

"The Sophisticated Ladies "
The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove
April 2006 Newsletter

The **April luncheon** was held at the Gulf View Grill, Englewood. Twenty-seven were in attendance. Some of our Snowbird Ladies have already flown north. Others were participating at the Crafty-Girls sale at the SGCHOA Pavilion. We are so busy, so much to do, so little time. The Hostess of the month was our Queen Mother Jane. What a wonderful time we had!! Great choice, Jane. The food was good, service just fine and the view was fantastic. We had the whole place to ourselves. It was quiet and nice to sit and chat without a commotion. I suppose the price of \$20 each was worth it???



April 25th is "**National Red Hat Day**" across the country. We are celebrating it on Dearborn Street, Englewood. A Trolley car is arranged to pick us up at the SGCHOA Pavilion to leave at 10 am. I would like everyone to arrive earlier 9:30 for picture taking. We will then proceed to Dearborn Street, do the parade, and have lunch at the Dearborn Cafe, pick of the menu and separate checks. Please tell them you are a "Sophisticated Lady" to sit at reserved seats outside. The Rotunda Ruby Red Hatters have the inside tables. There will be a parasol contest, so bring your decorated parasols. We then will be brought back to the SGCHOA Pavilion around 2, to 2:30. Please wear your colors, boas and be ready for a great time. We still have room for 7 more Ladies. If you want to join us call or email me, [Judy](#), 697-9847.



We celebrated birthdays; Judy Post was the only Birthday Lady to attend. Judy brought her Mom and Aunt along to join in the festivities. We sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed the cassata Italian wedding cake, filled with tiramisu and a frosting of whipped cream, decorated in red and purple made by Publix. It was delicious, one of the best ones we've had. Other birthday ladies not in attendance: Becky Borci 4/2, Pam Dockum 4/22, Yvonne Emirio 4/11, Kay Giehl 4/18, Renee Godbout 4/13, Judith Rossi 4/7, Catherine Warren 4/7 **Happy Birthday Ladies!**

May 12 Luncheon: SuCasa Mexican Restaurant, 121 East Marion Street, Punta Gorda. Dolly O'Conner offered to be Hostess of the Month. Call her to sign up; 697-2677 or you can email me Judy as Dolly is offline until further notice.

The menu selections are:

#1 Taco Salad #2 Mexican Pizza #3 Chimachangas
Cost \$12 per Lady. Pay the day of. There will be a margarita drink special. Also we will be honoring our Mothers. So bring your mothers, daughters, or granddaughters.



Just a note about our membership cards: "Via the Queen Mother Board, we have learned that our members find little use for the paper cards that we have been sending along with our membership kits. Based on this information, we will be retiring these paper cards as of April 1, 2006. The dollars formerly spent on cards will go back into the kitty to be spent on projects that you do value."

Now we (the National Red Hat Society www.redhatsociety.com) are thrilled to announce an amazing addition to our **Purple Perks Program!** Beginning April 1, every Purple Perks cardholder will automatically receive Super Saver benefits, offered by the world-famous Entertainment, Inc.! You will enjoy significant discounts (at least 20%) every time you show your card, at over 50,000 venues, in both the U.S. and Canada! Restaurants, movie theatres, retail stores, and over 5,000 hotels will roll out the red (naturally) carpet for you at the wave of your Purple Perks card! Now, when you go out for recess (which you were going to do anyway) you can do it cheaper! No matter where you are in the U.S. or Canada, you will receive discounts at your local venues. And, when you travel anywhere in North America, your Purple Perks card will continue to secure you the same discounts! If you use the card just a couple of times per year you will save more than you paid for it! (We realize that we don't yet have any special benefits for those of you in countries beyond the U.S. and Canada, but we are working on it and we hope to add some soon.)' This fantastic addition to Purple Perks benefits will be formally rolled out on April 1, 2006. All of the details, including how to get the Super Savers Entertainment seal on your PP cards, will be

available at that time. We are about to demonstrate the real power of purple!"

Ladies, you are under no obligation to do this; I just want you to be aware of it. Our member # 13081 Use this on the web site, if you want to apply for a Purple Perks Card.

Also the society would like to know if you would like be registered on their web site. Let me know if you are interested. I wasn't sure if any of us wanted our personal information listed....each: name, address, phone, email.....???? In this day and age with all kinds of our info flying around, I am hesitant to do so. I need your permission.

Alice Burnell and Judy Post want to thank their secret pals. Secret Pals, keep up the nice work. It is really appreciated. It is so nice to be remembered. Our thoughts go out to Ruth Brosmer who recently had knee surgery. Feel better Ruth. We miss you.

Linda Atkinson and Karen Price volunteered to Hostess the month of June. They are thinking a day at the beach. Watch for upcoming information. We need a hostess for July, Aug., Sept, etc.

Char Traxel, our Princess of Monies, held the fifty-fifty. The winners were: the beautiful phalanophsis: Judy Snyder, the money winner was Doris Bingham. Congratulations Ladies. Many thanks to Char for taking care of our money. Thanks to Carol Vanderploeg for taking care of our hats. Also special thanks to Mary Catherine Gibbs who collected luncheon money Friday.

May all our snowbird Ladies have a safe trip north and a safe one back. See you in the fall. Please keep in touch and go to a Red Hat luncheon in your area.

If you don't know of one, check out the Red Hat Society web site or ask me and I'll find one for you.

April Anniversaries:

Denise & Paul Andrews 4/24

Joanne & Paul Olesen 4/16

May Birthdays:

Judy Snyder 5/6

Carol Vanderploeg 5/7

Wendy Burnett 5/7

Kathy Bowser 5/18

Louise Covey 5/2

Pat Pank 5/20

Regina Brown 5/18

May Anniversaries:

Carlene & Ken Leach 5/5

Diann & Bill Crossman 5/16

Helen & Terry Latacky 5/29

Kathy & Sal Massulli 5/29

Michele & Jack Stahl 5/4

Yvonne & Tony Emirio 5/16