



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

Hello Ladies,

The January 12th luncheon was held at **"The Pink Elephant"**, Boca Grande. Thirty-six were in attendance. What a nice time we had!! The atmosphere was inviting, the service prompt, and the food superb. I thought the sauce served with the crab cakes was excellent. One lady said the club sandwich was the best she has ever had. We heard no complaints. We must try it again in the future.



Jane and Karen collected our money at the door, thank you ladies, what a great help that is.

We welcomed guests, Lynn Fortier and Jeanette Gehris. Lynn has signed up to be a member of our society. Welcome Lynn.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and are ready to jump into the New Year with gusto. There are so many events going on, it will be difficult to keep up. Please try to fit us into your busy schedule.

Our "Fifth Anniversary" is upon us for February. As you know we are celebrating the event with our Fourth Annual Tea. A lot of us look forward to the tea. The tea committee consisting of Linda Atkinson, Helen Griffin, Judy Post, Wanda Totten, and Mary Bayless, has chosen "MT's (The chef's Table)", Sarasota, as the place to set the scene. I hear they have the best of food and are very experienced at doing this kind of luncheon. Judy Post has been designated as arranging a car pool for those who wish to do so. So if you need a ride or would like to drive, please let Judy Post know. 697-3837 105judyreal@ewol.com

Also, we still have seats available for the tea, so please get your ticket, if you haven't done so. Wanda Totten and Linda Atkinson are selling the tickets. The tickets are little red bags that you are asked to bring your own tea cup/saucer in it, and to take it home in. On the front of the bag, there is a tea cup, in the tea cup is a tea bag with your door prize number on it. When you enter MT's your "tea bag" will be used for you to win a prize, so don't lose it.

We are in need of plate racks, decorated, to use for the day. If you have one that you would let us use, get it over to any one on the committee. Please make sure your name is on it.

I am really looking forward to the great day. A lot of time and effort has gone into putting this all together for our Ladies, and I'd like to thank each one on the committee for doing so. So, ladies come on out and support them and their efforts.



Our Founding Queen Mum, Jane Beckwith read us a poem, “Lessons of Life”. It was quite thought provoking. The moral of the poem was, “Don’t let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don’t judge life by one difficult season.” Thank you, Jane.

We celebrated our January birthdays. Those present were, Pat Hawley, and our membership Diva/Duchess of Secret Pals, Ellie Vollmer. Other birthday ladies not present are Diann Crossman, Helen Shipka, Judith Taylor, Doris Vance and Lyn White. We sang “Happy Birthday” and enjoyed the Casata cake baked by Publix. Happy Birthday Ladies!!

Char Traxel, our Princess of Monies held the fifty-fifty. The winners were: the orchid, yours truly, second month in a row, (sorry ladies), money winners: Fran Massimo and Karen Ireland. Congrats ladies.

Our Upcoming Events:

- **Feb. 22 Convention:** “Puttin on the Glitz” Englewood Elks. We are looking forward to another great day. I will be picking up the tickets tomorrow Monday Jan. 22. Those who didn’t sign up, sorry it is too late.
- **March 9:** The Navigator, co-hostesses, Milly Lutman and Regina Brown. There will be a boat ride after lunch. Only 33 can fit on the boat. You can do lunch only. It will be a casual day, shorts, etc., but red and purple please. Call or email Milly 698-1851 modmil13@earthlink.net or Regina 698-2972 ivanho@ewol.com
- **April 13:** TBD. We need a hostess!!! Come Ladies, show us your stuff!!
- **April 25:** National Red Hat Day on Dearborn Street, Englewood. I am working on getting the Trolley for the day again. It was great fun last year. Watch for more information.
- **May 11th:** Nicolas, Rt. 776, Alice Burnell hostess. Thank you, Alice.

January Anniversaries: Wendy & Bob 1/28, Barb & Ed Holmes 1/25, Doris & Paul Vance 1/11

February Birthdays: Linda Atkinson 2/23, Kathy Beecher 2/28, Lydia Kerstetter 2/21, Judith McElwaine 2/23, Marge Miller 2/13, Vern Troutman 2/5, Karen Ireland 2/9

February Anniversaries Louise & Jerry Covey 2/2, Fay & Bill Kolodziejski 2/12, Sonja & Bill Minoughan 2/06, Judy & Mike Post 2/12, Gale & Jack Schemm 2/23, Vern & Ronald Troutman 2/2

Don’t forget your secret pals. Remember their birthdays, anniversaries, etc. It’s time again to pay annual dues, \$5 per year per Lady. See Char. Hope to see you all at our tea.



Fondly,
Judith McElwaine, QM aka Lady Orchid
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