



# Red Hat Honeys



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

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## What's Buzzin' ...News of the Red Hat Honeys



### Happy and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for these upcoming Red Hat activities:

**Thurs - Jul 5<sup>th</sup> – 1-Day Mystery trip**

**Thurs – Aug 30<sup>th</sup> – FREE – “Game Day” at Ashwood Grove Club House**

**Thurs – Sep 6<sup>th</sup> – FREE – “How to Fashion Fun & Friendships” or “Helpful Hints on planning fun activities for your Red Hat Sisters”**

**Thurs – Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - October “Hobo” Halloween and Chili Dump Party in the Park**

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



**rED haT Honeys 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary – planning meeting ~ Tuesday, July 10, at 10a.m.** All Red Hat Honey Queens (once a Queen, always a Queen) and their Courts are invited to help plan the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Red Hat Honey's chapter.



#### 1-day Mystery Trip REMINDERS:

**Thursday, July 5** - The accessibility restrictions have been explained prior to your registration.

We now have a full bus-load (34). ☺

- 1) It is **imperative that we load the bus by 6:45am** **\*\* please arrive at 6:30am \*\*** return is estimated for 7pm.
- 2) Meet the bus at 'Northwest Fabrics' (parking area next/east of Younkers).
- 3) Please take care of your "potty" needs before we leave - ~~there is no facility on the bus.~~  
**\*\* Good news - we now have a 56 passenger bus with a "WC" for liquid deposits (only). \*\***  
We will make a potty stop.
- 4) Remember to wear comfortable shoes and **bring a sweater or light jacket**
- 5) A breakfast bag (with a donut and juice box) will be served on the bus. The first part of the trip is a 2 hour drive to our 1st event, which should be over around 12-noon.
- 6) The trip will have a lunch stop ~ you should have already signed up for your meal preference (binder at the front desk)
- 7) Dutch treat dinner at a secret restaurant.  
Hostesses: Myra Wilhelms (922-4063) & Lynn Ziegler.

~ \* **FREE** \* ~

**" Game day "** at the Ashwood Grove Club House on **Thursday, August 30 - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Directions will be at the Reception Desk at the Senior Center. Different tables will play different games.

Bring your swimming suits if you'd care to take a swim in the club's swimming pool.

Cost: **FREE** Limit: 32

Hostesses: Elaine Katzfey, Marion Greuel, Rosie Hernandez and Donna Born (921-6115).



*Red Hatters Having Fun*



**" How to Fashion Fun and Friendships "** or **"Helpful hints on planning fun activities for your Red Hat Sisters"**-Thursday, September 6, from 1-4 p.m. (may finish earlier). Come and join us in room 4 of the Senior Center for some confidence inspiring tips and practical information to help in planning a Red Hat activity. Please let the Senior Center know if you NEED a ride.

Registration Limit: 20-25

Registration deadline: July 30<sup>th</sup>

Hostesses: Myra Wilhelms (922-4063) and Barbara Lukas (923-0238)

**Happy Birthday(s) to:**



*Belated for Jana Secord ~ June 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Rosemary Schorse ~ July 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Donna Draves ~ July 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Donna Born ~ July 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Kim Lade ~ July 24<sup>th</sup>*

**Please let us know your birthday (at least 1-2 months early) so we may celebrate you too ☺**

**"Hobo Party & Chili Dump"**



**Thursday, October 4,** at 5 p.m. ~ dinner at 5:30 p.m. Lakeside Park's Deneveu Shelter (far eastern side by the Yacht Club). Attire is

hobo chic with a prize for best costume. Please bring a pint or quart of your favorite chili to dump into the pot. Crackers, rye bread, extra chili powder and salt/pepper will be provided along with hot coffee and hot chocolate. Dirty dirt cakes for dessert. Please plan on dressing accordingly for the fall temperatures.

Cost: \$5.00 No Limit

Registration deadline: Fri, Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>

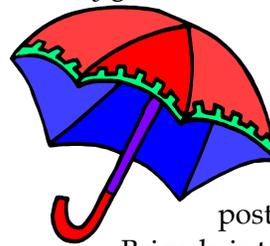
Hostesses: Shirley Hanke, Myra Wilhelms, LaVerne Kabat and Donna Trapp (921-0236)

**\*\* Donna's asking for us to save our aluminum pie pans for her for the Hobo Party. ☺**

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*Please remember to complete the "Red Hat Honeys Hostess Planner" sheet when scheduling an event so that all pertinent information is available for inclusion in the "What's Buzzin" newsletter the way and with the information you want advertised. Once posted, if you have change/additions, please let me know so I may get them in the next month's newsletter.*

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**Umbrella Brigade News**

With their Markesan trip postponed, the Umbrella Brigade is taking a summer break until September. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

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**Please call Cathy S. (920)517-3634 (before 7 p.m. please) or email – [catstratz@charter.net](mailto:catstratz@charter.net) for input, ideas, and birthdates or email addresses (to receive your newsletter via email rather than having to come into the Senior Center to pick up your copy).**

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## From the Sunshine Committee:

*Honey's condolences to Lois Abitz on the recent passing of her sister and to Sally Barbeau on the loss of her mother, Gladys Halfman.*



**Red Hat Honey's Feedback** ~As you may know, there have been 4 meetings now to discuss how the Red Hat Honey's Chapter

may improve in our future by increasing participation, planning additional activities and bring our sisterhood closer. We also brainstormed ways to address concerns which have been brought to Dottie in the past. Below are some of the ideas the ladies, who took advantage of these meetings, came up with to help us successfully move forward.

The term 'clique' was discussed. True, there are many groups who congregate together at events - but it's believed to be because these are activities which allow us to visit with old friends we may hardly ever get together with, some ladies carpool to events so it makes sense to sit together, others may try to sit next someone else in chorus because they can't read music and are using the seating arrangement for vocal keys. There are different reasons to different Honeys. All in all, those present believed that this togetherness or 'click' is more of a comfort zone feeling. An effort is being made to have a hospitality Red Hatter welcome ladies at events, ease new members or those coming alone into welcoming groups and offer transportation arrangements for out of town events. Even though you may not know or be close to everyone, please keep an open eye for a fellow sister who may be feeling out of place or isolated - as always try and make them feel 'beary welcome'.

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



There will be a new Red Hat Honey Members listing out soon. We are trying to get everyone's birthday (month & day only - we won't ask for the year - that's your secret). *Please note that this list is confidential and will not be released to the public, we ask that you too, keep the information for Red Hat Honey's business only.*

Free events were mentioned as a possible draw for activity participation - watch for **FREE** events in upcoming What's Buzzin' newsletters. The Sep 6<sup>th</sup> event will offer tips and practical information to help you plan or help work on a future activity - and it's **FREE**.

The idea of a membership card to identify us to each other with some type of marking to indicate how many years you've been a member - some are original chapter members - imagine 10 years already! - was brought up too.

These are just a few of the ideas discussed. Please watch out for more improvements and your input/ideas to help make our Red Hat Chapter a 'more funner' group to be part of.

A big thank you to those ladies who participated in these meetings. ☺

## Red Hat Chorus

The Red Hat Honey's Chorus is on hiatus. Practices will resume Fridays, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. The chorus elected to return earlier than usual in order to 'cut' a holiday CD. Sales of the CD will go towards purchasing a speaker and mic to enhance the sound quality of their performances. Chorus members were happy and grateful that both Director Eva and Accompanist Pat have agreed to return for their fall session.