

# *"The Sophisticated Ladies "*

## *November 2003 Newsletter*

Hello Ladies,

I'd like to thank all the Ladies who attended our November luncheon, Friday, the 14th, held at The Olde World Restaurant, North Port. There were twenty-four of us.

We had a really nice time after we settled in. Seems they tried to squeeze us all together in one long group of tables. There wasn't much elbow room, and you know we need lots of that. Alice Burnell came to the rescue, and went to management to get it straighten out, they brought in another table. Thank you Alice. We had one waitress, (she even wore a purple blouse and a red hat) who was in charge of our group, plus another group of 60 seniors and the bar. We are a handful alone; it took awhile but we all managed to have lunch.

Our birthday Ladies were: Peggy McCauley, Karen Price. Tina Achmulty, was included because she was not present for her birthday. We enjoyed the cake made by Publix, marble with chocolate filling, decorated with a red hat, and trimmed with red and purple. The cake disappeared. Happy Birthday Ladies.

Lynda Graves gave us an update on our First Annual Tea to be held Feb 13th. A sign-up sheet for some of the things we need was passed around. We will bring the sign-up sheet to future luncheons so those of you who haven't signed up can do so

Carol Vanderploeg took care of the 50/50. The first drawing was won by Peg McCauley. The second drawing for the orchid was won by Gale Schemm, and the third drawing was won by Karen Price who will be the Foster Mum for Lady Anne our mascot bear. Congrats Ladies.

We talked about the SGC Yacht Club lighted boat parade, to be held Dec 20; we are making plans to enter a boat, hope it works out.

We also talked about our "secret pals"; please bring your secret pal a small holiday gift for the December luncheon. It will be fun to find out who they are. We will be picking out new pals then also. Make sure you give me your new secret pal form, if I don't have it, your name won't be included. You don't want to miss out. Also, if you don't want to participate....you do not have to....remember....no rules.....just fun. Some of our Ladies received gifts from their sp. Regina Brown would like to thank her sp who left a Halloween gift at her door.

Anne Osborne obtained some information on some future trips/luncheons. They are, Selby Gardens with a box lunch on the grounds, and a Boat trip with lunch out of Sarasota. Everyone seemed to like both. We will try and work something out on those. Thank you Anne, for getting the information.

We toasted our Queen Mother Jane (who was traveling around Rome and having a ball with those Italians) and all our other Ladies who were enjoying Key West, or who were under the weather and couldn't attend. Wendy Mahone, Evelyn Serrago, and Carol Boaman we hope you feel better. And also to Darlene Simkins who went back to work.

Our next luncheon is December 12, at the Olde World Restaurant, North Port. If you need a ride, please let me know and we will find you one

I'd like to thank everyone for helping me with these luncheons while our Queen Mother Jane was away. Jane will be at our next luncheon. YEA!!!!!! You all made it easier for me. Thank you for being patient and understanding while I was learning how to do the whole thing. I'd especially like to thank, Carol Vanderploeg, Darlene Simkins, Peg McCauley, Dolly O'Conner, Charlotte Traxel, Wendy Burnett-Mahone and Lynda Graves. I hope I didn't leave anyone out

Fondly,

*Judith McElwaine, VM aka Lady Orchid*