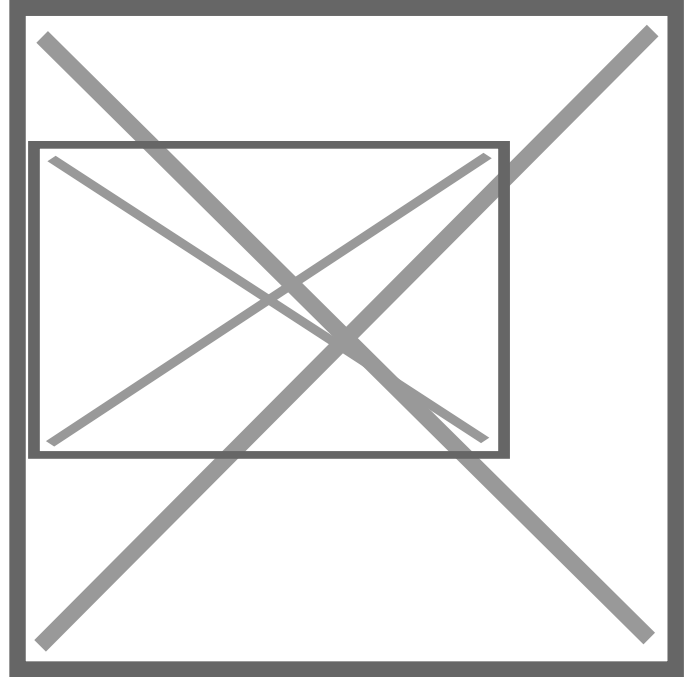


## Women celebrate life, love and laughter

### INTERMOUNTAIN DIVISION



THE DENVER CITADEL cast and crew of "Laugh-In," (l-r) Major Cheryl Tollerud, Stephanie Sowter, Jan Kelley, Jeannie Duarte and Diana Tollerud.

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"Life, Love and Laughter!" was the theme for the recent Intermountain Division's annual women's retreat. From Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Montana, 217 women gathered to share experiences of God's love.

Setting a humorous stage for the weekend, the women from the Denver Citadel Corps recreated the cast of *Laugh-In*. Decorated in psychedelic colors, the meeting room was retro, and Saturday evening's attire was fashion from the 60s and 70s. Optional weekend activities included antique shopping, a trip to the tea factory, a tour of the Butterfly Pavilion, or relaxing at the pool.

Special guest was Patty LaRoche, wife of professional baseball player, Dave LaRoche. Even as the wife of a successful athlete, Patty has experienced difficulties. She has suffered a miscarriage and a premature birth, and nursed a rebellious teenage son who experienced a horrible burn accident. Though Patty was at every game her husband pitched and lived his success with him, she didn't experience a real "no-hitter" until she gave her life over to Christ. She challenged her listeners to

search their lives and make each day one that is God-honoring.

Another home run was hit when the Intermountain women presented over \$2,400 for this year's Territorial Project.

The weekend's message was clear: Life happens...and it's laughter that helps keep us in balance...but it's the love of Jesus Christ that gives us a firm foundation to stand on.