



*The Sophisticated Ladies*  
*The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove*  
*January 2009 Newsletter*  
*By Queen Mother Judith*

Hello Ladies,

Our January 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon was held at EJ's Frosted Mug in EL Jobean. Thirty-eight ladies attended.



Jane Beckwith (Left), our Founding Queen Mum and Judith Snyder (Right) were our co-hostesses.



The food was good, but some of us received our food after most were finished; it felt like being on a desert waiting for our drinks. The two waitresses that took care of us had their hands full. We could have used two more.



The noise level in the restaurant was un-believable, not sure if it is the acoustics, or we just have so much to talk about that we just can't keep quiet. Karen was a little frustrated trying to talk about our upcoming events that she waited till we had food in front of us. Well, it worked. Everyone was busy eating and drinking that the room became quiet. Good idea Karen. In the future Ladies, try and be courteous to the speaker and listen.

A poem, "What Every Woman Should Know", was read (see below). It is very thought-provoking.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...**

enough money within her control to move out and rent a place of her own even if she never wants to or needs to.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE....**

something perfect to wear if the employer or date of her dreams wants to see her in an hour.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...**

a youth she's content to leave behind.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...**

a past juicy enough that she's looking forward to retelling it in her old age.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...**

a set of screwdrivers, a cordless drill, and a black lace bra.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...**

one friend who always makes her laugh... and one who lets her cry.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...**

a good piece of furniture not previously owned by anyone else in her family.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...**

eight matching plates, wine glasses with stems, and a recipe for a meal that will make her guests feel honored.

**A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE...**

a feeling of control over her destiny.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

how to fall in love without losing herself.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

HOW TO QUIT A JOB, BREAK UP WITH A LOVER, AND CONFRONT A FRIEND WITHOUT RUINING THE FRIENDSHIP.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

when to try harder... and WHEN TO WALK AWAY.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

that she can't change the length of her calves, the width of her hips, or the nature of her parents.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

that her childhood may not have been perfect...but its over.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

what she would and wouldn't do for love or more.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

how to live alone... even if she doesn't like it.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

whom she can trust, whom she can't, and why she shouldn't take it personally.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

where to go, be it to her best friend's kitchen table or a charming inn in the woods when her soul needs soothing.

**EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...**

what she can and can't accomplish in a day, a month and a year. (Maya Angelou)

**New Members to our society. We have three: Gwen Grace, Joyce Fox, and Carol Zrioka ((Left to Right). Welcome Ladies.**





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## Upcoming Events

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - Seventh Anniversary/Birthday of

*The Sophisticated Ladies.*

We are celebrating with an “*Afternoon Tea*” to be held at the Riverwood Golf Café Thursday 2:30. \$13 per Lady pay the day of, separate checks. Of course there will be a Cosmo drink special. We need pie/plate racks. If you have one that you would let us use for the day, please let us know. You can drop it by my place. I want to decorate them in our red and purple colors. If you want to decorate them, that would be nice. Please have a label with your name on them.



Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - 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 ASAP. Menu choices: 3 World Salad or Baked Chicken. Call or Email our Vice Mother Karen Price 697-8000 [craftyksp@ewol.com](mailto:craftyksp@ewol.com)

March 13<sup>th</sup> - Hostess, Kathy VonVreckin. Kathy has chosen the Lakeview Restaurant, across from Publix, for our luncheon. More details will be available at our Feb Tea.

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Dolly Scolase and Joanne Olesen are our co-hostesses. Watch for details.

April 23<sup>rd</sup> - “National Red Hat Day” celebrating on Dearborn Street. Again we will ride to Englewood in the Trolley.

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Irma Whitmere and Wanda Totten have decided to co-hostess this month to “Honor Mothers”.

June 12<sup>th</sup> - We will do a beach day.

LADIES OF ELEGANCE  
is proudly sponsoring a RED HAT CRUISE!  
Carnival Cruise Ship the Inspiration  
will depart from Tampa, Florida on Saturday, November 7th,  
2009 and return to Tampa on Thursday, November 12th, 2009  
schedule is:  
Date Port Arrive Depart  
Saturday 11/7 Tampa, Fl 4:00 pm  
Sunday 11/8 Red Hat Fun at Sea  
Monday 11/9 Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands 8:00am 3:00pm  
Tuesday 11/10 Cozumel, Mexico 11:00am 8:00pm  
Wednesday 11/11 Red Hat Fun at Sea  
Thursday 11/12 Tampa, Fl 8:00am  
Inside Cabin \$383.65  
Outside Cabin \$433.65  
Cost is per person based on double occupancy.  
Red Hat Perks include:  
A 2 hour Welcome Aboard Party for the Red Hatters with open  
bar.  
A \$75.00 per cabin on board credit (based on double occupancy  
that is \$37.50 per person)  
A Red Hat Afternoon Tea  
All Deposits must be in by FEBRUARY 3th,2009 in the amount of  
\$50.00 (fifty dollars) per person.  
2nd payment due April 3rd, 2009 is \$150.00  
Final payment of remaining balance due on Sept. 8, 2009  
A booking number will be available from Queen Barbara , you  
will be calling the cruise line direct and making payment directly  
to them.  
For further information contact Queen Barbara at  
[bjrhle@yahoo.com](mailto:bjrhle@yahoo.com).  
Get your reservations in early to take advantage of the low price.  
Anyone who has cruised with the Red Hatters knows how much  
fun we had!

*The Ladies of Elegance*, a Rotonda Red  
Hat group, is getting a group together for a  
November cruise.



We celebrated our  
January  
Birthdays.  
**Birthday Ladies**  
who were present  
were: Diann  
Crossman (Right)  
and Elle Vollmer  
(Left).

Also celebrating  
January birthdays are, Eileen Curto, Milly  
Murgia, Nancy Kueck, and Helen Shipka. Our  
cake was supposed to be a "Cassata, Italian  
Wedding Cake", but it turned out to be a devils  
food cake with tiramisu rum filling. It was a  
mistake, but the Ladies loved it. They said we  
should have it again. Publix bakery apologized  
for the error. Happy Birthday Ladies!!

The Raffle was held by  
Char, Princess of Monies. The winners were: Judy Van Landegend won  
the Oncidium orchid, money was won by Alice and Irma. Congrats  
Ladies. Char has started collecting our annual dues of \$5; please make  
sure you pay her. Thank you Char.



Please check out our web page put together by our  
"Cyber Diva", Pam Curtis. She has done a wonderful job.  
She does this when she has a spare moment. On these  
pages you can find our newsletters, upcoming events,  
pictures, etc. Go to [www.southgulfcove.org](http://www.southgulfcove.org) click on the  
link: Sophisticated Ladies. Something new that Pam started is a directory of



all our ladies. Each *Sophisticated Lady* will have her own page with her  
photo, bio etc. That area is password protected. To get your password email me  
[jerzgirlnfl@embarqmail.com](mailto:jerzgirlnfl@embarqmail.com) . Thank you Pam for all you do for our society,

**January Anniversaries:** Barb & Ed Holmes 1/25

**February Birthdays:** Linda Atkinson 2/23; Kathleen Beecher 2/28; Joyce Fox 2/12; Karen  
Ireland 2/9; Carlene Leach 2/25; QM Judith McElwaine 2/23; Marge Miller 2/13

**February Anniversaries:** Fay & Bill Kolodziejcki 2/12; Sonja & Bill Minoughan 2/6; Judy & Mike  
Post 2/12; Darlene & Mike Simkins 2/24



I would like to thank my secret pal for 2008 for all the times she remembered me. Dolly Scolase knew just the right things to cheer up my birthday, anniversary, Christmas and more. We all like to be remembered especially when our family is far away. Thank you Dolly! Thank you also to Judy Snyder for the Elvis Wine. Then there's the Elvis ornament from Judy Post,



They are all great choices Ladies. Thank you all for making my holiday happier.

Fondly,  
Judith McElwaine, QM