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*"The Sophisticated Ladies"*

*The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove*

*May 2009 Newsletter*



*Hello Ladies,*

The May 8, 2009 luncheon was held at the Riverwood Golf Café. Co-hostesses were Irma Whitmere and Wanda Totten. Thirty-seven ladies were in attendance. Theme for the day was "Honoring our Moms". Some brought their moms, and some brought their daughters.

Everyone seemed happy with their food, service and atmosphere for the day. Comments expressed were, "it felt so relaxing", and "What a nice luncheon". It's nice to hear positive feed-back. This way we know which restaurants to go back to and which ones to avoid. Sorry to hear about the ladies who got sick at the Lakeside Café back in March. Seems they were the ones who had the fish. What a shame. We need good restaurants close to home. Don't know what happened there, they started out good when they first opened.

Irma and Wanda provided nice favors with candy for each lady. What a nice touch. Thank you both for providing a nice day for our ladies and their guests. Also, thanks to Dawn, café manager, for helping Irma and Wanda with our luncheon.



(Left) Dolores Fitzpatrick brought her daughter Erin;



(Right) Janet Messer brought her mom, Ada Clark,



and of course (Left) Judy Post's mom, Helen, and Aunt Anna were there, We love when they come to our luncheons. They are special to us. Alice and Kate just like their photos taken. (Right) VM Karen brought her mom, Marilyn McSwane.



Each mom or daughter received an orchid corsage. Those that couldn't bring their moms or daughters were asked to bring a photo. There were quite a few in "my pictures" file, so I printed them out for all to see.



A poem was read, "Being A Mom", by Karen. There were some tears shed during the reading. Next year maybe we will do a "funny poem". If any of you have funny stories about moms, or you and your mom, send them to me and we will put them together for next year.

We celebrated the May Birthdays, sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed

the cake. May birthdays are: Kathy Bowser 5/19; Regina Brown 5/18; Carol McGuire 5/24; Judy Snyder 5/6; Elaine Surette 5/17; Wendy Burnett 5/7, and in memoriam Carol Vanderploeg 5/10 (Left) .

Char Traxel our Princess of Monies took care of the raffle, winners were: Barbara DeVenuto, phalanopsis orchid; Linda Atkinson orchid corsage; Money: Linda Atkinson and Kathleen Beecher.

Congrats Ladies, and thank you Char.





April 24<sup>th</sup> our ladies participated in the National Red Hat Day Parade on Dearborn Street. Fifteen of us with guests rode on the trolley, help decorate it, and enjoyed lunch at Compadres. The theme for the day's event was "Anything Goes", so I found the old version from Ethel Merman and we blasted it from the speaker system on the trolley. Everyone could hear us coming down the street. We didn't win anything but we sure had fun. The only Lady to win something of our group was Judy Post. She won a nice basket of goodies from one of the stores. Lucky Judy! Next year's parade will be celebrated on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and since we are not April Fools, we will not participate. We will try and plan something else for another day.



June 12<sup>th</sup> Englewood Beach Day Bring your own lunch and drinks. Come early, around 9am, to enjoy the beach. Bring an umbrella, sun-screen, your beach chair, and water. We will have our lunch around noon under the pavillion. \$2 per lady to cover the cost to rent the pavillion.



July 10<sup>th</sup> Whiskey Creek: Hostess for the month is Cyber Diva Pam Curtis. [pcurtis@ewol.com](mailto:pcurtis@ewol.com) 697-6274 Call or email to sign up.

**Whiskey Creek Wood Fire Grill, 2746 Tamiami Trail**

**\$15 per** Lady includes choice of soft drink, iced-tea, hot tea or coffee, menu choice with choice of two sides.



### Pick one menu choice and two sides.

Menu Choices: (Select 1)

1. **Hawaiian Chicken:** Grilled chicken basted with honey lemon butter and topped with pineapple salsa served on a bed of chicken-infused rice.
2. **Mahi- Mahi:** Sweet, tender, moist flakes that are firm in texture and ivory in color, topped with your choice of pacific rum sauce, corn relish, roasted red pepper sauce or warm pineapple salsa, served with oriental rice.
3. **Mandarin Chicken Salad:** A chilled, lime-marinated chicken breast served over a bed of crisp greens with toasted almonds, mandarin oranges, green onions and red and green peppers. Tossed with Honey Sesame dressing, fried egg roll strips and sesame seeds. (**Note: No sides with this selection**).
4. **Overnight Beef Brisket:** Hand-rubbed with special seasonings, slow cooked and hickory smoked all night for tender, savory, smoky down-home BBQ taste.
5. **Pulled Pork:** Hand-rubbed with special seasonings, slow cooked and smoked for an unforgettable flavor and tenderness
6. **"Falling off the bone" Baby Back Ribs,** ½ slab, slow cooked and finished on wood fired grill.

### Choice of 2 side (Select 2)

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| A. Coleslaw     | D. BBQ Beans        | G. Fries |
| B. House Salad  | E. Steamed Broccoli |          |
| C. Caesar Salad | F. Fiesta Corn      |          |

*Drink Special – Margarita Float!*

**Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Kate Whincup is planning a great day.**

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Eileen Curto and Barbara DeVenuto co-hostesses. Boca Royale is planned.**

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Alice Burnell working on another Vinsani Day.**



**Kathy VonVreckin.** "I wish to Thank my wonderful "RED HAT" Secret Pal for all of the great things she has sent since Jan. Each is so very special, and I very much appreciate the thoughtful effort for each lovely thing she has sent to me. Please let her know that I am most grateful for her kindness.

**Judy Post,** "please let my secret pal know that I am absolutely delighted by every thoughtful gift. She must know me extremely well because she just sent me tickets to see the new Harry Potter movie, which will be out in July. My anniversary and birthday gifts were very much appreciated, also!

**Alice Burnell,** "please thank my secret pal for thinking of me".

**Queen Judith**...to my secret pal, "Thankyou, thankyouverymuch"!!



We look so nice while wearing our Red Hat Society colors, why don't we try to do it more often. Remember Red on your head and purple outfit, or if it is your birth month reverse the colors, purple hat and red outfit. For the "youngins" (under 50) it's pink hat and lavender. Thank you Ladies.

**May Anniversaries:** Denise & Paul Andrews 5/24; Diann & William Crossman 5/16; Yvonne & Tony Emirio 5/16; Carlene & Ken Leach 5/5; Kathy & Sal Massulli 5/28; Michele & Jack Stahl 5/4; Irma & Bob Whitmer 5/7.



Don't forget: ~~Don't forget to display your flag.~~

Crafty Girls **Memorial Day Picnic**

Date: May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 4pm.

Place: HOA Pavillion.

Cost: \$10 adult's \$5 children under 10 years old.

Call Irma: 697- 1772 or Mary 697-6043 for tickets



Hope everyone enjoyed their Mother's Day,



Fondly,

**Queen Mother Judith**