

"The Sophisticated Ladies"
The Red Hat Society of SJC
October 2003

Hello Ladies,

I'd like to thank all the Ladies who came out for our 9th Sophisticated Ladies Luncheon, held Friday the 10th of October, at PJ's on Boca Grand. There were twenty in attendance. We really enjoyed ourselves. They allowed separate checks and any choice off the menu. We really like that idea. I loved the atmosphere. We had the whole upstairs to ourselves.

Can you believe the summer is over and our snowbird Ladies will be flying in any day now. The time went so fast. We did toast them and our Queen Mother Jane Beckwith, who will be arriving to our area sometime this week.

We have two new members, Mary Bayless and Janet Messer. Welcome Ladies. There were no birthday Ladies present, so we sang Happy Birthday to Anne Osborne who was not present for the September luncheon, because she was traveling around all over. Lucky Anne. We enjoyed the cake, marble with raspberry filling baked by Publix. No trouble taking

care of that cake.

A lot of us shared stories of various ways our secret pals have touched us by either cards, gifts, by mail, at our doorsteps. Some received gifts at our luncheon. Anne Osborne would like to thank her secret pal for the cds that she received; she really is enjoying them, exactly the type of music that Anne loves. Alice Burnell was surprised that a Red Hat wine glass was at her place, no name, no card. She loves it. Alice tried real hard to find out who left the perfect gift. Now we all want one of those glasses. I would like to thank my secret pal who left an Elvis cd in chocolate with a card by my door, also for the "thinking of you" card. Very nice. You know I love Elvis.

Darlene Simkins talked about our secret pal forms that have been given out. I will attach a form for those who did not get one. Fill them out and return them to me. I have started a folder to keep all the forms in so you can retrieve information whenever you need it. In December we will bring a gift for our secret pal and find out who they are. We will try and pick new names at that time to be ready for Jan. We need them filled out and returned so we will be ready for the new year. We didn't keep the information that was on the old index cards, so please bear with us fill out the forms, please. If you prefer not to join in the secret pal

you do not have to. Remember, no rules, no demands, just fun.

Lynda Graves gave us an update on our scheduled tea party for February 13, at the American Legion. We are looking for place-settings for your table, luncheon plate, tea cup and saucer. Also king sized sheets are needs. We also need pie racks. We will be giving you more information as it becomes available. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Lynda Graves, Chairperson in charge of the tea party.

A few of the Ladies had some suggestions on future luncheons or day trips. Ruth Oberlin suggested a day at Selby Gardens with lunch, since we are all getting into orchids. Anne Osborne suggested a boat trip with lunch out of Sarasota. We all thought they were wonderful ideas. We will look further into those ideas. Also the Riverside Cafe in Punta Gorda was suggested. They all sound like good choices. Feedback would be appreciated. We want everyone to be happy. As with all these luncheons, we will carpool and rides will be available to those who need them. Please let us know.

The 50/50 was won by Sonja Minoughan, a second drawing for the orchid was won by Ruth Oberlin, and a third drawing for our new mascot, Lady Ann, was won by Wanda Totten. Congrats Ladies.

Lady Ann, a Red Hat Bear dressed appropriately, Red Hat and purple outfit was won by Anne Osborne at the Sarasota Ritz Luncheon, so hence the name, and Anne wanted Lady Ann to be at all our luncheons. So each month a drawing will be held and who ever wins, becomes the foster mother for Lady Ann for one month. They have to bring her to the next luncheon.

Karen Price read to us: " The Perks of Being Over 50 " Quite funny and so true. I wonder what happens when we become over 60 or over 70????

Up-coming luncheons.

Nov. 14, Dec. 12, and Jan 9th will be the Olde World, North Port.

Feb.. 13, Tea Party, American Legion

If you haven 't signed up, please let me know by email or phone, Please pass on this info to your friends who do not have a computer. Thank You.

I'd like to thank all my helpers, Darlene, Ruth, Anne, and Karen.

Fondly,

Judith B. McElwaine, VM aka Lady Orchid.

