Raspberry Pretzel Salad (Sherron Kendrick)

- 2 c. (about 7 oz.) crushed pretzels
- <sup>3</sup>⁄<sub>4</sub> c. melted butter (do not use margarine)
- 1 T. sugar
- 1 (8 oz.) package softened cream cheese
- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 1 (8 oz.) Cool Whip
- 1 large (6 oz.) box raspberry Jell-O
- 2 c. boiling water
- \*2 (10 oz.) package of frozen raspberries, thawed

To make crust - crush pretzels. Melt butter, mix with sugar and pour over pretzels, making sure to completely coat pretzels. Press into the bottom of a 9x13 pan. Bake at 400° for 12 minutes. <u>Set aside, cooling completely.</u>

Mix softened (room temperature) cream cheese and powdered sugar together until smooth. Mix in cool whip completely and set aside.

Dissolve large package of raspberry Jell-O in boiling water. Cool completely and then add raspberries to Jell-O. Set aside.

Spread cream cheese mixture over cooled pretzel crust. Next layer the cooled raspberry Jell-O mixture on top of the cream cheese layer.

Refrigerate overnight and until serving.

\*You may substitute strawberries for raspberries if you prefer.