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SUMMER 2024

What's New & What's Next

Dear Sisters,

As we step into the vibrant month of June, I am filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude for each of you. Our global women's social organization stands as a beacon of strength, unity, and unwavering friendship. Together, we exemplify the beauty of diversity and the power of sisterhood.

At our core, we are a mosaic of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences, coming together under the shared banner of fun and friendship. From bustling city streets to tranquil countryside lanes, from towering skyscrapers to humble cottages, our members hail from all walks of life. Yet, despite our differences, we are bound by the common threads of camaraderie and love.

In a world often marred by division and discord, we stand as a testament to the fact that unity is not only possible but also beautiful. We showcase to the world that women from every corner of the globe can come together in harmony and solidarity, celebrating our uniqueness while reveling in our shared humanity.

As we continue this journey of laughter, joy, and companionship, let us remember the profound impact we have not only on each other but also on the world around us. Through our actions, we inspire others to embrace diversity, foster inclusivity, and nurture bonds that transcend boundaries.

So, my dear sisters, let us march forward with our heads held high, our hearts open wide, and our spirits ablaze with the warmth of friendship. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, no obstacle we cannot overcome, and no dream too grand to pursue.

Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary journey. Here's to another month, year, and decade filled with laughter, adventure, and the everlasting bond of sisterhood.

With gratitude and admiration,



Queen Lady Bug, Debra Granich, RHS CEO
and Hatquarters Team



Debra Granich,
CEO & Queen
Lady Bug

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YOU SAID IT



When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple
with a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't
suit me.... By Jenny Joseph

When I first became a member of the Red Hat Society,
I read this poem somewhere and knew I wanted to be
like that old woman! It drew me in, I couldn't get it off
my mind. Still today, I go back and read it and I still get a
laugh, to think I may be that old lady, not now, no not yet,
but later!

I hope all of you, who are new or just haven't read it yet,
do. Enjoy!

– Reatha Bryant, member since 2016



Wishing all my red and pink hat
sisters a wonderful day. May it be
filled with love, joy, blessing and
wonderful family members. May your coffee
be strong, your worries be light, and your day
be amazing. Enjoy your day!

– Patti Mater



The San Antonio, TX, USA, RLQC farewelled our Queen
Olga Rodriguez Spotswood. Queen Mike has been a
Queen for over 20 years and she was one of the first
Queens who started the Red hat Society Chapters in San
Antonio, TX USA. We will miss her but she will leave us with so
many beautiful memories.

– Queen Madeline Millet



LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY CARD

In recognition of The Red Hat Society's 25th Anniversary milestone, we've designed a unique 25th Anniversary logo card keepsake, just for you! At just \$10 each (USD) shipping included; This personalized, sturdy card is available in limited-edition quantities while 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. Act fast! Enjoy.



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ROMAN HOLIDAY

DEC 27, 2023 - JAN 3, 2024

Buongiorno!

The Red Hat Society rang in New Year's 2024, parading in ROME! For nearly a decade, we had so much fun traveling to the UK to participate in the London's New Year's Day Parade. It was time to see more of Europe! Rome exceeded our expectations!





2024

RED HAT SOCIETY'S 12-DAY

BRITISH ISLES CRUISE

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The Award for the BEST DECORATION Goes to...

Hatters in the Land of Oz, the bi-annual convention held in Wichita, KS USA, promotes itself as a convention you will never forget. This year's event made good on that promise! Your CEO, Queen Lady Bug, Debra Granich was thrilled to be one of the attendees. Debra confirms that this clever hostess, Ambassador Queen Connie Pearl of The Toto-ly Oz-some Red Hatters, and team, always have a surprise or two up their royal sleeves. One of the highlights of this convention is the fabulous set designs created by Decorator Extraordinaire Carol Drake. In honor of Carol's continuing hard work and unfailing creativity, Hatquarters awarded her our first Best Decoration Award which was presented by Queen Lady Bug Debra in front of the entire delighted crowd. The Tin Man Award! Congratulations, Carol!





DITCHING THE DYE

What a clever outcome! One of our members tells us that by embracing her natural gray hair, she has not only saved precious time but money too, simply by ditching the dye. She funnels these freed up resources into attending Red Hat Society events and adding to her ever-growing regalia!

Her shining silver locks peeking out from under her red hat have become a symbol of freedom and joy, reflecting her spirited journey as part of this colorful sisterhood. We always knew that Hatters are trend setters and smart cookies, too!



FUN DOLLARS

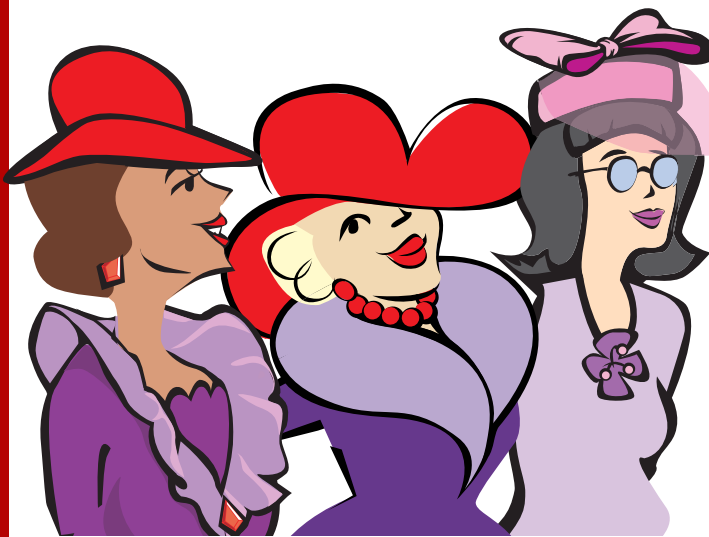
LOOKING FOR A CLEVER WAY TO SAVE FOR OUR AWESOME EVENTS AND REGALIA? TRY USING FUN DOLLARS! CHECK YOUR DOLLAR BILLS OFTEN, AND IF YOU FIND ONE WITH A SERIAL NUMBER THAT STARTS WITH AN "F" FOR FUN, PUT IT IN THE SAVE-FOR-FUN HAT. WATCH YOUR SAVINGS GROW AND GET READY FOR THAT NEXT BIG EVENT IN NO TIME!

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*



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

Blue Zones AND You

Have you heard of Blue Zones?

There are only five “Blue Zones” in the world – places where people live for over 100 years thanks to their healthy diets and relaxed lifestyles. These are Ikaria in Greece, Okinawa in Japan, the Nicoya Peninsula in Costa Rica, Loma Linda in California USA, and the entire province of Ogliastra in Sardinia, Italy.

Scientists believe these communities live longer because they mostly eat plant-based foods. Blue Zone people eat mostly vegetable, fruits, grains, and legumes. We are sure that dessert is on their menu occasionally but it appears that minestrone soup is a bountiful dish that is healthy and a staple. This simple soup is enjoyed by the world’s longest-living people. It is an affordable and delicious meal that could be the secret to a long, healthy life.

Could it be that simple?

We wonder if eventually, we the society, could be deemed a Blue Zone? We have many members in the 90 to 100 years young range which their longevity is credited in part to our society’s enjoyable social connections. We could add the blessing of a long life to our quest to take over the world. (Wink!) Imagine, just add soup to your meals and live to be 100. It is worth a try.

There is no fixed recipe for Minestrone Soup, you may have one of your own, but this one from famous chef Jamie Oliver sounds yummy.



Jamie Oliver's Minestrone Soup

SERVES 8... OR 4 HUNGRY HATTERS

INGREDIENTS

- Plum tomatoes (14 oz.)
- Cannellini or butter beans (28 oz.)
- Dried pasta (3.5 oz.)
- 2 small onions
- 2 carrots
- 2 celery sticks
- 2 fresh bay leaves
- 2 large handful of seasonal greens (savoy cabbage, kale, etc.)
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Parmesan cheese, to serve
- Crusty bread, to serve
- Salt and pepper to season

METHOD

- Peel and finely chop the onions and garlic. Then, heat one tablespoon of olive oil on medium-high heat in a large casserole pan. Add the garlic, bay leaves, and onions.
- Trim and cut the carrots and celery into 1-inch pieces, adding to the pan as you go. Remove any tough stalks from your greens, finely chop them and add them to the pan.
- Cook for 10-15 minutes, stirring regularly. The veggies should soften and start to caramelize.
- Crumble in the stock cube and pour in the tomatoes, breaking them up with the back of a spoon. Then add one cup's worth of water.
- Pour in the beans and season with a pinch of sea salt and black pepper
- Shred the remaining greens and sprinkle them into the pan. Top the dish up with 2 ½ cups of boiling water and then add the pasta. Cover and let the dish simmer for 10-15 minutes or until the pasta is just cooked.
- Season with more salt and pepper if needed and serve with a generous grating of parmesan and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil - as well as a thick wedge of crusty bread.

Et voila! A nutritious soup that you can whip up in no time. If you have run out of pasta, you can easily swap it for rice or even large hunks of bread.



Painted Rock Garden Markers

This can be a fun solo project or shared as a chapter event.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Smooth, flat rocks (you can find these in your garden, at a park, or purchase them from a craft store)
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paintbrushes (various sizes)
- Permanent markers (optional)
- Clear acrylic spray sealant (optional, but recommended for durability)
- Old newspaper or a plastic tablecloth to protect your workspace

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather Your Rocks: Find smooth, flat rocks that are large enough to write on. Clean them thoroughly with soap and water and let them dry completely.
2. Prepare Your Workspace: Lay down old newspapers or a plastic tablecloth to protect your workspace from paint spills.
3. Base Coat: If desired, paint a base coat on your rocks with a light color (such as white or a light pastel). This will make the colors you paint on top more vibrant. Let the base coat dry completely.
4. Design Your Markers: Using your acrylic paints, create fun designs on your rocks. You can paint flowers, vegetables, or simple patterns. If you're making garden markers, paint the names of the plants (e.g., tomatoes, basil, carrots) on each rock. Use a thin brush or a permanent marker for the lettering.
5. Drying: Allow the painted rocks to dry completely. This may take a few hours depending on the thickness of the paint.
6. Seal Your Rocks: To protect your artwork from the elements, spray the painted rocks with a clear acrylic sealant. This step is optional but will help your garden markers last longer.
7. Place in Your Garden: Once the sealant is dry, place your beautiful new markers in your garden. Enjoy the splash of color and the practicality they bring to your garden space!

What a nice personal touch these will add to your garden. Happy crafting!

SELF CARE *ideas*

FOR
FRUGAL
HATTERS



TAKE A LEISURELY
WALK IN A PARK.

VISIT AN
ART
MUSEUM.



DECLUTTER
AND
DONATE.



PLAY
WITH
YOUR
PET.

DO
KARAOKE
COMPLETELY
SOBER.



MEDITATE/
PRAY.





LISTEN TO
NATURE
SOUNDS.



HAVE AN
"ALL DAY PJS DAY."



TAKE A LONG,
HOT BATH.



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TAKE YOURSELF OUT
FOR A TREAT AND "EAT
DESSERT FIRST."



TAKE YOUR
VITAMINS.

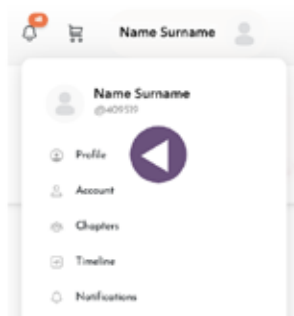
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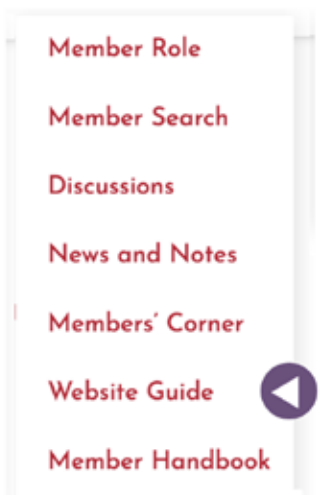
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WEBSITE'S MANY FUN FEATURES



FINDING YOUR RHS MEMBER ID NUMBER

- Log in to **REDHATSOCIETY.COM** using your email address.
- Click on your profile picture or name.
- Select **PROFILE**.
- Click on **MEMBER CARD** to see your Member ID number.

Members



HOW-TO VIDEOS



The Each One; Teach One How-To Videos and written instructions are available on the RHS website under the **WEBSITE GUIDE**.

Each video is an easy visual and under 5 minutes in length. The written instructions are simple to read, if that is your preferred way to learn.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS TO EXPLORE



- Queens: Manage your chapter
- Do a Chapter search
- Connect with Friends
- Update your profile
- See your messages
- View your account and more, all under the Website Guide

Share some knowledge today!

TIME CAPSULE

REVEAL

Ten years ago, Hatquarters put together a spectacular event that has since become legendary! Held in beautiful Newport Beach, CA, the Royal Court of Queens was an absolute blast. We kicked things off with a Poolside Meet & Greet featuring mesmerizing Hawaiian Fire Dancers and a hovering drone capturing all the fun. We cruised around Newport Bay in electric boats, held "Queen-essential sessions," and, the highlight, created an RHS Time Capsule to be opened in 2024. Queens and Vice Queens brought along special tokens to add to our time capsule as keepsakes for the future.

Fast forward to April 25, 2024, our 25th Anniversary! The moment we had all been eagerly waiting for finally arrived. With hearts full of excitement, we discovered the Time Capsule in the depths of the RHS warehouse. The reveal was nothing short of amazing and we shared every thrilling moment in our social media Facebook group. Here are some fantastic pictures we captured from this unforgettable event.



Hatter's Birthday Poem

By EQM Sue Ellen Cooper



*Someone's having a birthday
She's sporting a bright purple hat
Her outfit is red
Because the Queen said
On our birthdays we each should do that

That means that we have to go shopping
To be ready to dress in reverse
For a purple chapeau
And some red that won't go
Perhaps some new shoes and a purse

Now isn't it fun to be silly
In upside-down purple and red
This change once a year
Makes it perfectly clear
That birthdays are nothing to dread.*

KEEP CALM & DRINK TEA

The Red Hat Society's mantra wholeheartedly promotes periods of "recess" from the cares and duties of everyday life.



Drinking tea is one of the ways that we find a peaceful moment in a world that never stops. We dedicate time for ourselves to enjoy and relax without having to feel guilty from our usual responsibilities. Sharing a cuppa is such a marvelous social activity, whether it is with a friend or participating in a traditional tea ceremony.

Sipping on a warm cup of tea can be your perfect pathway to tranquility. The gentle aroma and soothing warmth work together to relax your mind and body. Embrace the ritual—choose your favorite mug, take a deep breath, and let each sip melt away the stress. Do as Hatters do, create yourself a cozy escape, and let the simple pleasure of tea bring calm to your day.



Creating Community Magic



Ambassadors are spreading the joy of the Red Hat Society (RHS) far and wide! Wherever we go, people ask about RHS, and we proudly share our story. Whether it's in our local communities, with family and friends, at salons, restaurants, or online through RHS communication portals, we're always on the move.

Queen Ambassador Judithmary H. of the Desert Roses of Sun Lakes Chapter recently hosted a fabulous community event, "Chic Boutique, Sun Lakes, AZ, United States." With numerous exhibitors and a shop-and-swap of gently used items, it was perfect for sisters new to RHS or looking to refresh their wardrobe. The event was well-publicized with newspaper features, community signage, personal invites, and online posts. It was a blast!

The fun continued with RHS's new sponsor, Grouper, and representative Raegan Harris, who introduced "Social Fitness" – enhancing mental, physical, and social health. Discover how Grouper can get you a FREE RHS membership at hellogrouper.com/RHS or call 1-833-205-2431.

A huge thank you to Judithmary for her recruiting magic and to Marilyn C., our 2014 Hatter of the Year, for her exceptional assistance. And to our amazing Arizona sisters – you rock!

Sisters, let's keep sharing RHS with a warm hand of friendship, a welcoming smile, and sparkling hattitude. After all, there's **Only One – Join the Fun!**

Thank you, Ambassadors, for making a difference in women's lives worldwide, one magical hat at a time!



Ambassador Queen Jan L. of Ancaster, Canada, shares:

“The best thing I’ve done is join The Red Hat Society.”



Ambassador Queen Marsha E. of Beloit, WI, United States, belongs to 19 chapters and as an ambassador still makes time to help new members connect. She tells us,

“I’m so excited that I found a chapter for Sue K. to join! Welcome Sue to all the fun times you’ll have!”

When new member Leslie T. of Tustin, CA United States, walked into Hatquarters to join, she could not know at that time how much her life will change for the better. Her timing was perfect to attend this years Worldwide Hoot in Fullerton, CA USA.

Welcome!



More friends; more fun!

It is no secret that adding new members to our society is like sprinkling confetti in the air at a party - it just makes everything more vibrant and fun! When we welcome new faces, we are not just expanding the society; we are injecting a burst of energy and excitement. Each person brings their unique flair, interests, and ideas, spicing up our activities and conversations. Plus, more friends mean more laughter, more adventures, and more unforgettable moments together. So, let us open our arms wide and invite others to join in the fun! Together, we will create a community overflowing with warmth, friendship, and endless smiles. Invite someone new to the society today!





JUNE 15, 2024

WHAT'S A HOOT?

A "Hoot" is our word for an unstructured and extremely informal gathering of RHS members. It is usually a one-day event. Sometimes (but not always) it involves a train with members traveling from near and far to meet at one location. We pick a place and go there in mass, gather briefly to say "Hello," then go our merry ways to lunch or shop or meander.



The key to a hoot is to be seen in our regalia! Each participant is responsible for her own reservations, and transportation, etcetera. There can be a theme but no formal program as such is required. The RHS worldwide tradition is to hold an annual hoot in June each year. Hoots can be held at public venues such as county fairs or festivals and on any day of the year.

If you've never "hooted" before, do not miss throwing one in your area.

PICK A DATE, TIME FRAME AND LOCATION.

Hoots feel spontaneous but they are planned.

Hoots can be announced through a variety of ways:

- Queens may post it on the RHS Calendar
- Spread the word through emails or phone calls
- Share on social media
- Share on the RHS website in the main chapter discussion forum



SPREAD THE WORD

You may contact the city's Chamber of Commerce or Tourist Bureau to help spread the word to the local shops and restaurants to let them know you are coming. That way the shopkeepers can feature their red, purple, pink, and lavender merchandise in their windows and the restaurants will have plenty of staff on hand. Calling your favorite restaurant for reservations will be helpful too! We typically receive a senior discount if going by train.



BE CAMERA AND MEDIA READY

The world is taking notice again; so, let us all be camera ready! When the press or a potential new member asks what we gorgeous ladies are all about – and you know they will – just give them your best smile and say:

The Red Hat Society is the world's largest play group for women. We are all about fun and friendship. We would love to invite you to become a member at www.redhatsociety.com. The way it works is that women who join the Society are added to the RHS main online chapter and then are free to participate in local chapters, if available, or start a chapter of their own and be a Queen (Queens are our leaders. It's good to be Queen.)



SHARE THE FUN DURING AND AFTER THE HOOT!



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Please post your pictures and stories to Facebook.com/RedHatSocietyPage.
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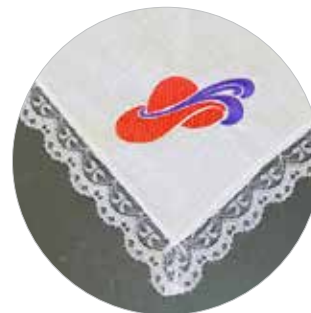


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