



Red Hat Honeyys



The Fond du Lac Senior Center Chapter of the Red Hat Society

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What's Buzzin' ...News of the Red Hat Honeyys



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for these upcoming Red Hat activities:

Thurs – Dec 8th – Decorating Gingerbread Houses at the Senior Center. 8-11am **OR** at 1-4pm, \$10 per person.

Thurs – Dec 15th – Snowman Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn. \$13 per person.

Wed – Feb 15th – “Bling” exhibit at the Oshkosh Public Museum. \$5 per person, plus a Dutch treat lunch and gas donation.

Additional details will be in future newsletters or in the 3-ring binder at the front desk.



SNOWMAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us **December 15th** at the Holiday Inn for the annual Red Hat Christmas Party. We'll **meet at 11am** and **lunch will be served at 12-noon**. Entertainment will be provided by the Senior Center Hand Chime Choir. Luncheon will include Chicken broccoli Alfredo, salad, veggie, rolls with butter, dessert and beverage (coffee, tea or milk) and tip. *Cost: \$13.00* Deadline to register is Friday – Dec. 9th. Hostesses: Vivian Gorden, Shirley Hanke, Judi Walters, Patti Werdin, and Donna Charneski.



Gingerbread house making sessions (2) at the Senior Center on **Thursday, December 8th**.

Two sessions are being held, limit of 10 in each. First session is **9-11:00am** and the second is from **1-3pm**. The houses, candy and frosting will be supplied. *Cost: \$10.00* Hostesses are Diane Michels and Dorothy Commo.



“Bling” Exhibit at the Oshkosh Public Museum on **Wed, February 15th**. Carpooling from the Senior Center at **9:30am**. *Cost: \$5.00 plus “Dutch treat” lunch* at the restaurant (yet to be determined/confirmed). Contribution for gasoline costs appreciated. Limit is 20 ladies with the registration deadline being **Wednesday - February 8th**. Hostesses: Barbara Lukas, Vivian Gordon and Rosemary Schorse.

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Please remember to complete the "Red Hat Honey's Hostess Planner" sheet when scheduling an event so that all pertinent information is available for inclusion in the "What's Buzzin" newsletter the way you want it to appear.

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Happy Birthday(s) to:



Belated to Donna Charneski ~ Nov 14th
Judi Walters ~ Dec 2nd
Sally Barbeau ~ Dec 5th
Joyce Dille ~ Dec 6th
Betty Bigsby ~ Dec 10th
Cathy Stratz ~ Dec 19th
Gail Zimmermann ~ Dec 31st

Please let us know your birthday so we may celebrate you too.

Red Hat Chorus

The Chorus has a busy holiday singing schedule. Each of the first 3 Fridays in December will find the bedecked ladies out and about. Dec. 2nd finds them at Touchstone in NFDL. On Dec 9th they will be at Lakeview Estates and the final seasonal sing-out will be at Woodlands (all 3 buildings) with a lovely luncheon provided by the staff. New singers welcome.

Umbrella Brigade News

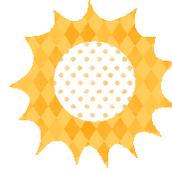


The December performance of the Red Hat Umbrella Brigade - the final of the year - will be at Kindred Hearts.

The Umbrella Brigade and residents love to see additional Red Hatters come and enjoy the program.

Good Deeds Gals News

The Good Deeds Gals have re-evaluated their community outreach limits. It's been decided to not host the "Helping Hats Christmas Tree" program this holiday season. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24th - 2012.



From the Sunshine Committee:

Red Hat Honey's condolences to Patti Werdin on the passing of her mother, Ruth Dille, on November 5th. Honey's sympathy to Bette Arnold and Marylee Pergande on the death of their brother, Ken Yockey, on November 9th, and to Karen Gabathuler on the loss of her father, Roger Retzleff on November 20th.



PLEASE BE WELCOMING TO ALL HATTERS (NEW, CURRENT, AND PAST) IN OUR CHAPTER WHEN THEY ATTEND AN ACTIVITY. WE WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL "BEARY" WELCOME!

Check out the 3 ring binder for a fun idea we may want to think about doing (or something like it) - *Diva Days in Mackinaw City, MI - June 1-3, 2012.*

Please call Cathy S. (920)517-3634 or email - catstratz@charter.net for input, ideas, birthdates or email addresses (to receive your newsletter via email verses having to come into the Senior Center).

Something to think about for 2012:

(from a recently received email)

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play, on the computer, until 4 AM, or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60 & 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach, in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon, if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set.

They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But, broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken, is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face.

So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

