



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

*Hello Ladies,*



*The November 10, 2006 luncheon was held at The Captain's Table, Fisherman's' Village, Punta Gorda. Forty-four were in attendance. What a beautiful room we used, it was the Conquistador Room. The view was spectacular. We enjoyed the food, there were a couple of complaints, but overall it was good. The staff was able to accommodate us. They even decorated a Christmas tree with red and purple ornaments. Loved it!*



*Visitors and a new member were introduced. Chris James and Gisela Lucas, friends of Regina Brown, are here from Germany*

*Karen Ireland our newest Sophisticated Lady introduced herself. Welcome Karen.*

*It was decided after our October luncheon that we will from now on restrict our membership to only Ladies who reside in South Gulf Cove. We are becoming very large, and there are only a few restaurants that will accommodate us. To help with this chore, I have assigned Ellie Vollmer as Membership Diva. I have difficulty saying no to anyone who wants to join us. Ladies who have moved from SGC will still be members and those who do not live in SGC who already are members will be allowed. Also, after the first of the year Karen (our VM) and I will mail out letters to our Ladies who have not participated in over a year, to ask them if they still want to be members. If we get no response we will take them off of our membership so we can add new ones.*

*Dolly O'Conner talked about the ornament exchange for our December luncheon. If you bring one, you get to receive one. Decorate one, be creative or buy one already decorated, no rules.*

*Ellie talked about Secret Pals. A sign up sheet was circulated for new the new year. At the December luncheon we will bring a gift for our secret pals and receive a new secret pal.*

*Linda Atkinson, chairlady for our February tea gave us an update. The decision for a place is still being decided. Linda tried to get an idea how the Ladies would accept an increase in the cost of tickets from our last tea because of increase in costs; also how far our Ladies would be willing to travel. Being chairlady for the tea is not an easy job and Linda is doing her best to do a good job. She needs our support and help. Thanks Linda for all you are doing.*

*We had some good news concerning the SGC Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade. Elaine Surette and her husband volunteered the use of their boat!! Thank you Elaine and Ed Surette.*



*Jane Beckwith our Founding Queen Mum is the Chairlady and has gathered a committee to put it all together. Thank you Jane.*



*The 50/50 was held by Char Traxel. Winners are Kathy Massulli won the beautiful catleya orchid Marge Miller, Elaine McAlister winners of the money. Congratulations Ladies.*



*We celebrated the November birthdays. Karen Price VM, Marilyn McSwain (Karen's mom), Elaine McAlister, and Sandy Buchan were present. Other November Birthday Ladies not in attendance are, Ida Pardiso 11/16, Darlene Simkins 11/04.*

*December Birthdays: Lorraine Seiler 12/22, Wanda Totten 12/04.*

*December Anniversaries: Becky & Joe Borci 12/29, Jeri & Calvin Lowe 12/15, Judith & Don McElwaine 12/01, Kay & Paul Giehl 12/10, Lydia & Jack Kersetter 12/31, Sharon & Jack Paine 12/18, Veronica & Donald Anderson 12/16,*

## Upcoming Events:

- Dec 2. SGC Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade. For more info call Jane Beckwith 698-6602 or email her [janee@ewol.com](mailto:janee@ewol.com) Please come out and support our Ladies.
- Dec 8th Carrabbas call or email me Judy to sign up and your menu choice. \$15 per Lady pay day of at the door, exact change please. Drink specials separate. 11:30 till 2p bring a gift for your secret pal. Bring an ornament to exchange.  
Menu choices:
  1. Insalata Carrabba Caesar, Caesar salad topped with grilled chicken and parmesan cheese
  2. Lasagne A house favorite, just like mama used to make
  3. Pasta Carrabba, Penne pasta alfredo tossed with grilled chicken, sauteed mushroom and peas
  4. Chicken Marsala Grilled chicken breast topped with mushrooms, prosciutto and their Lombardo Marsala wine sauce
- January 12. TBD we need a hostess.
- February 9th Our fifth anniversary and fourth annual Tea.
- February 22 "Puttin on the Glitz" Englewood Elks \$17 per lady. I still have seats available call or email me ASAP to sign up.

Ruth Brosmer is recuperating from knee surgery. Hope all is well Ruth. Feel better.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, but don't eat too much.

Fondly,



Judith McElwaine  
aka Lady Orchid your Queen Mother