



"The Sophisticated Ladies"

South Gulf Cove Red Hat Society

Hello Ladies,

We would like to thank all the **Ladies** who joined us for our December Luncheon at the Olde World Restaurant, Friday, the 12th.

Our **Queen Mother, Jane Beckwith**, back from the north and traveling Italy, joined us and took the reigns. Yea!!! I presented Jane with a sash that says: "**Queen Mother Jane**" so she will not forget that she is our Queen Mother. I am quite happy being Vice Mother. Thank you Jane. We are all so happy to have you back. Thank you all for giving nice reports to Jane on how things were handled in her absence.

The area of the restaurant they gave us to use was quite crowded as 42 were in attendance. They put the tables together to make 2 long ones and some felt "trapped like a rat" against the wall. So sorry about that **Ladies**. Next time Jane and I will encourage them to leave them separated, so we can move around easier. We need that elbow room.

We welcomed new members: Pat Pang and Mary Wilson.

Some of us found out who our "secret pals" were. What fun. We received gifts from them. Some didn't reveal who they were. Some **Ladies** didn't hear from their "secret pal", what a shame. We had a lot of kinks to work out with the "secret pal" thing, hopefully that will not happen again. If you gave in a "secret pal" form and didn't pick a name, please get in touch with me. You know who you are. If you did pick a name, please don't lose it. I have no idea who picks who.

Jane and I would like to thank all of you who chipped in for gifts for us. It was very thoughtful and generous of you. What nice **Ladies** are in our **Society**. We are so lucky to live in this neighborhood, don't you think??

Charlotte Traxel, (I was her secret pal for 03) held the 50/50. Pat Hawley won the cash, Pat Eberly won the orchid. The drawing for our mascot bear, Lady Anne, went to Lydia K., who will be foster mom for the month of December. Dar Rudick won a purple stocking filled with all kinds of goodies. Congratulations **Ladies**.

Our **December birthday Ladies** are **Dar Rudick, Irene Dietrich, Margaret Chapman and Wanda Totten**. **Happy Birthday Ladies**. We enjoyed the birthday cake made by Publix, marble with chocolate pudding filling, white butter cream icing trimmed in red and purple. Irene received a bouquet of flowers from her secret pal as it was Irene's **eighty-first** birthday that day. How thoughtful that was. I forgot to mention **Darlene Simkins'** birthday in last month's newsletter. Shame on me. Senior moment. Forgive me Darlene. Do you think I should list all the birthdays for each month in the newsletter?? Please give me your opinion.

Jane talked about our upcoming events, sign-up sheets were passed around.

January 9, Olde World Restaurant, **Feb.13** our tea party, please get your table partners together and sign up.

March is still up in the air, April 7th is a trip to the Broadway Palm, Ft. Myers. \$35. Please sign up ASAP with your money. Call Jane for that. thank you.

On a serious note: We would like to send comforting wishes to Judy Post who is recuperating from a terrible car accident. She is a bit sore, how she survived that wreck, only God knows. The site of the car made me nauseous. Also our best goes out to Veronica Anderson and Ruth Brosmer, both who had a death in the family. Also to Wendy Burnett who had surgery for carpal tunnel. Rest up Wendy and Judy.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy Peaceful New Year to all our Ladies and their families.

Jane Beckwith Queen Mother and Judith McElwaine VM aka Lady Orchid