



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



Hello Ladies,

The May 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon was held at Nicola's, on 776 East Englewood. Our hostess of the month was Alice Burnell. Forty-three were in attendance. The food was very good. The staff was excellent. We were not allowed to use our sound system, but we managed to get through the day. Karen did most of the talking. It was nice to go to a local restaurant and not have to travel too far. Good choice Alice.

The theme for the day, "Honor our Mothers". Karen, our Vice Mother, read a nice poem that was sent to me in an email, "Before I was a Mom". It did bring tears to our eyes.

Our ladies were asked to bring their moms or daughters to join us for lunch.



Karen brought her mom Marilyn



Judy Post brought her mom Helen



Jeri Lowe brought her daughter Carol



Marge Miller brought her daughter Diane

The moms were presented with an orchid corsage by their daughters. Hope they wore them to church on Sunday.

Judy Post read us another poem that I had received by email; we thought it was appropriate for us, "Time Passes". Again there were tears all over the room. I will attach these poems to the newsletter so you can copy them if you like.

Karen talked about our upcoming events.

June 8<sup>th</sup>: Englewood Beach Day. 9 am or earlier if you want, come and relax on the beach. Bring your chair, sunscreen, an umbrella, and wear our colors. We will have our lunch at 11:30, bring your own including your drinks, we will celebrate the birthdays, of course, can't do without cake. Cost \$1 per lady for the day.

June 9<sup>th</sup>..."Elvis In Paradise" at the SGC Pavillion. For tickets, see Dolly or myself. \$15. per person Yacht club members, guests \$20. Barbecue, bring a side dish or dessert. This Elvis impersonator is the best in this area!!! Just ask any of our Elvis Lovers of SGC Fan Club Members. You won't want to miss out. He also does Neil Diamond, Andrea Bocelli, and many more.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in South Gulf Cove: If any of our ladies, would like to put together a float please let us know. It will be hot.. If you have any ideas, let us know.

July 13<sup>th</sup> Punta Gorda Elks: Joanne Olesen and Sonja Minoughan co-hostesses. Watch for upcoming details.

August: we will take the month off.

September: We need a hostess, come on September Birthday Ladies, plan where you would like to have lunch.

May Birthday Ladies: Regina Brown, Judy Snyder, Dolly Scolase, (celebrating a month earlier) and Elaine Surette.





Dolly won the birthday pin/ We enjoyed the Cassata cake baked by Publix. Other birthday ladies not present were Kathy Bowser 5/19, Wendy Burnett 5/07, our Contessa of Chapeaus, Carol Vanderploeg 5/10, and Pat Pank 5/20. Happy Birthday Ladies.

The 50/50 was held by Ruth Brosmer. Char Traxel our Princess of Monies could not join us for the day. Thank you Ruth.

Winners were: the beautiful orchid was won by Judy Post; the money was won by Judy's mom Helen, Karen Price and Marge Miller's daughter Diane.

Congrats ladies.

The other lady in the picture with Judy is Judy's aunt Anne.



Note from Irma: The Crafty Girls are having their Memorial Day picnic on Memorial Day, May 28th, again this year. It'll be at 4pm at the HOA pavilion and we'll have a tribute to the Veterans again as we did last year: chicken, homemade salads & deserts and lots of friends and fun!! We had a blast last year and hope it turns out as well this year. Can you two come? We'll be selling tickets at the HOA meeting or I'll deliver them if they can't attend the meeting. My phone is 697-1772 or Ruth is 697-6011. The Crafty Girls brought several items that they have made to sell. They had hand-made boas, feather hair clips, and much more. If you are interested in any of these items, contact Irma or Wanda Totten.

After our luncheon Friday, Jane and I visited the Purple Passion Gift Boutique, Tiffany Square, in Englewood. How surprised we were to see all the Red Hat items they sell there, all kinds of goodies. They had some nice short sets, some hats, jewelry, pins, parasols, etc. They are offering 20% off every Thursday. Their prices are reasonable already. So Ladies, please give it a try. Lots secret pals items, too.

June Birthdays: Mary Bayless 6/1, Helen Griffin 6/21, Barbara Holmes 6/25, Jeanne Karellias 6/7, Janet Messer 6/16, Ruth Oberlin 6/29, Dolly Scolase 6/13, Sharon Paine 6/16, Hebe Scholl 6/4, Evelyn Serrago 6/29, Linda Spadaro 6/23, Judith VanLandegend 6/6.

June Anniversaries: Ruth & Clarence Brosmer 6/16; Pam & John Dockum 6/3; Jeanne & Gus Karellias 6/9; Nancy & Charles Kueck 6/1; Sonja & Bill Minoughan 6/26;  
Secret Pals Messages:

Judy Post: Would you please thank my Secret Pal for my Passover lilac plant and the beautiful handbag she picked out for me as a birthday gift. I am just delighted with all the gifts and cards, I feel very spoiled!!!

Judith McElwaine: Thank you, secret pal for the great Elvis purse and change purse, you know I love it. Thank you for remembering me. Also I just love the Elvis card.



National Red Hat Day April 25, on Dearborn Street, Englewood.

We had a great time. Our chauffer, Randy, was a great sport. He helped, along with my hubby Don to put our giant red hat atop the trolley. He even wore a red shirt for the day, no hat thought, but by the end of the day he was wearing a hat and boa. All the ladies help decorate the trolley with banners, and boas. Feathers were flying everywhere. Randy hooked up the boom box to the outdoor speakers. So we paraded down the street with "Ladies Night" blasting. Everyone could hear us coming. We won "honorable mention". There were some fantastic floats and decorated cars, but we won for the most spirit and with the Red Hat Society theme of "Fun After Fifty".

We enjoyed lunch at Café on Dearborn Street. Some of took advantage of the drink special served in fish bowls....some even finished them. We sang, we danced and just had a great time.

Our young Lemon Bay High School students, Becca and friends, joined us again video-taping all the Red Hatters having a ball. They were amazed at what we were up to.

Becca promised to let us see the finished product.





A special thank you to our Contessa of Chapeaus, Carol Vanderploeg. Carol spent all night actually Friday am till 4:30 with our hats. She painted, fixed pins, feathers, so we could have them for our luncheon Friday, and Thursday was her birthday too. Bless her. Carol will be working on our hats, so if yours is missing, it is out for maintenance. Thanks again Carol, you are a special Lady.

Welcome to our newest members: Judith Van Landegend, Vietta Smaghe, Dorli Hausermann, and Fran Silvius

Sorry Ladies that this newsletter is so long, but we do so much and have so much to say. Thank you all for helping make our Society a great one.

Fondly,  
Judith McElwaine, QM

