



"The Sophisticated Ladies"
The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove
December 2005 Newsletter

Hello Ladies,

The December luncheon was held at Carrabbas, Port Charlotte. Fifty-six were in attendance. What a wonderful time we had. The whole restaurant was ours. We had plenty of room to move around without worrying about disturbing other patrons. The food was delicious, served hot and promptly. We enjoyed the drink specials also. The most important event that happened...we used our new pa system, and everyone could hear exactly what was going on. Thank you all who donated to the cause.

The most importantly we welcomed back our Queen Mother Jane Beckwith.



Jane says: "A BIG thank you to everyone who gave me a gift at the Red Hat luncheon. All those who signed their tags with *"From Santa or Your Secret Pal."* Everyone did too much.

Was not expecting anything. Thank you once again. You are all so generous."

"We had such a good time at Carrabba's. Hope to be back there again next year. They were so accommodating & the food was so good. Nice to have the place to ourselves"

Linda Spadaro spoke: "I want to say a special Thank you for last years Tea and fashion show!! My mom had such a wonderful time and those memories will be cherished and I have pictures to

always remember!!! My mom died in her sleep August 16th and we were so shocked!!! My mom had almost died 21/2 years ago!!! So my 2 sisters and I feel that God had given her 2 wonderful years and I was blessed to have her in Florida both winters!!! She so loved the Red Hats and everyone made her feel welcome!!! God bless you and thank you for everything!! I will always remember our shopping for clothes for the fashion show!!! Thanks to you we had so much fun!!!" I hope everyone will feel free to bring their mom's to our luncheon; we welcome them. You are so lucky to still have them.

Wendy Burnett and Gale Schemm collected the money at the door. Char Traxel and Ruth Brosmer took care of the 50/50. Janet Messer and Kathy Beecher won orchids. Barbara Holmes, Pat Hawley, Linda Atkinson, and Gale Schemm won money. Judy Rossi won the gift certificate to the Purple Palace. Mary Bayless won and orchid also, as we had a drawing for those who did not win an orchid all year. Congratulations Ladies.

I thanked all the Hostesses who pitched in and helped with a luncheon this past year. Each luncheon was a little different and very enjoyable. The Hostesses were: Barbara Holmes, Carol Vanderploeg, Wanda Totten, Mary Bayless, Joanne Olesen, Gale Schemm, Wendy Burnett, and Marla Young. I also would like to make a special thank you to Char, our Princess of Monies, who has been handling our money from the beginning. It is such a relief. She is doing an excellent job.

Margaret Chapman, hostess for the month of January, spoke.

January 13th luncheon

T. J. Carney's Pub & Grille
231 West Venice Ave. Venice

Choices of luncheon:

#1- Black & Bleu Salad: Blackened tuna, Bleu cheese, Hard boiled egg, Tomatoes, Cucumber w fresh greens. \$8.99

#2- Irish Reuben: Corn beef, Sauerkraut, Russian dressing, Swiss cheese. \$8.99

#3- Crab & Asparagus Croissant: w cream sauce, on open-faced croissant \$9.99

#4- Shrimp & Crab Wrap: With Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, in Sun dried tomato tortilla. \$8.99

#5- Grilled Chicken Bacon & Cheese: On toasted Bun. \$9.99

Call Helen Griffin /698-1633 or Margaret/698-9950 to sign up with their menu choice, or email Helen at: sidson@ewol.com.

Third Annual Tea Party

Friday, February 10th, 2006
Boca Royale Country Club

Hostesses for the tea, Margaret Chapman, Helen Griffin and Helen Latacky
\$20.00 per person

By a show of hands, we will not be decorating the individual tables this year. Instead we are requesting that everyone bring their own teacup and saucer.

The menu will consist of scones with Devon shire cream, tea sandwiches (egg, ham, crab, and cucumber with cream cheese), with a side of green salad, birthday cake, tea, etc.

Ticket sales and table reservations will be available at the January luncheon. For reservations call **Helen Griffin at 698-1633** or email her at sidson@ewol.com

the table setups are a little different this year. We will be having different size tables, square tables of 4, and a limited number of round tables of 6 and 8.
Sign up early to have the table of your choice.

Ellie Vollmer, Duchess of Secret Pal, I already have the envelopes made up for your secret pal. If anyone decides not to be a secret pal, please call me before the envelopes are delivered. The Secret Pal whose birthday or Anniversary are in January, I will make sure you receive or Secret Pal. For the rest, I will have them at the next meeting. Please feel free to let me know your feelings on the subject. My phone number is 697-1374

Dolly O'Conner held the ornament exchange. What fun that was. Thank you Dolly for such a great idea.

Two new Ladies, who would like to join our Society, introduced themselves. They are Millie Murgia and Rosemary Rizzo. Looking forward to you joining us.

We celebrated the November and December Birthdays. Those in attendance were Wanda Totten, Margaret Chapman, Karen Price, and Lorraine Seiler. Other birthdays are: Sandy Buchan.

We enjoyed the red velvet cake with Bavarian choc filling, with white butter cream frosting decorated with beautiful red poinsettia, baked by Publix. Delicious!!! Happy Birthday Ladies.

January Birthdays: Diann Crossman 1/18, Pat Hawley 1/29, Judy Taylor 1/1, Ellie Vollmer 1/22, Lyn White 1/31

January Anniversaries: Barbara & Ed Holmes 1/22, Lyn & hubby White 1/02, Wendy Burnett & Bob Mahone 1/29

If I have left anyone out, please forgive. Maybe I don't have your information, you can send it to me via email.

On behalf of Jane and myself we wish all of our Sophisticated Ladies and their families and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and a Happy Healthy Safe New Year.

Fondly,

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