know you are loved,” Mary said.

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The Boji Queens consist of Mary Sundvold, Judy Schlumbohm, Donna Johnson, Gloria Abe, Barb Doeksen-Sorken, and Rollys Kahl. Not pictured is Jerri Korenberg. This year they gathered in Yankton at Mary’s condo by Lewis & Clark Lake.



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