



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

Hello Ladies,

The December 8th luncheon was held at Carrabbas; forty-five were in attendance. What a nice time we had, more like a party than just a luncheon. The food was good, service excellent and we got to take our time and not rush like we normally do. We had the whole restaurant to ourselves, so we could not worry about making a lot of noise with our chatter and laughter. Some of us enjoyed the drink special of Cosmos.

Our secret pals were revealed and Ellie handed out new ones. Dolly took care of the ornament exchange. What fun that was!! I just love the ornament I received. It is so pretty. Thank you to who ever brought it.

Karen our VM gave out Red Hat Snowladies to each of our Ladies along with a Red Hat day-timer.

We had two visitors, Lynn Fortitor a friend of Lorraine Seiler's friend, and Marilyn McSwaine, our Vice Mother's mom. Thank you both for joining us for the day.

Ruth Brosmer was in attendance, doing very well since her knee surgery. She made it around to all the tables to say hello.

Elaine Surette showed off the plack that we won for 2nd prize at the SGC Yacht Club Boat Parade. We also won a money prize of \$25. Thank You Jane Beckwith, FQM for chairing the committee and doing a great job of rounding up our ladies to decorate and ride on the boat. It's great that we participate in the event. The prize money will go to buying more lights. We need purple!!! If anyone can find really good purple lights (not pink) please let us know.

Hostesses from the past year were acknowledged: Linda Spadaro, Betty Demeo, Jane Beckwith, Dolly O'Conner, Karen Price VM, Linda Atkinson, Pat Pank, Lil GaNun and Marla Young. Thank You Ladies for volunteering, and doing a great job of arranging great luncheons. It's nice to try different places. Wouldn't it get boring if we went to the same place each month??

Linda Atkinson recited a cute poem to give us an update on our Fourth Annual Tea. It is also our Fifth Anniversary, Feb 9th to be held at "MT's" (Chef's Table) Sarasota. Tickets are on sale now. Contact Linda. I know they are arranging car-pools to help get everyone up there. Also we need 3-tier plate racks to use for the day, decorated.

We celebrated December birthdays. Those attending were Wanda Totten and Lorraine Seiller. Happy Birthday Ladies.

The fifty-fifty was handled by Nancy Kueck. Nancy did a great job. The money was won by Alice Burnell; the orchids were won by Doris Bills and your's truly!!! This was the first time in 4 years, of me picking out the best orchids to be won by the ladies, watching someone else always winning them, and taking them away, that I actually won!!! I was shocked!! Congrats ladies! Our Princess of Monies, Char, was away on a much deserved cruise with her hubby.

Upcoming Events:

January 12 The Pink Elephant Boca Grande \$17 per Lady includes entrée, ice tea, hot tea, coffee, soft drinks, tax, and gratuity. Cocktails separate. Drink specials.

Menu choices: #1 The Pink's Cobb: Grilled chicken, bacon, avocado, sliced egg, palm-hearts, roasted pepper, maytag blue cheese dressing.

#2 Boca's Best Club Sandwich: Smoked turkey, fresh mozzarella, bacon, avocado and basil mayonnaise

#3 The Pink's Burger: 1/2 lb Angus beef, kosher pickle & island fries. Pick your choice of cheese.

#4 Crispy Blue Crab Cakes: Frisee salad, key lime-lemongrass dipping sauce, & island fries.

Please car-pool and share cost of the bridge. Pay the day of at the door, exact change. Call or email me, Judy 697-9847 jerzgirlnfl@earthlink.net to sign up with a menu choice.

February 9 Our Fifth Anniversary and fourth Annual Tea "MT's" (Chef's Table) Sarasota. Tickets are on sale now. Contact Linda Atkinson.

February 22 "Puttin On The Glitz" Annual Englewood Area Red Hat Society Convention. I have a couple seats. Please call if you want to join us for this great event.

March 9 The Navigator. Co-hostesses are Milly Lutman and Elaine Surette. Lunch and a boat ride up the Peace River. Watch for details.

December Anniversaries: Becky & Joe Borci 12/29, Jeri & Calvin Lowe 12/15, Judith & Don McElwaine 12/01, Kay & Paul Giehl 12/10, Lydia & Jack Kersetter 12/31, Sharon & Jack Paine 12/18, Veronica & Donald Anderson 12/16.

January Birthdays: Diann Crossman 1/12, Pat Hawley 1/29, Helen Shipka 1/2, Judith Taylor 1/1, Doris Vance 1/3, Ellie Vollmer 1/22, Lyn White 1/31

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I'd like to thank all those who left gifts at my table. I will open them on Dec. 25th and not before.

Thank you, ladies for helping us, *"The Sophisticated Ladies"*, have a wonderful year. We couldn't do it without you. May you and your families have the Merriest Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Don't forget your new secret pals for the holidays.

Fondly,



Judith McElwaine, QM

Karen Price, VM

Jane Beckwith, FQM

Char Traxel, Princess of Monies

Carol Vanderploeg, Contessa of Chapeaus

Ellie Vollmer, Duchess of Secret Pals and Membership Diva