



"The Sophisticated Ladies"
The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove
December 10, 2004 Newsletter

Hello Ladies,

The December luncheon was held at The River City Grille, Punta Gorda. Forty-six were in attendance. What a sea of red hats it was. Once we got seated, it was ok, but that is a hard thing for us to do...we do love to socialize and chit chat. We are lucky to have such a nice group of Ladies in our society....don't you think so?

Our Queen Mother Jane introduced herself, Char Traxel, Princess of Monies, Ellie our new **sergeant in arms** in charge of Secret Pals, (we do need one) and yours truly.

We toasted for the holiday and each other.

Visitors and new members stood up and introduced themselves. Our newest Sophisticated Ladies are, Marge Miller (yea!), Kathy Beecher, Lynn White and Jean Karelles. Welcome Ladies.

Jane talked about the boat parade, that we took **3rd place as "best original"...**thanked Barbara and Ed Holmes for the use of their boat and riding us around all night..and for the great party afterwards. The Ladies that helped with decorating of the boat are: Carol Vanderploeg, Carol Boaman, Pat Pank, Shirley Sudholt, Wanda Totten, Jane and yours truly.

Ellie Vollmer our new "Sergeant of Arms" in charge of Secret Pals talked about how it's being done this time around...that there will be no screw-ups.... Good Luck Ellie and thanks for offering to do it. Remember if you received a secret pal....please remember her on birthdays, anniversaries and of course Christmas or Hanukah. It was so sad that some didn't receive a gift on Friday. Not that any of us really need

anything, but just to be remembered by our society sisters.

Lynda Graves, our Duchess of Tea Parties, was not in attendance...trying to get over Bronchitis. Feel better Lynda, we miss you. Lynda did send info on our **2nd Annual Tea Party** for February 11, 2005 to be held at the Charlotte Cultural Center, Port Charlotte. Tickets will be \$15. Fashion Show by the Classy Closet. Lynda is asking for:

1. **Linens and china place settings for 8 per table, sign up for your table along with who will sit at your table. There will be 15 tables.**
2. **8 models for the fashion show.**
3. **Publicity chairperson...to get the info out to the public.**
4. **Tickets....I have already volunteered for that..making them up.**
5. **Items for one table:**
 - **1 King size sheet, solid color or white.**
 - **1 linen cloth topper (large 70" round or 2 rectangular),**
 - **8 linen napkins,**
 - **8 china place settings (luncheon plate, cup and saucer)**
 - **8 water goblets or glasses,**
 - **1 tea pot for decoration with or without flowers,**
 - **1 plate rack decorated**
 - **1 tray or basket for scones with napkins for liner, 1 small dish for "devonshire cream",**
 - **1 small dish for marmalade, sugar and creamer,**
 - **Safety pins to pin up the undercloth or nylon netting,**
 - **Place cards.**

Call Lynda Graves and reserve your table and to volunteer to help. 698-1664

Char held the 50/50.... winners are: Joanne Olesen, Char Traxel, Sandy Buchan and Wendy Burnett. Winners for the orchids are: Denise Andrews and Lynn White. A special drawing was held for all those (losers) who have not won an orchid since we started giving them away....Lynda Graves won....maybe that helped cheer her up, she really wanted to join us. Congrats Ladies.

We sang Happy Birthday to: Margaret Chapman, Wanda Totten, and Nov Ladies Sandy Buchan and Karen Price. We polished off 2 cakes, wow!

December birthdays: Margaret Chapman 12/22, Luciana Dutcher 12/18, Dar Rudick 12/31, Wanda Totten 12/4

December Anniversaries: Veronica & Don Anderson 12/16, Becky & Joe Borci 12/29, Kay & Paul Giehl 12/10, Lydia & hubby Kerstetter 12/31, Jeri & Calvin Lowe 12/15, Judith & Donald McElwaine 12/1, Sharon & Jack Paine 12/18

January Birthdays: Judy Taylor 1/1, Pat Eberly 1/8, Diann Crossman 1/12, Ellie Vollmer 1/22, Pat Hawley 1/29

January Anniversaries: Wendy & Bob Mahone 1/29, Barbara & Ed Holmes 1/25.

Feb. Birthdays: Verne Troutman 2/5, Lydia Kerstetter 2/21, Linda Atkinson 2/23 Judith McElwaine, VM 2/23

Feb. Anniversaries: Judy & Mike Post 2/12, Kay & Bill Kolodziejski 2/12/49, Vern & Ronald Troutman 2/14, Gale & Jack Schemm 2/23, Darlene & Mike Simkins 2/24

Don't forget to sign up for "Hostess of the Month"...at our January luncheon.

Upcoming Luncheons:

Jan 14 Sea Grille Boca Grande 321 Park Ave
Feb 11 Our 2nd Annual Tea Party and 3rd Anniversary

Feb 17 Englewood Area Convention Englewood Elks \$12. Per person, menu TBD sign up quickly as seats will go fast.

March 11 Selby Botanical Gardens..bus trip....

Carol Boaman's Son Tim is now serving in Iraq....keep him in your prayers.....

Tina Auchmulty...has moved to Alabama....we will miss her....hope she joins our luncheons when she is in the area.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, healthy New Year.

Sorry this is so long.....but we are busy Ladies.....lots going on.

Fondly,

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