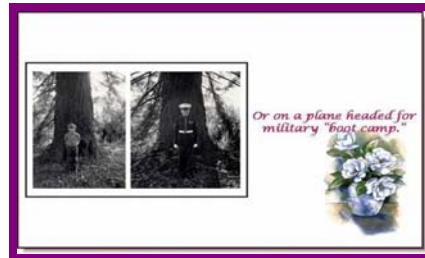
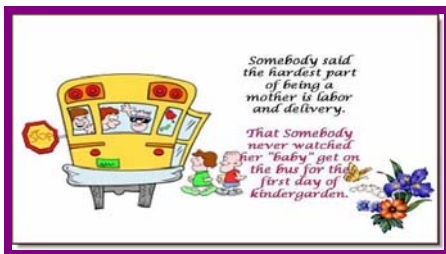




"The Sophisticated Ladies"
The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove
May 2008 Newsletter
By Judith McElwaine, QM

Hello Ladies,

Our May 2008 luncheon was held at Nicola's; Alice Burnell was our hostess of the month. Thirty-five ladies attended. We honored "Mothers". Several ladies got up and recited little sayings about "Being a Mother". These are a couple.



Kathleen Beecher read us a poem "Celebrating Moms". It was a very emotional for some of us who have lost our moms; Kathy lost her mom just this past December. Some had difficulty listening because the waitress was busy taking orders at the same time. Next time we will plan it a little better. Kathleen did a great job under the circumstances.

Thank you Kathleen.

Judy Post's mom Helen and Aunt Mary attended. They love to come to our luncheons, and we love having them there. They are as cute as can be, and add a lot to our great day. My daughter, Judy, came down from Jersey to spend the weekend, and agreed to come to our luncheon. So I quickly searched around looking for a pink hat and boa; I wanted her to look the part of under 50. I had no idea she would wear the hat, let alone

the boa; I didn't tell her until she arrived. She went along with the whole deal, even said if I would have let her know she would have had a lavender outfit. Live and learn!! Of course I made a fuss over her. That's what mothers do. Imagine if I had grandchildren!!



The mothers were presented with orchid corsages. Karen Price's mom Marilyn was not present for the day as she was not feeling well, we did send home her orchid. Feel better Marilyn.

We enjoyed our lunch, the meals were pretty good. The service was pretty good considering there was only one waitress taking the orders, serving the meals and handling all our requests. They really needed two waitresses to take care us.

The 50/50 was held by Judy Van Landegend and Linda Atkinson. Winner of the beautiful phalanopsis orchid was Judy Post; money was won by Judy Rossi, Judy Van Landegend and Sonja Minoughan. Dorli Hauserman won two tickets to Selby Gardens Sarasota. Seems like the "Judys" are at it again, winning. Two months in a row. Congrats ladies.

We celebrated the May birthdays. Those present were Regina Brown 5/18, Judy Snyder 5/6 and Carol McGuire. Not present was Elaine Surette 5/17. Happy Birthday Ladies.



Karen talked about our upcoming events:

June 13th: Englewood Beach Day. Come early, relax on the beach. Lunch will be at 11:30 under the pavillion. Bring your

own lunch and drinks. \$2 each will be collected to cover the cost to rent the space.

June 19th – 23rd: International Convention Orlando: I will there to represent our society. Unfortunately Karen cannot attend. If anyone would like to take her place, please let me know. A room is reserved at the Gaylord Hotel. We have a bus to take us there.



July 11th Riverwood: Co-hostesses are Irma Whitmer 697-1772

shadmax1@yahoo.com and Wanda Totten 698-0579

ptott0428@ewol.com. Call or email them to sign up.

Oct 17th: “Big Purple Undies”



A comedy show all the way from the “down under”, to the Englewood Elks. \$35 includes lunch and the show. Sign up now, space limited. Menu choice: # 1 Baked grouper or # 2 chicken cordon bleu; includes mashed potatoes, veggie, salad, coffee, tea. Call or email me, Judith, to sign up with your menu choice. 697-9847 jerzgirlnfl@embarqmail.com ASAP!!! I can still get you a seat, but you may not sit with those already signed up. Oct. 17th is the definite date. This event will be our monthly luncheon.

I was thinking about having our September luncheon at the “Pig & Whistle”. That’s the new restaurant that opened on 771. A few of us have been there and enjoyed it. The food is good and the service is too. I’m looking for someone who would like to take this on. September birthday ladies, this is your chance. Let us know.

National Red Hat Day was celebrated on Dearborn. The Red Hat Society is now 10 years old. My, how time does fly when you are having fun. We finally made the newspaper. I hope everyone saw our picture. I will attach a copy so you can see. We had a great time. Our chauffer, Randy, helped make it a day of fun. He used his speakers to blast “Ladies Night” and “Celebration” as we rolled down the street. We were last in the line-up, but the best is always saved for last. I think we had the most fun of everyone.

We had lunch at the Village Diner. The food was excellent. The drink special was a lot better than last year. We got to enjoy lunch in the shade of the big tree. We had time to browse the

shops. We did win “honorable mention”. There were some great costumes and floats participating. Thank you to all who helped decorate the trolley for the day. Great job!! It would be nice if more of us can participate next year.

May Anniversaries: Denise & Paul Andrews 5/24; Diann & William 5/16; Yvonne & Tony Ermirio 5/16; Carlene & Ken Leach 5/5; Kathy & Sal Massulli 5/28; Michele & Jack Stahl 5/4; Irma & Bob Whitmer 5/7

June Birthdays: Denise Andrews 6/1; Helen Griffin 6/21; Barbara Holmes 6/25; Jeanne Karellias 6/7; Janet Messer 6/16; Ruth Oberlin 6/29; Sharon Paine 6/16; Hebe Scholl 6/4; Dolly Scolase 6/13; Linda Spadaro 6/23; Judy VanLandegend 6/15; Kathy VonVreckin 6/23;

June Anniversaries: Ruth & Clarence Brosmer 6/16; Pam & John Dockum 6/3; Jeanne & Gus Karellas 6/9; Nancy & Charles Kueck 6/1; Milly & Richard Murgia 6/2; Ruth & Larry Oberlin 6/26;

Secret Pals
Ladies, don't forget your secret pals. Alice Burnell would like to thank her secret pal for being so generous and for remembering her. Judy Post also would like to extend her gratitude to her secret pal. My secret pal is really too generous. Thank you so much, whoever you are.



Fondly,
Judith McElwaine, QM