

SUMMER 2023

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 *Red Hat Society®*

What's New & What's Next



Debra Granich,
CEO & Queen
Lady Bug

Dear Hatters,

What an exciting year we have had this year so far. Members have been celebrating Red Hat Society's 25th anniversary across the globe from intimate parties to multi day event celebrations, Hoots and our first International RHS convention off shore on a Doo Wop Cruise to Mexico. We also launched a Ruby and Friends campaign where they travel across the globe, they have had exciting adventures meeting hatters from different parts of the globe.

We all must take a bow as this 25th anniversary milestone could not have happened without a team collaboration. As we all know, it takes a strong sisterhood to make this happen. The outcome has been remarkable and we are not done yet, we still have the remainder of this year to continue our celebration. There are many events planned in person and online by our members and we will end this year on a tour to Rome, Italy where we will gather as sisters, see the sites our Rome and nearby historic location, eat and drink our way through Rome and finalize it by participating in the Rome parade where we will be walking or riding around the famous iconic city. If you do not already have plans for New Year's Eve, come celebrate it in Rome with other RHS sisters. I promise it will be an unforgettable experience you could not do the same on your own.


We have heard from so many of you how the RHS has positively impacted your lives. One of the most important things we have accomplished as RHS members is to show the world that getting older is getting better. Our colorful regalia has brought awareness that women matter in this world. We set the example that women can be positive, have fun and celebrate life at any age.

Going forward as women are returning to go out again, we remind you to extend your red gloved hand to returning members and well as new members to be part of our sisterhood. There is power in numbers and we can continue to make a positive statement to others that Red (and Pink) Hatters' matter. Long live our RHS sisterhood.

Happy Hatting,

Debra

Debra Granich,
CEO & Queen Lady Bug




YOUR ROYAL PRESENCE IS REQUESTED

Red Hat Society

ROMAN HOLIDAY

DEC 27, 2023 - JAN 3, 2024

Join the Red Hat Society as we head off to Rome to end our 25th year celebration and welcome 2024 & our next 25 years of Hatting!





PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY OF ROME NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE ON JANUARY 1ST 2024!

The official Rome New Year's Day Parade presented under the auspices of the Mayor of Rome and the City's Special Events Directorate. The Parade has a fabulous route that begins and ends in the focal point of all Roman celebrations, the Piazza del Popolo. The route includes via del Corso, Via Condotti, and the famous Spanish Steps. All transportation from the hotel to and from the performance venue is included.

PACKAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Round trip economy class air travel on a scheduled airline from your selected USA gateway.
- Six (6) nights accommodation in a superior first class hotel in Rome.
- A welcome reception followed by a three course dinner on your day of arrival, special breakfasts, a New Year's Eve buffet.
- Educational tours to The Colosseum, the Roman Forum, ancient City Walls, Catacombs, Vatican City (The Vatican Museum, The Sistine Chapel, and St Peter's Basilica,) Pompeii, and Mount Vesuvius.
- Full time bilingual tour manager.
- A special 2024 Rome New Year's Day Parade and Festival Medal for all members.

PACKAGE PRICE

\$3,950 USD
(choose gateway departure city)

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)
O'Hare International Airport (ORD)
Boston Logan International Airport (BOS)
Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)
Land-only package is also available



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ATTENTION QUEENS & MEMBERS!

In recognition of The Red Hat Society's 25th Anniversary, we've designed a unique 25th Anniversary logo keepsake card, just for you! At just, \$10 each (USD) shipping included, this personalized, sturdy card is available as a limited-edition collectible until supplies last. May be used as a keepsake, modified to wear as a pin or punched to hang on your lanyard. This is a one-time offer and this design will not be repeated.



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YOU SAID IT



I am thankful for fifteen years as a member and chapter Queen in the Red Hat society. I've met so many amazing ladies from all walks of life and from all over the world that I would never have met if not for the RHS. Today is my 15th Hattiversary, and I'll be a member for as long as I'm physically and mentally able to do so. And besides, where else can I wear my two-favorite color, red and purple, together and look darn good doing it?!

— Queen Motormouth Christy Dillon Goerbig, Benton, Louisiana USA



This song represents how I feel about being part of the RHS:
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=3349253845399199> (You've got a friend.)

— Queen Me-ow Kat Suydam, Moss Bluff, Louisiana, USA



Hats Off! to our Kween Kathy Willis from the Valley Isle Vixens, Hawaii for being the ever fabulous RHS hostess.

— Sandi Boll, Kahului, Hawaii USA



Kathy Willis



CRAZY ABOUT PUNS

Love puns?! Embrace the joy of puns and let your wit shine among sister RHS members who appreciate the power of a clever play on words. Pop in for some online fun in the RHS website under the main chapter discussion area and on Facebook. Have a pun-tastic time!

WHAT IF
ALICIA LOST
HER KEYS?
KEEP IT GOING!

WHAT IF...

- PATTI MACHADO** Johnny lost his Cash?
LANA ALLIOTT Shirley lost her Temple?
AMY-VERN REO The Who didn't know what, when or where?
PAT TRAVIS Stevie lost his Wonder?
RUTH CHICHESTER? Paul's ship could not weigh Anka?
MARTHA BLAKENEY Ringo saw a Star?
JOANNE BACZEWSKI Nicholas had to live in a Cage?
GAIL THOMPSON FLODIN Lucille lost her Ball?
MARTHA BLAKENEY Penelope went on a Cruz?
RUSTY PCPHERSON Harrison wreaked his Ford?
CINDY LEMOINE DEMPSTER Taylor isn't very Swift?
DONNA MARIE Helen wasn't Ready?
JUDY NULL Judy lost her Garland?
BRUMA DE CECCA Stones stopped Rolling?
LILLYANNE YEAGER Doris slept all Day?
DONNA PASSMORE Jordan didn't Spark?
JUDY NULL Whitney was born in Houston?
CYNTHIA ELLIS DOWDLE Bruno went to Mars?
KRISTINA NOEMI Kevin didn't like Bacon?
LINDA WILLIAMSON John wasn't a Legend?
BRENDA COLEMAN-HUFF Patti couldn't ring La'Bells?
PEMOLA PEREIRA DAPONTE Brad fell into a Pitt?
JUDI ISNER PARKS Eddie ran out of Money?
MICHELLE PATTERSON Michael wasn't such a Fox?
JESSICA SMITH Huey Lewis never heard the news.

25 WAYS TO PLAY

- Go on a **walk** and listen to the **birds** sing.
- Put some purple or red highlights in your **hair** with **Kool-Aid**.
- Play some childhood **games** like "Sorry" or "Candyland".
- Do 25 **jumping** jacks!
- Write a **poem**.
- Make **dinner** for your chapter.
- Plan a **vacation** you want to take next year.
- Plant **flowers** in your yard.
- Sign up for a **class**.
- Have a bubble bath. Double the **bubbles**!
- Play music and **dance**.
- Get your crayons out and buy a new **coloring** book.
- Do a **movie** night.
- Get an internship in any field where you have a **passionate** interest.
- Start a **diary** and write in it every day.
- Go to a farmer's **market**.
- Spend the day at the **library**.
- Draw a self-**portrait**.
- Go to a **museum**.
- Go out for lunch and eat **dessert** first.
- Jump in the pool with your **clothes** on.
- Learn to **sew** or **knit**.
- Make a fabulous **salad** with everything in it.
- **Foster** a Kitten or puppy.
- Go to the **zoo**.

Red at Last!

Guess who REDuated? It's Christine O. of Florida USA! A pink hatter's "rite of passage" happens when she finally attains the fabulous age of 50! Swapping her pink hat for a red one is just the beginning of her grand Red Hat adventure! Get to know Christine by connecting through the RHS website. Congratulations, Christine!

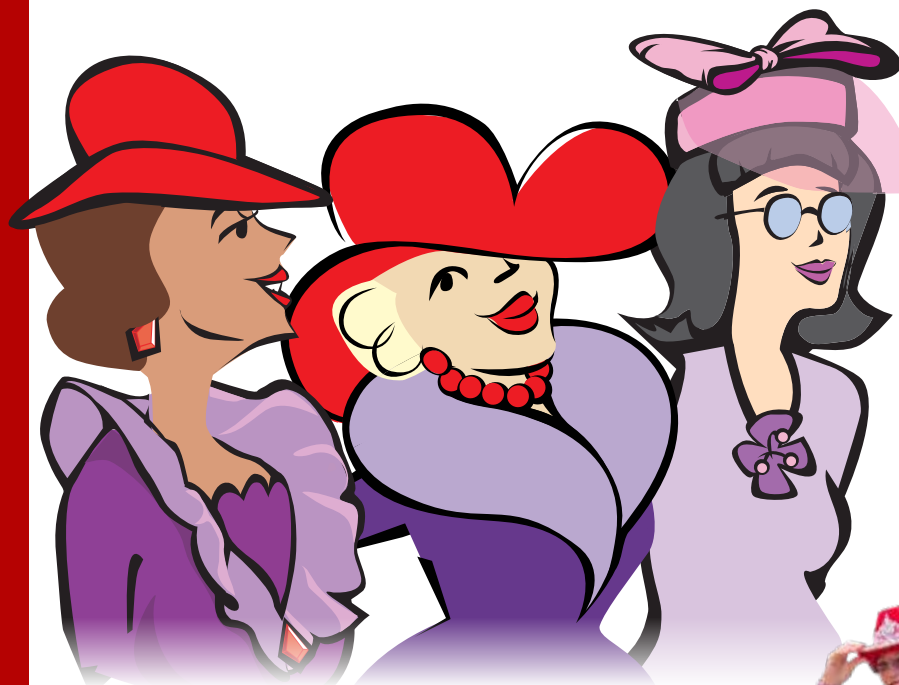


WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE FLAT RUBY AND FRIENDS NOW?

Once Flat Ruby and friends get rolling, they are unstoppable! With the help of their hatter sisters, so far they watched King Charles III's Coronation, flown in airplanes, posed with mermaids, and attended tea parties all over the world. And, that is just the beginning. Their adventures continue to captivate hearts and inspire wanderlust across the globe! Where will we see them next?! Want to play? Here is how:

GUIDELINES:

- Download and self-print Flat Ruby and friends' image from the Members' Corner. Cut and attach image to heavy stock paper and a stick. (Or dream up something on your own.)
- Get your chapterettes together and take pictures in unique locations such as amusement parks, with spring flowers, at the beach or lake, or at the June 17th Worldwide Hoot.
- Post your pictures on RHS's Facebook page including your first names, chapter name, and location. Use **#RHS25** in your post.



FLAT RUBY & FRIENDS



Escapades



*Run
WILD!*

TAKE FLAT RUBY AND FRIENDS WHEREVER YOU GO, SNAP PICTURES, AND SHARE THEM WITH THE HASHTAG #RHS25.



25 YEARS OF CELEBRITY CONNECTIONS



Dana Carvey



Sally Field



Richard Gere



Robin Roberts,
Diane Sawyer



Gladys Knight



Sam Elliot



Candy Spelling

Marie Osmond



Rita Rudner



Meshach Taylor, Florence Henderson



Cloris Leachman



Christine Baranski,
Tom Skerritt,
Jessica Lange



Damon Wayans



25 YEARS OF POP CULTURE INFLUENCE



“I believe I have been waiting my entire life to put on a red hat and have fun”

RHS Member



The Simpsons:
“The Last of the Red Hat Mommas” – 2005

Pickles Cartoons:
Brian Crane



David Spade in The Rules of Engagement:
“The Last of the Red Hat Lovers” – 2011



PBS 55-Minute Documentary:
“The Remarkable Red Hat Society” chronicles the Red Hat Society, with comments from experts on aging, book publishers, and Red Hat Members – 2007



“Hats! The Musical”
debuts in Las Vegas – 2008



25 YEARS OF MAKING HISTORY



Founder, Sue Ellen Cooper purchases an old red Fedora from a Thrift Shop in Arizona.

November 11 1997



First article on RHS appears in Romantic Homes Magazine
July 2000



Sue Ellen Cooper appears on Today Show with Florence Henderson
September 2001



Canadian documentary regarding RHS is released and receives Gracie Allen Award
June 2003

First RHS book published, "Fun and Friendship After Fifty" by Sue Ellen Cooper, which reaches #1 on NY Times Best Seller List

April 2004



RHS appears as the focal point of an episode of the television sitcom, Still Standing
November 15 2004



RHS reaches pop culture status when an episode of the longest animated show, The Simpsons, airs an episode about Marge joining the Red Hat Society

November 27 2005



RHS receives Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association National Award for our impact on the world
2008



RHS appears on QVC offering RHS merchandise
2005



RHS appears for second time on Today Show
2008



Damon Wayans releases his first novel entitled "Red Hats" featuring the RHS
May 2010



David Spade in The Rules of Engagement: "The Last of the Red Hat Ladies"

May 2011



RHS' CEO appears on Let's Make a Deal
January 2022
CBS



Red Hat Society's 25th Anniversary featured in Pickles comics
April 2023



The First RHS Chapter formed
April 25 1998



RHS Online Store launched
January 2001



Pink Hatters lovingly introduced to the RHS
2000

RHS grows to 40,000 chapters worldwide
2002



The first RHS convention, "Paint the Town Red" takes place in Chicago, IL
April 2002

Penn State conducts a comprehensive study on RHS and the positive impact on women in today's society

2003-2006
PENN STATE



RHS launches Platinum Mastercard Program
April 2005



RHS launches "Lifestyle" magazine available for purchase through subscription and at Wal Mart Stores nationwide
January 2005



HATS! The RHS musical debuts
January 2006



Documentary airs on PBS entitled, The Remarkable Red Hat Society
June 2006

RHS partners with River City Productions to launch a film and television production company
June 2010

The first Red Hat goes on display at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History
April 2011



RHS featured on NBC special "Roll Up Your Sleeves"
April 2021
NBC



25 YEARS OF GET-TOGETHERS

2002



2003



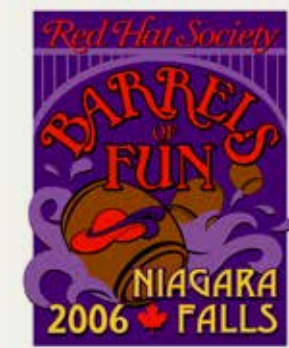
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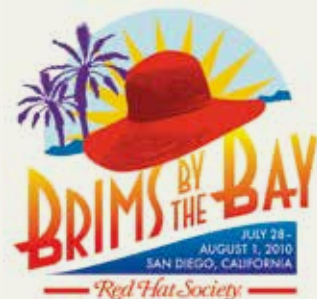


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2023

25th Anniversary Doo Wop Cruise

Red Hat Society March 18 - 25, 2023



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JUNE 17, 2023
FULLERTON,
CALIFORNIA

PHOTO CREDIT: ABBEY LARA





What Happens to Us When We're Having Fun

By Jason Goff of Camp Infinity (Edited for space.)

Fun is a powerful thing! Not just because it's, well, FUN! But also, because having fun stimulates our brains and makes us happier (through good ol' endorphins).

You may not be surprised to hear that adults play less often than children. While our definition of what is fun may have changed since our younger years, we still need to find some time to fit fun into our schedules. (Like Hatters do!)

Play helps our brains learn and keeps our minds sharp. Even just taking the time to notice things

on a walk through the park helps your mind grow in the same way as having fun: watching ants build a hill, twirling flowers and putting them in your hair, or even just watching ducks swim on the pond. Finding things that bring you joy and actually taking time to enjoy them.

- Join a club, The Red Hat Society, of course!
- Plant a garden, learn to dance, or rediscover a childhood pastime.

Giving yourself permission to enjoy things makes your life richer and fuller.

The pandemic ushered in a new way for people to communicate... Zoom.

WHAT IS ZOOM?

Zoom is a popular video conferencing application, a new technology, which allows people to communicate with each other over the internet, through computers, smartphones, or tablets. It utilizes video, audio, and chat capabilities which enables individuals or groups to have virtual meetings, discussions, or presentations, regardless of their physical locations.

It can be very rewarding learning how to master Zoom... Think of it as if you were learning how to ride a bike for the first time or learning how to drive a car. When you first get started it can feel intimidating... but once you get the hang of it... you'll scratch your head and say "This was pretty easy." And then you'll thank me!

Just follow these 5 easy steps to get your best Zoom look and more..."

1. ZOOM IS FREE

Zoom offers a free version that cuts out after 40 minutes. A stable internet connection is crucial for a smooth Zoom experience. Connect your device to a reliable Wi-Fi network or use an Ethernet cable for a more stable connection. Close any unnecessary applications or browser tabs that might consume bandwidth and cause interruptions during the meeting.

2. YOU NEED PROPER LIGHTING

This can be accomplished by using natural light (by setting-up your computer or iPad by a window) or by purchasing additional lighting that will brighten-up your face and get rid of shadows that age us.... Some people purchase the "Ring Light". Play around with your lighting. It cost nothing to schedule your own solo Zoom meeting. Hit record and discover what you can do!

3. THE RIGHT CAMERA

To get the "Best Look" possible...invest in a quality camera. Although most laptops, desktop computers, and smartphones come with built-in

webcams, the quality may vary. I ran into this problem on Zoom when I was going for my best Zoom Look! After a great deal of research... I found an external USB webcam that improved my look by 80%... the brand name is Logitech. (not a sponsored opinion)

4. TEST YOUR AUDIO & VIDEO

Before joining a meeting, make sure your audio and video settings are properly configured. Use Zoom's test meeting feature to check if your microphone, speakers, and camera are working correctly. This way, you can avoid technical issues and ensure that others can see and hear you clearly.

Upon entering a meeting, make sure to mute yourself when not speaking. This will also help minimize background noise and distractions.

5. EXPLORE THE FEATURES

Zoom offers several useful features beyond video and audio conferencing. Familiarize yourself with features like chat, recording, virtual backgrounds, and breakout rooms, depending on your needs. You can also utilize screen sharing.

Remember, these tips are a starting point, and Zoom continually updates its features. Exploring Zoom's official documentation and staying updated with new features can further improve your proficiency and efficiency while using the app. (Un-sponsored opinion)

5 Easy zoom Tips So You Can Look Your Best & Have Fun!



Kathy Bee AKA Red Hat Mamma wears many hats. She's an Award Winning Singer/ Songwriter /Musical Playwright, who wrote, produced and performs the Official Song of The Red Hat Society "Red Hat Mamma. Get FREE Red Hat Mamma Line Dance lessons at www.RedHatPartyFun.com.

You can also check out Kathy Bee's new Web TV/Podcast called Dream TV featuring The Red Hat Society 25th Anniversary Hoot Day on www.DoTheDreamTV.com or on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/@dothedreamtv>



Maribeth L. at the Red Hat Society's 2019 Scandinavian Cruise

HOW TO LOOK GOOD IN PICTURES

It starts with your smile...

BEHIND THAT SMILE IS YOUR TONGUE

Put your tongue on the roof of your mouth just behind your teeth when smiling for a picture. The resulting expression looks more relaxed.

PUSH THAT CHIN

When posing for a photo, push your chin and head slightly forward. It feels kind of unnatural, but on film it does wonders in making your face look thinner and getting rid of any hint of a double chin.

PUSH YOUR SHOULDERS TOO

Again, a slight push forward. This will emphasize your collarbone and make your arms look thinner. Good posture also makes you look more regal.

TURN YOUR BODY

Instead of facing the camera head on, pivot slightly, planting one foot in front of the other. Point your toe to the camera and put your weight on your back foot.

MAKE THOSE ARMS LOOK "SKINNY"

Either place your hands on your hips or hold them slightly away from the sides of your body.

Strike your best pose then practice, practice, practice.

PURPLELICIOUS!

A Very Purple Birthday Tea Party

Red Hat Society members are known worldwide for our fabulous red hats and for loving to attend over the top tea parties. On our birthdays, we switch things up by wearing purple hats and red clothing. For this birthday celebration, we all got into the act wearing very purple regalia. How surprisingly fun! Thanks to our hostess **Queen Josie S.** of Victorian Red Hatters, Southern California, for a great idea!



Tea & Cheese Pairing

By Karen Donnelly, excerpt from *Tea House Times* online magazine, an RHS benefit. (Edited for space.)

Who needs wine when the complex flavors and aromas of tea pair beautifully with cheese to enhance or compliment the flavors?

Cheese and cracker platters are almost an essential addition for the buffet table at parties and celebrations with family and friends. Easy to assemble, and so indulgent when garnished with fresh and dried fruits, nuts and delicious breads and crackers. Just add wine and the party is ready to start!

Wait. What about your guests that don't drink? We tend to forget that there are many who do not. Tea can also be paired with cheeses and can be a thoughtful, and engaging option. It's not complicated and it's fun and may actually have other guests putting their glass of wine down and reaching for a cup of tea.

WHY TEA WORKS:

Flavor characteristics imparted by terroir bring out unique characteristics in all cultivated agricultural products such as wine, tea, coffee, chocolate, honey, and cheese. What is terroir? It is the local soil, topography, surrounding vegetation, climate, and production season and style that imparts characteristic taste and flavor to the final product. Tea is considered the nonalcoholic wine of the world because its flavor profiles are affected by terroir just as wine is.

Cheeses from around the world also take on distinctive flavors in the same way. Like wine, tea also has varying degrees of tannins and astringencies, floral or fruity notes, and sweetness that affect how it reacts with the food it is paired with. But here is where tea has the advantage over wine in pairings: the warmth of the tea in your mouth brings out more of the complex flavors of the cheeses.

So, choose teas that you enjoy, and your guests would recognize. Here are a few examples: Black teas such as Darjeeling, Ceylon, or a Breakfast tea (a blend of black teas) offers the robust flavors, tannins and astringency that works well with a variety of cheeses from creamy Brie to aged Cheddar. An Earl Grey with its citrusy bergamot is delicious with creamy cheeses

Green teas such as Japanese Sencha have fresh, vegetal, grassy notes. Try Sencha with lighter, fresh cheeses, such as goat cheese. Chinese Gunpowder with its bolder flavor and slight smoke might be paired with spicy or even smoked cheeses. Yes, you can add a pot of herbal tea, but think fruity – peaches, apples, berries. There is a reason fruit is added to a cheese platter: it's a natural match.

Let your guests know to take a sip of the tea, then a bite of the cheese, and then another sip of tea. After that first suggestion, let them experiment and have fun!



Tea House Times - The premiere online "everything about tea" magazine, a free benefit of your Red Hat Society membership.



FIVE TIPS AND TRICKS FOR USING INSTAGRAM IN 2023

1 Use music with your photo posts or stories
Music is a great way to attract visitors to your posts and stories.

HOW TO DO IT:

- Select the image to post
- Click on the option to 'add music'
- Select your song and add

2 Add weblinks to your stories
Want to show off your new hat or great outfit you just bought? Share where you made your purchase by adding the website of the store or small shop.

HOW TO DO IT:

- Go to your stories add your desired image/photo
- Click on the link option
- Then go to weblink and type in your link

3 Get notification from your favorite accounts
This is a brand-new tip that Instagram has added to keep you up to date with your favorite accounts, their accounts will appear first on your Instagram.

HOW TO DO IT:

- Go to your favorite celebrity or influencer's Instagram account
- Click on the 'following' button
- Click on the 'favorites' button and it's done.

4 See all posts you have liked
Many times we find a post, reel, or video that we find relatable so we hit the like button. Later we forget what we liked! Instagram has made it possible to view your liked posts once again.

HOW TO DO IT:

- Go to your settings
- In the search bar, just type 'manage likes'
- There you have all the liked posts, reels, and videos

5 Discover new people/new accounts
Looking for new people or accounts to engage with?

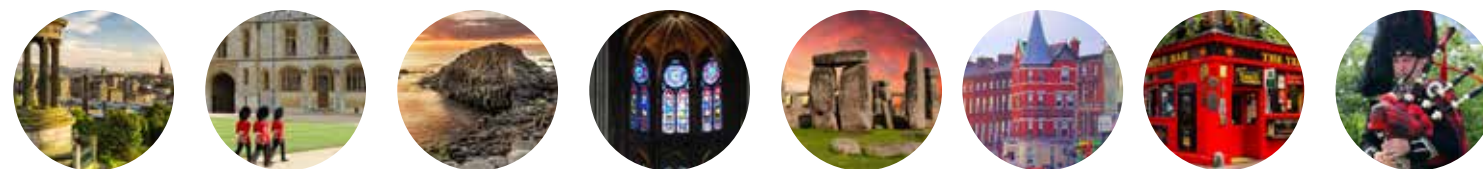
HOW TO DO IT:

- Go to your profile
- Select Menu
- Select Discover People



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At Sea
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Cork, Ireland (Blarney Castle)
- **MONDAY, MAY 6TH 2024**
Dublin (Dun Laoghaire), Ireland
- **TUESDAY, MAY 7TH 2024**
Belfast, Northern Ireland
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH 2024**
Glasgow (Greenock), Scotland
- **THURSDAY, MAY 9TH 2024**
At Sea
- **FRIDAY, MAY 10TH 2024**
Orkney Islands (Kirkwall), Scotland
- **SATURDAY, MAY 11TH 2024**
Invergordon, Scotland
- **SUNDAY, MAY 12TH 2024**
Edinburgh, Scotland
- **MONDAY, MAY 13TH 2024**
At Sea
- **TUESDAY, MAY 15TH 2024**
Paris/Normandy, France
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH 2024**
Southampton (London), England



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We're Going Out Again!



Jo Elliot and Donna Hempel,
Ambassador Program Team

a Saskatchewan Funvention

Queen, Ambassador Mary C. of the Regina Royal Diamonds Chapter of Regina, Saskatchewan Canada has incredible news to share! On June 2-3, 2023 five vibrant chapters in Saskatoon and Saskatchewan came together to celebrate the Red Hat Society's momentous 25th Anniversary. This extraordinary event was organized by the dynamic groups of Antiques Red Hatters, Red Hat Barbies, Saskatoon Castaways, Red Hat Glamour Girls, and Ravishing Rubies. It proved to be a weekend filled with boundless joy, cherished friendships, a sense of liberation, personal fulfillment, and even fitness!

During the festivities, a special private Coronation Pledge was conducted honoring Paula D., the remarkable Queen of the She Devils in Regina, Saskatchewan. Paula embarked on her Red Hat journey in January in 2023, alongside a group of dear friends and acquaintances. Their chapter has now flourished to include eight incredible members, with three of Pinkies!

It's important to note that the She Devils chapter is a fantastic offshoot from the renowned Regina Red Hot Flashin' Rubies, which in turn emerged from my very own chapter, the Regina Royal Diamonds. Congratulations to Paula on her well-deserved title as a New Queen, and heartfelt congratulations to all the members who celebrated this momentous occasion! Saskatchewan and Saskatoon are shaking things up with their remarkable spirit and enthusiasm. Keep an eye out for more exciting updates as we continue to grow and flourish together! Red/Pink Hatters Matter!



a Milestone Birthday!

Queen, Ambassador Wanda J. B., of the Bayou Girls Chapter, Thibodaux, Louisiana US shares, I've been blessed to be a part of the Red Hat Society and numerous amazing experiences over the past 20 years! I have met some of the most amazing women worldwide and created friendships that will last a lifetime. To say, I love this society and every adventure that comes along with it, would be an understatement!

This year I turned 60 in March – an exhilarating milestone for me! A few of my Red Hat sisters came together to celebrate my life at Bayou Brushes Art Studio including Paula S., Clara L., Lois O., Brenda B., Joyce D., Queen Marian J., Queen Celeste G., and Tonia G. Plus, a huge shoutout to Barbara W. for teaching the class, it was awesome and truly unforgettable! We had the best time, laughing, painting and popped into Stella's Café to top off the celebration. This society has changed my life in ways I would have never thought possible. The laughs, the tears, the memories, the members, all mean so much to me! I am so happy I decided to join so many years ago! I hope to create many more memories and meet more amazing ladies. Thank you, Red Hat Society for all you have done for me!!!



a Royal Coronation & more...

Oh my! The excitement in Arizona was off the charts with the anticipation of the June 2-3, 2023 Website Training and Queen's Coronation & Luncheon hosted by three remarkable Queens: Queen Ambassador J. Hobson of the Desert Roses of Sun Lake Chapter, A. Winston-Laub and C. Ray of the Cactus Cuties Chapter in Sun Lakes, AZ hosted a truly exciting and remarkable Queens Coronation & Luncheon.

On Friday, June 2nd, the event began with a "Each One - Teach One" Website Training session conducted by Donna Hempel, Member Experience Specialist from RHS Hatquarters. Sixteen members participated in the training and introduced to the newly added features to the RHS website. They learned various aspects such as logging in, requesting a new password, managing personal profiles, and reading and downloading the RHS Handbook. The queens also learned how to locate their chapters, review rosters, add or remove members, and grow their chapters and RHS membership by extending invitations through the website. The training covered the RHS Event Calendar and how to submit events for publication. The session ended with a joyous celebration as members received their Each One - Teach One Certificates and special gifts.

The excitement continued Saturday, June 3rd, as royalty from the state arrived. The venue was beautifully decorated with rhinestones, pearls, roses, banners, and gifts. Vendors showcased

sparkling jewels, hats, and gorgeous attire, and a talented pianist provided entertainment. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch and exquisite desserts. The chapters participated in a Table Centerpiece Contest, which added to the royal atmosphere. Talk about gorgeous!! Tough time was in store for the judges deciding just one winner. Congratulations ladies!

A special highlight of the day was the Royal Coronation Ceremony, where six new ladies were officially inducted as RHS members and eighteen queens coronated. The Coronation Ceremony was conducted by Donna Hempel and accompanied by Marilyn Cresci, the amazing Queen, Ambassador and 2014 Hatter of the Year. The event also included the crowning of queens by Vice Queens or other members. Laughter and cherished moments were shared throughout the day.

Important RHS updates were shared including encouraging members to log in to the website, poke and play, explore every tab available, check out the Members Icon, definitely click on the Members Corner for all the FUN Stuff and do take a moment to celebrate your success. Members were reminded of the upcoming Worldwide Hoot - June 17th and not to forget Ruby and Friends' when you're on the go, they love posing for pictures with you! Plus, the RHS Event Calendar is jammed full of exciting events. Guests were presented with heartfelt thank-you gifts from RHS, expressing gratitude for their support and emphasizing the importance of each royal member.

The event concluded with personal presentations to the hostesses, who received a Red Hat Society Proclamation and royal gifts. A special thank you was extended to all the royal members for their love of the society, support, inspiration, friendship, and for sharing their joyful experiences worldwide! The Red Hat Society was praised for its ability to embrace and change women's lives in a heartbeat. The Arizona Hatters were commended for their sparkling attitudes, jubilant expressions of fun and friendship, and warm and generous hospitality. Sincerest congratulations on celebrating 25 Years of Sisterhood! Long, Live the Red Hat Society!



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