



*The Sophisticated Ladies”*  
*The Red Hat Society of Society of South Gulf Cove*  
*November 2008 Newsletter*

Hello Ladies,

The November 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon was held at the Coconut Grove, Dearborn St., Englewood. There were thirty-four ladies in attendance. The service was a little slow getting started, but picked up as the day went on. The food was good and plentiful; they served very large portions. They were “Donny size”. A lot of us took some home.



Co-hostesses were Barbara Holmes and Dorli Hauserman. They did a great job. Thank you both.

Seems lately the cost of our luncheons are going higher each month. We will try and keep it down in the future. We want everyone to come out and not have to fret about the cost.

Guests for the day were

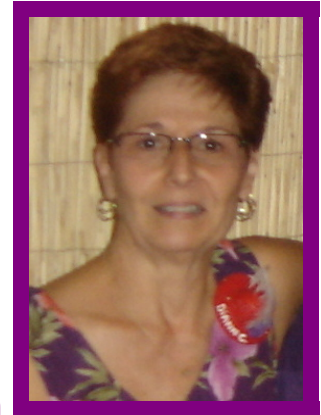


Joyce Fox, guest of Barbara Holmes



Shirley guest of Elisabeth

We celebrated November birthdays, those present were Sandy Buchan and our Vice Mother Karen Price. Fran Silvius, who could not attend is also a November birthday lady. We enjoyed carrot cake with cream-cheese frosting baked by Publix. Happy Birthday Ladies!



Diann Crossman read to us AAADD, (at the end of this newsletter). It had been going around the internet, I thought it was funny and reminded me of myself. I'm sure a few of us can relate.



The raffle was held by Ruth Brosmer in Char Traxel's absence. Winner of the absolutely beautiful catleya orchid was guest of Elisabeth Patterson, Shirley. The cash was won by: Joyce Fox, Karen Ireland and Marge Miller. Congrats ladies.

**December 13<sup>th</sup> is the Annual SGC Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade.** Joyce & Keith Fox have offered the use of their boat. Keith will be the captain. We have lights. All we need is a committee to put it together. So please step up and volunteer. If no one volunteers we may not be able to participate. Hate to do that as it is sooo much fun. Please, if you are interested, call me or Karen ASAP.

*Secret  
Pals*

Ellie Vollmer, Duchess of Secret Pals, talked to us about signing up for the New Year to be a secret pal. If you want to do that you can email [camelot1@embarqmail.com](mailto:camelot1@embarqmail.com) or call 697-1374 Ellie and let her know. Also, don't forget to bring your secret pal a gift for Christmas/Hanukah, to our December luncheon. Alice Burnell would like to thank her secret pal for remembering her. Don't forget your secret pals, Ladies. Everyone likes to be remembered.



Dolly Scolase talked about the ornament exchange for our December luncheon. Please bring an ornament if you want to receive one. I already have mine, do you?

Our December **19<sup>th</sup>** luncheon will be held at Carrabba's,



RT 41 Port Charlotte. Cost per lady **\$16** pay day of at the door, exact change please.

Menu choices:

- #1 **Insalata Carrabba Caesar**, caesar salad topped with grilled chicken and parmesan cheese
- #2 **Lasagne** A house favorite, just like mama used to make
- #3 **Pasta Carrabba**, Penne pasta alfredo tossed with grilled chicken, sauteed mushroom and peas
- #4 **Chicken Marsala** Grilled chicken breast topped with mushrooms, prosciutto and their Lombardo Marsala wine sauce

There will be a \$5 Cosmo drink special. Coffee and Ice tea, tax, birthday cake, tip is included.

To sign up, with menu choices, call 697-9847 or email [jerzgirlnfl@embarqmail.com](mailto:jerzgirlnfl@embarqmail.com) me, your queen mother, Judith. **Cut off is Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. This is our Christmas/Hanukah luncheon. You can wear red instead of purple for the day if you like.**

**We need hostesses for our Jan, March, April luncheons.**

**December Birthdays:** Anna Marie Dratch 12/9, Lorraine Seiler 12/22; Wanda Totten 12/04; **December Anniversaries:** Veronica & Donald Anderson 12/16; Becky & Joe Borci 12/29; Kay & Paul Giehl 12/10; Lydia & Jack Kerstetter 12/31; Jeri & Calvin Lowe 12/05; Judith & Don McElwaine 12/01; Sharon & Jack Paine 12/18;



**Have a Happy Thanksgiving. Remember, eat dessert first.**

**Fondly,  
Judith McElwaine, QM aka Lady Orchid**

A.A.A.D.D.

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better, even though I have it!!

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden.

As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The Coke is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water.

I put the Coke on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor.

So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

- the car isn't washed
- the bills aren't paid
- there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter
- the flowers don't have enough water,
- there is still only 1 check in my check book,
- I can't find the remote,
- I can't find my glasses,
- and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail....

Do me a favor. Forward this message to everyone you know, because I don't remember who the hell I've sent it to.

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!!