# July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 **National Cheesecake Day**



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#### Golden Girls Cheesecake

Makes: One 10-inch Cheesecake

From the hit show of the 80s. I used to make 7 per Friday night taping, every year we would change up the top look. This is the original year look. A 10-inch

cheesecake looked better on the tape for sizing.

### Crust

1/3 pound graham crackers, crushed unsalted butter, melted 1/4 cup

1. In a bowl mix the above and press into a cheesecake pan, and freeze.

### Filling

2 lbs cream cheese, softened (Philly)

1-3/4 cup granulated sugar

4 large eggs

2 tbsp fresh lemon juice 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract

- 1. Adjust the rack to the center, and preheat the oven to 350°F.
- 2. In the mixer, place cream cheese and sugar, blending until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, while mixing. Add lemon juice and vanilla, and blend well.
- 3. Pour batter into frozen cheesecake bottom, smoothing it out to touch sides. Bake it until the top starts to pull away from sides and still look a bit loose in center, about 35-40 minutes. It will look like it is puffed up. Take it out of the oven (do not turn the oven off), and set it on a rack 10 minutes. (This will cause cake to sink slightly, which is normal,)

## **Topping**

1/2 cup sour cream 1/4 cup granulated sugar 1 tbsp lemon juice 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract

> 1. In a small bowl, combine sour cream, sugar, lemon juice and vanilla. Pour it into center of the cheesecake, after 10 minutes. Place cheesecake back into oven for 5 minutes only; cool for 1 hour prior to serving. Top with fresh berries.

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