



"The Sophisticated Ladies"
The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove
December 2008 Newsletter



Ladies,

Our luncheon for the December 19th luncheon was held at one of our favorite restaurants, Carrabba's. Forty-three were in attendance. The ladies were allowed to sit where they desired for the day as we were celebrating Christmas/Hanukah. We wore a lot of red for the day. After the 31st, it's back to our dress code.

The food was good, served hot; the service is always the best. We enjoyed the Cosmo drink special, some more than others.



Founding Queen Mum Jane was back from the cold north and helped collect money at the door along with Judy Snyder. Their work was really appreciated. Thank you ladies!! It was nice to see Jane back again.

Visitors were introduced, Pat Fisher, friend of Carol McGuire; Monika Barria, guest of Kathy Massulli; Carol Zrioka, guest of Marcela Stabile. Marge Miller brought her daughter Diane. Of course our special Moms were here too, Marilyn McSwaine, Karen Price's mom; Judy Post's mom Helen, and Aunt Anna. It's nice when the moms visit, and daughters

too. They are always welcome.

There are many ladies who help to make our society a great one. The ladies who volunteered to hostess during the 2008 year were acknowledged for their time and work.

- January: Eileen Surett, Pink Elephant
- February: Marla Young & Karen Ireland, Palmetto Grille
- March: Alice Burnell, Visani's
- April: Judy Post, Carrabba's
- May: Alice Burnell, Nicola's
- June: Karen & myself, Englewood Beach Day
- July: Irma Whitmere & Wanda Totten, Riverwood Grille
- Sept: Marge Miller & Sharon Marvel, Pig & Whistle
- Oct: Big Purple Undies
- Nov: Barbara Holmes and Dorli Hauserman, Coconut Grove

We also acknowledged Ellie Vollmer, Duchess of Secret Pals. She takes care of our Secret Pals. Today we revealed who our secret pal was for the year and received new ones for 2009. It is nice to be remembered on birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you Ellie!!

Our Countess of Hats, Mary Bayless, she takes care of our name hats; she makes them for new members; she brings them to our luncheons and puts them out for us to find; she collects them at the end of each luncheon; she makes repairs to them as needed.

Char Traxell, Princess of Monies, she takes care of all the money and doing the raffle for us, Joanne Olesen takes care of our mascot, Lady Anne.



Dolly Scolase handles the ornament exchange every year. It is so much fun, we really enjoy that. Dolly always has good ideas to help us have a nice time. Love the Santa ornament that I received. Actually, I love the box it was in.

Last but not least, Pam Curtis, our Cyber Diva, she has created a web page for us. It has all our information on, birthdays, anniversaries, pictures, upcoming events, and now she is working on a directory page. Each lady will have her own. So check it out ladies. Let us know what you think. Just go to www.southgulfcove.org click



on the link, Sophisticated Ladies and browse around. Pam has done a great job. Thank you Pam!

We celebrated the December birthdays, Anna Marie Dratch 12/9, Lorraine Seiler 12/22; Wanda Totten 12/04. We enjoyed a red-velvet cake baked by Publix. Happy Birthday Ladies!!

Char held the raffle; the winners were: Joanne Olesen won the beautiful red catleya orchid; Judy Post and her mom Helen won money. Congrats ladies.



Upcoming Events:

January 9th: EJ's Frosted Mug, El Jobean. \$12 per lady included menu choice, ice tea, soft drink, tax, and tip.

Choices are: # 1 Chicken Pot Pie # 2 Stuffed Cabbage # 3 Turkey Club # 4 Hamburger/Cheeseburger # 5 Cobb Salad # 6 Potato/Cheese Pierogi



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January 29th: Arabian Knights Orlando. This is for Queens and Vice Queens only. Jane, Karen and I will give you girls a full report. I know there will be a contest for the most "flamboyant" hat. We are going by bus with other Queens from the area.

February 12th: Our 7th Anniversary. Watch for more details.

February 19th: Englewood Area Red Hat Society Annual Convention. "Back to the 50's" is the theme. Mike "Elvis the King" is the scheduled entertainment. We can dress in the 50's style if we like. Sign up and payment \$18 per lady payable at sign up. Menu choices: 3 World Salad or Baked Chicken.

March 13th: Kathy VonVreckin is planning something spectacular.

April 10th falls on Good Friday. Not sure if we will keep this date. Dolly Scolase and Joanne Olesen are our co-hostesses.

May 8th: We need a hostess.

June 12th: Irma and Wanda are working on great day.

2008 is ending and we are about to start another year. Seems the days go so fast here in Florida. At least the daylight hours will be getting longer again and spring will be here, although we have been lucky with the beautiful weather lately. That is why we live in Florida. It still amazes me that in December you can enjoy your pool and have all the doors open.

We've had a wonderful year thanks to all the help of our Sophisticated Ladies. I know some of us cannot make all the luncheons. We have such busy schedules and are involved with other groups and committees. We have no rules, just come to our luncheons when you can. When you do come out, try and sit next to someone new or someone you really don't know too well. You would be surprised how much you have in common. When there is someone new, introduce your self and help her feel welcomed. Remember we were all "new" at one time.



I hope you all had a great Christmas or Hanukah. May you have a Happy, Healthy New Year and may the Spirit of Christmas be with you throughout the year.

Fondly,
Judith McElwaine, QM