



"The Sophisticated Ladies"
The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove
February 2006 Newsletter



Our **Third Annual Tea** and our **Fourth Anniversary** was celebrated Friday, February 10th, at the Boca Royale Country Club, Englewood. Helen Griffin was the Hostess of the Month. Margaret Chapman, who also was hostess, could not attend because of a family emergency and had to go up North. We wish her well.



Lynda Graves our Duchess of Tea Parties; jumped in and helped Helen put the whole event together. What a wonderful job they did!! The atmosphere at the Boca Royale was fitting for our Sophisticated Ladies Tea, we had plenty of room to maneuver around the room and the view was beautiful. There were eighty-two in attendance.



We enjoyed the scones with the Devonshire cream and strawberry jam, the tiny little sandwiches, (could of had more of those) and of course the tea. The staff was courteous and very helpful.

Queen Mother Jane introduced herself, Char Traxel, our princess of monies, Lynda Graves, myself, (Judith McElwaine, Vice Mother, aka Lady Orchid). Visiting Ladies and other Red Hat Societies stood up and introduced themselves. The visiting groups were, The Royal Red Hatters of Port Charlotte, The Blooming Buds of Port Charlotte, and a group from the Rotunda Ruby Red Slippers also joined us. Linda Spadaro said a prayer before we began our lunch.



Patty Hyland singer who has a country sound entertained us; she sang a few Patsy Cline songs, and a variety of others. She helped us have a nice time and livened up the room.

There were many door prizes; almost everyone (not me) went home with a prize. Some of the door prizes were red hat wine glasses painted by Francine Pomponie, Francine also had a table set up in the lobby to sell some of her other handmade red hat items.

The tables were adorned with decorated pie racks, red hat table confetti, and hand crocheted doilies made by Marie Gvozd. They were just adorable; they added the right touch to our tables. Thank you Marie. China teapots were brought in by our Ladies and set on the tables. Also on the tables were some of my Red Hat gingerbread and sugar cookies. Had a lot of fun making those. Lydia also added some red hat candies. The tables were decorated the night before by a few of us, Helen, Jane, Wanda Totten, Lynda Graves, myself. Yes, a lot of work and planning goes into the Tea that we have every year, too much for the same Lady every year, so we would like someone else to step forward and accept the challenge.

Char held the fifty-fifty. Winners were, Denise Andrews, who won the spectacular phalanopsis orchid, Carlene Leach won the hand made (by Lynda Graves) red hat pillow & blanket, the money was won by Joanne Olesen, Joanne Hielman and Maryann Burke. Congratulations Ladies.



We celebrated the February birthdays those attending were Kathy Beecher, Linda Atkinson, Lydia Kerstetter, Judith McElwaine, Marge Miller, and Carlene Leach. Check out those purple hats. For our birth month we switch our colors, purple hat with a red outfit. Other birthdays are Vern Troutman and Kathy Bowser. We enjoyed the beautiful red velvet cake, with cherry filling, cream cheese icing, decorated in red and purple made by Publix.

Upcoming Events:

Feb 23. Englewood Area Red Hat Convention, sold out. Sorry you missed it. 610 tickets were sold. For those who did sign up, please meet us at the Englewood Elks at 10:30 am. Someone from our society will be outside the door with your ticket. Looking forward to another great day. The entertainment this year is a group of kids that performed in the stage show "Swing" at the Lemon Bay High School. I saw that show and it was excellent!!! Those kids are very talented!! This is a day you will not want to miss.



March 10 Co-Hostess of the Month are **Linda Spadaro and Betty Demeo**. They have reserved the **River City Grille, Punta Gorda**. Cost \$12. per Lady includes menu choice, choice of coffee, ice tea or soda, tax and tip. Please have exact change. Menu choices are:
#1 Southern Caesar salad with grilled chicken
#2 Grilled Coldwater Salmon with lemon, caper-dill sauce
#3 Warmed Turkey & Havarti Croissant with Mango Mayo

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April Luncheon: Gulf View Grille, Englewood, Hostess of the month: **Our Queen Mother Jane**. This month's luncheon will be on the **FIRST Friday April 7**, because the second Friday falls on Good Friday.

April 25th "National Red Hat Day" with parade on Dearborn Street, Englewood. Will be traveling there by **Trolley** meeting at the pavillion \$12 per Lady. Only 36 can fit. So sign up early. Lunch will be separate at a restaurant to be decided.

February Birthdays: Linda Atkinson 2/23, Kathy Beecher 2/28, Kathy Bowser 2/2, Lydia Kerstetter 2/21, Judith McElwaine Vice Mother 2/23, Marge Miller 2/13, Vern Troutman 2/5, Carlene Leach 2/25

February Anniversaries: Louise & Jerry Covey 2/2, Fay & Bill Kolodziejy 2/12, Sonja & Bill Minoughan 2/6, Gale & Jack Schemm 2/23, Vern & Ronald Troutman 2/2, Judy & Mike Post 2/12

March Birthdays Alice Burnell 3/19, Barbara Harmon 3/06, Char Traxel 3/3, Jeri Lowe 3/30, Milly Lutman 3/13, Penny Penland 3/16.

March Anniversaries: Cathy & Jeff Warren 3/26, Lil & Steve GaNun 3/17.

Thanks again to everyone who helped out with our tea.

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

