



"The Sophisticated Ladies"
The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove
March 2009 Newsletter
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Kathy VonVreckin and **Carlene Leach** were our co-hostesses for the March 13th luncheon. About 45 were in attendance. The luncheon was held at the Lakeside Restaurant, across from Publix. There was a nice selection of menu choices, including grouper fingers which turned out to be not so good. So, if you eat there again, please do not eat the fish. One of our ladies did get sick from it. Please pass the word. I had the Greek salad which was delicious and plentiful; it was a "Donny size" portion. Donny being my husband, as everyone knows eats a lot, would be happy with it. They were very slow bringing out our meals which were disappointing. Kathy and Carlene did an excellent job of arranging our luncheon; they even made up Irish favors with candy for each of us. Nice touch Ladies.

The ladies were told they could sit wherever they like and to take their name-hats home with them. From now on we can sit with whomever we like. If you lose your hat you will be charged \$1 for replacement. It will be up to you to be responsible to wear it at all our functions. If it needs repairs, **Ellie Vollmer**, is now in charge of that. Remember Ladies, please, if you see someone sitting by themselves, invite them to your table, especially if they are new members. Let's make everyone feel welcomed.

We had a few visitors join us for the day. Carol McGuire brought along her mom, Kathy Goodrich and Pat Fischer. Kate Whincup brought her daughter Kimmey; New members Delores Fitzpatrick and Barbara DeVenuto were welcomed.



Upcoming Events: Vice Mother Karen Price

- **April 10th Howards Rt. 776 Englewood.** Co-hostesses are **Dolly Scolase, Joanne Olesen, and Regina Brown.** \$15 each pay the day of at the door, includes entrée, salad bar, iced or hot tea, coffee, tax and tip. Menu choices are: 1. Grecian Chicken 2. Basa Fish fried or broiled 3. Sirloin Steak There will be a 2 for 1 wine and beer special along with a cosmo special. Call or email them to sign up. Dolly 697-2677 dolly13@localnet.com Joanne 828-7485 pjolesen@embarqmail.com Regina 698-2972 ivanho@embarqmail.com Bring your secret pal an Easter Basket, keep it simple, not extravagant please.
- **April 24th National Red Hat Day on Dearborn.** Theme “Anything Goes”. Again the trolley will pick us up at the pavillion to leave at 9 am and travel to Dearborn Street; we will decorate our trolley; the parade will start at 10 am. After the parade we will have lunch at Compadras. They have offered us open menu and separate checks. They promised to have sangria special. The trolley is \$15 each pay ASAP and the lunch is separate. Call or email me, Queen Judith, to sign up; 697-9847 jerzgirlnfl@embarqmail.com
- **May 8th Riverwood Golf Café** Co-hostesses are **Irma Whitmer and Wanda Totten.** Honor our Mothers. Bring your mom, your daughter, and granddaughter. Bring a photo of your mom and yourself together, even from your child hood.
- **June 12th Englewood Beach Day** Bring your own lunch and drinks. Come early to enjoy the beach. Bring an umbrella, sun-screen and water. We will have our lunch around noon under the pavilion.
- **July 10th Whiskey Creek** Hostess **Pam Curtis.** Watch for details.



August - Off for the month

- **Sept 11th Kate Whincup** is planning a great day.
- **Oct 9th Eileen Curto and Barbara DeVenuto** co-hostesses.
- **Nov 6th Alice Burnell** working on another Vinsani Day.



We celebrated the March birthdays; those present were Penny Penland, Alice Burnell and Milly Lutman. Other birthdays not present: Barbara Harmon, Jeri Lowe, our Princess of Monies, Char Traxel, and Vietta Smagghe.

Happy Birthday Ladies. We enjoyed the cake baked by Publix, marble with choc pudding filling frosted in white butter cream decorated in red and purple with a shamrock added. Excellent!!

Vice Mother Karen took care of the raffle for the day. Winners were: Barbara DeVenuto won the orchid; Money was won by Delores Fitzpatrick, Karen Ireland, Sonja Minoughan, and Yvonne. Congrats Ladies.

As most of you know and for those who don't, my husband and I will not be having our annual St. Patrick's Day party at our house. We will be at the Celtic Ray/O'Connell's celebrating St. Patrick's Day. So if you show up...we won't be there...so pass the word. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.



Fondly,



Queen Mother Judith