



"The Sophisticated Ladies"
The Red Hat Society of South Gulf Cove
December 2007 Newsletter

Hello Ladies,

The December 14, 2007 luncheon was again held at Carrabbas, Port Charlotte. Forty-six ladies attended. Again we had exclusive use of the restaurant. The food was served hot and in a timely manner. The service was perfection. No complaints were heard.

Lil GaNun and Jane Beckwith collected our money at the door. Dolly Scolase was in charge of the ornament exchange. Ellie Vollmer handed out new secret pals for the upcoming year. Char Traxel managed the 50/50. We are lucky to have great ladies who help make our society a great one. We thank you all. It made our day more enjoyable.

The Ladies who volunteered to hostess a luncheon during the year were recognized: March: Milly Lutman and Regina Brown. It was the Navigator for lunch and a boat ride around the Peace River. Carol Vanderploeg was able to attend this luncheon. We will always remember Carol. April: Hostesses were Judy Rossi and Sandy Buchan at the Lakeside Sports Café. We were all video-taped by the girls from Lemon Bay High. I wonder what ever happened to the tape?? May: Alice Burnell. We honored Mothers at Nichols. June: Karen and I arranged a beach day on Englewood Beach. A fun day. July: Joanne Olesen and Sonja Minoughan. That luncheon was held at the Port Charlotte Elks. Aug: we took the month off. September: Alice Burnell, again. Our memorable Visani's day with Al Holland. We hope to do it again next Sept. Oct: Karen and myself again. We enjoyed the homemade food at the Frosted Mug. Close to home, reasonably priced and very good food, what more could you ask for? November: Karen Price arranged a Shop Till U Drop day at the Coconut Point Mall. It was an excellent day for those who love to shop. Most of us do.

Whenever no one steps up to hostess a luncheon, Karen and I take over. We really don't mind, we enjoy planning our day, but it is nice to have a luncheon where you would like to go. If you would like to do something different or go to a place we haven't tried, let us know. Birthday ladies plan where you would like to have your luncheon. We are here to help you.

Karen told us about our [Upcoming Events](#):

- [January 3rd: Englewood Elks Red Hat Vendors Day](#): There will be at least five vendors with red hat items. Lunch \$10 per lady, reserved seat. Open to all red hatters. Menu choice: Baked Chicken, Baked Grouper, or 3 salad platter, (tuna, egg, chicken). Call or email me to sign up with menu choice. Judy 697-9847 jerzgirlnfl@embarqmail.com
- [January 11th: "The Pink Elephant"](#) on Boca Grande. \$18 per lady, pay the day of at the door, exact change please. Price includes menu choice, soft drink, ice tea, coffee, tax and tip. Cocktails separate.
 1. Cast Iron Blue Crab Cakes: black bean, bell pepper and mango salsa, key lime-lemongrass aioli
 2. The Pink's Cob: grilled chicken, bacon, avocado, sliced egg, palm hearts, roasted red pepper, maytag bleu cheese.
 3. The "B.L.T." Quiche: Bacon, leek and tomato custard, Gruyere, hand formed deep-dish flaky crust.
 4. The Pink's Burger: Ground Angus Beef, vine ripened tomato, lettuce, pickle, island fries, Tillamook cheddar or Swiss cheese.

Please call or email me to sign up.

- [January 27th](#): "Hats the Musical" Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center.
- [February 8th](#): Karen Ireland and Marla Young have offered to be our co-hostesses for the month. Plans are in the making.
- [February 21st: "Red Hat's Do Broadway" The Annual Englewood area Red Hat Society convention](#). \$17 per lady sign up reserved seat. Pay by Jan 3rd. Make check payable to "SGC Red Hatters" pay me or Karen. Menu choice cold platters: Tuna or stuffed tomato platter. Our theme is "Phantom of the Opera". We are working on our table decorations. If anyone has 4 candelabras, let us know, we need to borrow them for the day.
- [February 27th: Broadway Palm](#), "Anything Goes", \$58 lunch, bus, tax and tip. Put on by the Rotunda Ruby Red Hatters.
- [March 14th](#): We need a hostess.

The fifty-fifty was held: Winners: The red phalanopsis orchid was won by Andrea Martin, who wants to be a member of our society; The Christmas Tree ornament was won by Marilyn McSwain, Karen's mom; the money was won by Judy Rossi, Wanda Totten, and of course, Joanne Olesen.



We celebrated the December birthdays. Present were Wanda Totten, Lorraine Seiler, and Anna Marie Dratch. We enjoyed the caked baked by Publix. The birthday pin was won by Lorraine Seiler. Happy Birthday Ladies.

We exchanged our secret pal's gifts and found out who our secret pal was for the past year. What fun it was. Thank you Ellie for taking care of our secret pals all year. Great job.

We then were able to pick an ornament if we brought one. What a great idea. Dolly has been handling this for the past couple years. Although someone maybe didn't understand the idea, they brought a candle. Well the thought of giving was there. Thank you Dolly.



December 15th we participated in the SGC Lighted Boat Parade. Thanks to Linda and Tim Killenger allowing us to decorate their boat. Andy Massimino and Don McElwaine did a all of the manual labor with the pvc to hang the lights. Jane, myself helped with the lights. A lot time and effort went into this project. Also from what I hear, everyone was able to see our hat atop the boat!! Yea!! Next year we would like more volunteers for the job.





On behalf of the Queens Court, Ellie, Jane, Karen, Mary, Char and myself, we wish each of our Ladies and their families a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy, Healthy, safe New Year.

Fondly,
Judith McElwaine, QM