



*"The Sophisticated Ladies"*  
*The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove*  
*February 12, 2005 Newsletter*

Hello Ladies,

Yesterday, February 11th, 2005 was our 2nd Annual Tea. It was held at the Charlotte County Cultural Center, Aaron Street Port Charlotte. One hundred and two were in attendance. What a wonderful job Lynda Graves, our Duchess of Tea Parties, did. A lot of time, effort and work went into this event. Lynda Graves deserves a standing ovation. The tables were just beautiful. They were all unique...all very lovely. Great job Ladies.

This event may not happen again unless another Lady is willing to step up and take over the very important position that Lynda has been doing for the past 2 years. Applications being accepted now. It does take a long time to put it all together.

Jane Beckwith our Queen Mother spoke of how we all came together three years ago this month with only twenty of us. We've come a long ways from that first luncheon. We are now up to 86.....and holding?????? How big should we get??? Can't say no to anyone.

We are so lucky to live in such a nice community. We all come from all over the states away from our homes and family and friends. "The Sophisticated Ladies" want all our Ladies to feel they have a new "family" of "Sisters" to meet once a month, to chat, have lunch, and make new friends.

The fashion show was put on by Mary Jo Lee of the Classy Closet, Englewood. Eight of our Ladies were models, Lydia Kersetter, Renee Godbout, Yvonne Emilio, Michele Stahl, Pat Pank, Linda Spadaro, and Lil Ganun. They all looked great. Don't know how they found such great outfits...I could never find anything. But

they do have great figures so anything they wear would look great. Thank you Ladies.

There were many door prizes given out...too many to list them all. The 50/50 was held..by Char..5 winners of the cash, Lil Ganun won the Precious Moments Red Hat Doll, one of the winners of the orchids was Michele Stahl.

Birthday Ladies are: Linda Atkinson, Kathleen Beecher, Lydia Kersetter, Marge Miller, Verne Troutman, and yours truly. We enjoyed the cake, marble with choc Bavarian crème filling with buttercream icing trimmed in red and purple. We ate only half of the full sheet cake...weren't we being good...?? Happy Birthday Ladies.

Char Traxel our Princess of Monies also know as Mula Momma.....is collecting our \$5 dues for 2005. New members also need to pay \$1.50 to cover the cost of the name hat. If you didn't get one yet...please let me know.....

I'd like to thank Renee Godbout for the beautiful Posters she made for the entrances into the Cultural Center....great job Renee. Also thanks to Karen Price who took care of publicity and pictures....all the Ladies who took pictures....hope you will share them with us all. Also, watch for the Englewood Review, there may be some pictures there also.

New Members: Kathleen Beecher, Marge Miller, Lyn White, Elizabeth Demeo, Linda Spadaro. Welcome Ladies.

Sorry you didn't receive the January newsletter...my computer was down....a long boring story.....but I'm back.....

**January's luncheon** was held at PJ's Sea Grille, Boca Grande. Sixty-one were in attendance. The food was really good, just loved the menu; and they were able to accommodate all of us. We enjoyed ourselves once we settled and in our seats. We will plan to go back. Too bad it was a rainy day and we couldn't take advantage of all the shops. We do love to shop.

**Upcoming Events:** Feb 17th....1st Annual Convention of all the area Red Hat Societies, the "Sweetheart Do" to be held at the Englewood Elks, 401 N. Indiana Ave. 11:30 social, lunch 12:30. Lots of doorprizes in store, heard of some cash doorprizes. 540 are expected to attend. Sorry Ladies, too late to get tickets...sold out....23 of our Ladies will be attending. They are planning to do this an annual event. So next year sign up early.

**March 11th.....**Bus trip to Selby Botanical Gardens followed by lunch at Coasters on the Water. \$26 for bus and entrance to Selby with 2 hr guided tour Lunch \$14. to pay day of. The bus will pick us up at the Homeowners pavillion 8:30 am and return around 4:30. If you are interested please don't wait too long. There are 17 seats available. Cut off is Feb 28th. Call me, Judy, 697-9847 or email me [jerzgirlnfl@earthlink.net](mailto:jerzgirlnfl@earthlink.net). Also I will be at the SGC Homeowners meeting Wed with sign up sheet. Make a menu choice.

Menu Selections: **#1 Southbridge Salad:** fresh mixed greens, over roasted tomato vinaigrette, sour cream, onion-lime relish, presented in a flour tortilla shell with grilled chicken. **#2 Shrimp & Crab salad wrap:** diced tomatoes and mixed baby lettuce. **#3 Grilled Chicken Sandwich:** chargrilled breast with lettuce, tomato onion on a fresh kaiser bun.

All wraps and sandwiches served with fries and slaw. Price includes ice tea, soft drinks.

**April 8th:** Our Hostess of the Month of April, Barbara Holmes, planned a boat trip: Fisherman's Village King Fisher Fleet Cruise of the Harbor, with lunch at Burnt Store Marina. Departs promptly at 10 am, \$16.50. Lunch (extra) is pick off menu with separate checks. Sign up and pay no later than March 25.

Reservations need to be made. I will have the sign up sheet with me at the homeowners meeting. Barbara will be away so you can call or email me.

So....Ladies.....come on .....sign up to be a hostess of the month...we need one for May, June, July.....duties are: find a restaurant that can hold us and do separate checks and pick from the menu., do a sign up sheet, very easy. I will help you.

**April 25 is NATIOANL RED HAT DAY**....that means wear your Red Hats wherever you go. Dearborn Street has decided to open all the stores that day starting at 11am till ?? Groups of Red Hatters from all over the area are invited to join in the fun. Visit the many quaint shops, art galleries, and restaurants. Heard also there will be a parade. Gee...should we do a float??? :) So mark your calendar and be sure to join us. Will keep you updated and will remind you.

**February Birthdays:** Linda Atkinson 2/23, Kathleen Beecher 2/25, Lydia Kerstetter 2/21, Marge Miller 2/13, Verne Troutman 2/5 and yours truly. **February Anniversaries:** Fay & Bill Kolodziejki 2/12/49, Judy & Mike Post 2/12, Darlene & Mike Simkins 2/24, Gale & Jack Schemm 2/23

**March Birthdays:** Alice Burnell 3/19, Barbara Harmon 3/6, Jeri Lowe 3/30, Milly Lutman 3/13, and our Princess of Monies: Char Traxel. **March Anniversaries:** Pat & hubby Eberly 3/23, Lil & Steve GaNun 3/17, Cathy & Jeff Warren 3/26

Condolences go out to Penny Penland who lost both her parents within a few days of each other this month. We are thinking of you Penny. Ladies send Penny a card to let her know. Also Kathleen Beecher lost her dad in January....our sympathies to you Kathy.

Happy Valentines Day to all our Ladies...

Fondly,  
Jane Beckwith, Queen Mother  
Char Traxel, Princess of Monies, and yours truly, Judith McElwaine, VM aka Lady Orchid