

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

The May 12th, luncheon was held at Su Casa Mexican Restaurant, Punta Gorda. Dolly O'Conner was our Hostess of the month. Thank You Dolly. You did a fine job. Forty-three attended. We honored Mothers. Two Ladies brought their Mothers along

*Judy Post brought her Mom  
and Aunt*



*Karen Price brought her mom*



*Dolly O'Conner brought her daughter, Kim.*



We welcomed new Sophisticated Ladies, Elaine Surette and Irma Whitmer. We also welcome several visitors. The food was tasty and plentiful. We enjoyed the drink special of the day, which was of course...Margaritas.

National Red Hat Day Dearborn...thank all those who participated, Barbara & Ed Holmes for the banners on the car, Diann Crossman who chauffeured our Queen Mother Jane. It was a lot of fun...thought we would never get there...the trolley seemed to be a bit slow.....a hot day.....thought we would be late...but we were there in plenty of time. And now we all know the words to "Lady's Night".....Glad we had the trolley...enjoyed our lunch at Café Dearborn....and the fish bowl size sangrias....enjoyed the music. Won 2nd place.....yea.....

*The letter from Queen Mother Jane was read about her resignation as our Queen Mother. She said she still wants to be involved with our society as much as possible. I tried to talk Jane into reconsidering without luck. Jane was very firm this time.*

*I asked Karen Price to handle nominations/voting for a new Queen. It was an overwhelming vote that I assume the role of Queen Mother. I agreed. Then Karen asked for volunteers for Vice Mother....no one did...but everyone wanted Karen to take over the job.....she agreed!! So we now have a new Queen Mother...yours truly, Judith McElwaine, aka Lady Orchid, and we also have a new Vice Mother...Karen Price. Thank you so much Ladies for your support, and thank you Karen for agreeing to take the Vice Mother position. You are great at whatever you do and you will be a great addition to our society.*



*Jane Beckwith will assume the new title of "Founding Queen Mum Jane", as Jane was our very first Queen Mother. Thank you Jane for the four great years that you have pulled us together and made us a great society.*

*I had thought the nominations/voting would take a long time...but it was finished in a matter of minutes. Great job Ladies!!! We are a great Society!!*

*Karen talked about the June 9th Beach Day on Don Pedro Island. A sign up sheet was passed around. Cost for the day \$10 per Lady. Please bring extra drinks for yourself, excluding alcohol. Call or email co-hostesses Karen Livinitup@ewol.com 697-8000, or Linda Atkinson jilinatkinson@ewol.com 697-2026 to sign up.*

*Irma talked about the Crafty Girls Memorial Day picnic May 29th at the SGCFOA Pavilion; call or email Irma to sign up shadmax1@earthlink.net 697-1772. I saw some great Red Hat items that the Crafty Girls have been making. Maybe they could bring some to each luncheon for us to purchase.*

*We celebrated the birthdays for May along with Dolly who is a June birthday. Regina Brown 5/18 and new member Elaine Surette 5/17 were the only birthday Ladies from May attending. Other birthdays for May are: Judy Snyder 5/6, Carol Vanderploeg 5/10, Wendy Burnett 5/7, Kathy Bowser 5/18, Louise Covey 5/2, and Pat Pank 5/20, who attended but had to leave early...she ran over on her lunch break from her job. We sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed the Cassata cake made by Publix.*

*The fifty-fifty was taken care of by Char our "Princess of Monies". Winners were: Dolly O'Conner won the beautiful phalanopsis orchid. The money was won by Judy Post and Milly Lutman. Congratulations Ladies.*

*Karen read "A Mothers Story" to us all, the room became quiet and there wasn't a dry eye in the room.*

*Bus trips: along with other Red Hat groups. the early bird gets the ticket*

*1st: Broadway Palm dinner theatre Thursday OCTOBER 19th. The show is FULL MONTY. I will be collecting \$58 for this trip. I expect that should cover the show , \$43 plus the bus. Hope to have leftovers for the usual prize patrol. Have about 20 tickets available. The bus leaves from Winn Dixie on the corner of Sunnybrook and 776, As before we leave at 10 AM get back about 5 PM. Please pay me (Judy) ASAP.*

*2nd: Valentine's day Feb 14th, a Wednesday. The show is My Fair Lady. Have about the same number of tickets available for that too. This I know we will be in section E. This one may run \$60, if the bus company raises again next year. I will book now to try and lock in today's rate. The show is still \$43 for the matinee. Same logistics as before. Should be fun dolling up our hats for My Fair Lady and Valentine's Day.*

*And we get back just in time for any one who's significant other plans a fabulous candlelight dinner at home or a special night on the town.*

*3. Al Capone trip June 12th..cost \$65. that includes everything...Bus, dinner and show.*

*4. AND We are doing the Dolly Parton Christmas show Dec. 11th... The cost has gone up. but it will be worth it..\$78.....Interested?*

*Contact Lorna! [florida.girl731@yahoo.com](mailto:florida.girl731@yahoo.com) Phone 941-685-0475 for additional information or reservations. Ladies, let me (Judy) know if you are interested in any of these. Thanks*

**May Anniversaries:** *Carlene & Ken Leach 5/5, Diann & Bill Crossman 5/16, Helen & Terry Latacký 5/29, Kathy & Sal Massulli 5/28, Michele & Jack Stahl 5/4, Yvonne & Tony Emirio 5/16, Irma & Bob Whitmer 5/7.*

**June Birthdays:** *Denise Andrews 6/1, Helen Griffin 6/21, Barbara Holmes 6/25, Jeanne Karellias 6/7, Janet Messer 6/16, Ruth Oberlin 6/29, Dolly O'Conner 6/13, Sharon Paine 6/16, Hebe Scholl 6/4, Linda Spadaro 6/23*

**June Anniversaries:** *Jeanne & Gus Karellias 6/9, Pam & John Dockum 6/3, Ruth & Clarence Brosmer 6/16, Ruth & Larry Oberlin 6/26.*

*Special thoughts go out to Kay Giehl who is in the hospital and to Barbara Holmes who had fall getting on their boat. Also for Carol Vanderploeg. Feel better Ladies.*

*Ladies, we need a hostess for July, Aug., and Sept. Please think about volunteering to do it. You will have help. If not, we may consider taking the summer off and starting back in Sept. Let me know what you think about that.*