



*"The Sophisticated Ladies"*  
*The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove*  
*March, 2007 Newsletter*

Hello Ladies,

The March 9, 2007 luncheon was co-hostessed by **Milly Lutman** and **Regina Brown**



They chose the Navigator for lunch and a boat ride around the Peace River. There were about 34 of us in attendance. It was such a nice day that we used the outside tables. It was a relaxed, casual day, no formalities.



Jane Beckwith and Yvonne Ermirio held the fifty-fifty. The winners were: Fran Massimino won the orchid; money was won by Lynn Fortier; and four wine glasses painted and donated by Pat Hawley's granddaughter were won by Sandy Buchan, Judy Rossi, Joanne Olesen, and Linda Atkinson. Congratulations ladies. Pat said that Jane and I could also choose a wineglass for ourselves. Thank you so much Pat. The wine glasses were great. Your granddaughter is quite talented!

After our lunch and the 50/50 we boarded the boat for our ride. The captain showed us several points of interest. The boat ride around the river was educational and informative. We were able to take a lot of nice nature pictures. We saw a few alligators, one that was quite big. I think he was the biggest one I've seen around here since living in Florida, wouldn't want him in our back yard. The boat tour took about 2 hours. It was a great day ladies, thank you Milly and Regina.

When we arrived back on land, there was no time left to celebrate the March birthdays as a lot of the ladies were tired after a long day and had already

left. It was decided to celebrate the March birthdays at the April luncheon. The birthday ladies present were Alice Burnell and Milly Lutman. Those also celebrating March birthdays are: Barbara Harmon 3/6, Jeri Lowe 3/30, Sharon Marvel 3/13, Penny Penland 3/16, and our Princess of Monies, Char Traxel 3/3. Happy Birthday ladies. Come to the April luncheon and celebrate with the April ladies. Your cake is in my freezer. What a temptation!!

**Upcoming Events:**

**Friday, April 13, 2007** Co-hostesses Judy Rossi and Sandy Buchan - Lake View Sports Bistro 5605 S. McCall Road RT 776. Menu Choices \$ 12.00 each (includes beverage, tax, and gratuity) Payment prior to the luncheon or at the door (at the door, exact change please:

1. Jimmie the Greek Salad – Feta cheese, tomatoes, cucumbers, red onion, olives topped with grilled chicken.
2. The 49'ers Wrap – A wrap with grilled chicken, lettuce and tomato.
3. Jaguars – Reuben w/sauerkraut & swiss cheese on rye w/1000 island dressing.
4. Eagles – Philly cheese steak w grilled onions and peppers.
5. Dolphins – a: Grilled or b: fried codfish sandwich w/tartar sauce.

All sandwiches served with fries Call **Judy Rossi** 697-5310 or **Sandy Buchan** 697-8069



**April 25:** “National Red Hat Day” Parade on Dearborn Street, Englewood. I have secured the Trolley as last year. \$15 per lady for round-trip 10 am from our SGC homeowners pavilion, parade, lunch at the Dearborn Café, (separate checks for lunch), pick off menu, shop, return at 2 pm. Pay me ASAP. Please make checks payable to “SGC Red Hatters”. We had a great time last year. Limited seating for the trolley so please sign up early.

**May 11:** Nicholas Rt 776, Alice Burnell hostess. Watch for more info.

**March Anniversaries:** Lil & Steve GaNun 3/17; Catherine & Jeff Warren 3/26

**April Birthdays:** Becky Borci 4/2, Yvonne Ermirio 4/11, Pam Dockum 4/22, Kay Giehl 4/18, Renee Godbout 4/13, Judy Post 4/7, Judy Rossi 4/7, Catherine Warren 4/7, Lynn Fortier 4/28. If I forgot your birthday please let me know.

**April Anniversaries:** Denise & Paul Andrews 4/24, Joanne & Paul Olesen 4/16, Elaine & Ed Surette 4/19.

Ladies, why not plan where you would like to have your luncheon in your birth month. Get together with other ladies in your birth month and make a plan.



National Society Vice Mother, Linda Murphy

**“Puttin On The Glitz”**, our annual Englewood Area Red Hat Convention was again held at the Englewood Elks. Thirty-two of our Sophisticated Ladies attended. We had good seats, a lot better than last year. The food service was extremely slow,

and food cold/warm at best. The highlight of the day was the visit of our National Society Vice Mother, Linda Murphy. She told us the history of the Red Hat Society, how it began and how far it has come. Linda made her way around each table to say hello and to chat a little. She noticed some of us at our table wearing the purple hats to signify our birthday month.



Pictured above with Linda is Karen Price, VM, Jane Beckwith, our Founding Queen Mum, and yours truly.

There were a lot of door prizes to be won; a couple of our ladies did win, but not me. What an exciting day. There were about 650 Red Hat Ladies present in one room, “A sea of red hats”.

The program was a huge disappointment. A few of our realtor ladies paid to have their ad in it. It was not printed as agreed and did not do their ads justice. A huge apology is due to these ladies, Judy Post, Veronica Anderson, and Deborah Miller. I myself am totally embarrassed by the whole thing. It put a damper on the day. I’m not sure what caused the problem; lack of communication or inexperience, no one on the committee has contacted me about this matter.

**Our Princess of Monies would like to remind everyone it is that time of year to pay our dues, \$5 per lady per year. Please take care of that Ladies.**

Sonja Minoughan is recovering from surgery on her feet. Feel better soon Sonja.

I’d like to thank my secret pal for remembering me on my birthday, Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s Day. You are too generous. Don’t forget your secret

pals ladies. Also, if you would like to thank your secret pal in this newsletter, let me know by the Tuesday after our luncheons.

Hope all our Irish ladies had a great St. Patrick's Day, I sure did. It was one of the best. Eighty-eight showed and 95 lbs. of corned-beef was served with only 2 lbs. leftover. We enjoyed the Bailey's Irish Crème. What a great day.

Fondly,



**Judith McElwaine, Queen Mother**