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FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Red and Pink Hatters,

This issue of Red Hatter Matters focuses on fun and friendship. We've been using those two words together for 19 years – and we still think they belong together. I think of them in a similar way that I think about other twosomes: ham and eggs, bread and butter, milk and cookies, etc. They're almost inseparable: think of one and the other pops into your mind. Of course it is *possible* to separate them, but doing so results in a far different experience than enjoying them together is guaranteed to do. Yes, you can enjoy cookies without milk or bread without butter – but I think we'd all agree that pairing them is better.

In a similar way, it's possible to do something fun without sharing the experience with a friend. But – again – why would you want to if you don't have to? If half of the pair is good, the complete pair is even better. Can you enjoy a good laugh (or cry) at the movies by yourself? Of course you can. But wouldn't you be wishing, even while doing it, that you had a friend, someone who's on the same wavelength, with you to go through the experience with you? You can always tell her about it later but it just

won't be the same. There are times when friendship gets serious, when one or the other is enduring a difficult or painful time. No way is this fun. But these times go a long way to building rock-solid friendships, which makes that kind of sharing so worthwhile. Even so, it's likely that both of you will be looking forward to the next time you can just let go and enjoy life together, hoping that a more joyful time is just around the corner.

I think I've made my point: fun and friendship go together, as Forrest Gump would say, "like peas and carrots." We all need them. And can you think of a better place to find them than the Red Hat Society? So here's to fun and friendship – the RHS way!

In friendship,

Sue Ellen

Sue Ellen



Dear Hatters,

Welcome to the first issue of Red Hatter Matters for 2017. This time of year is particularly busy for RHS's Hatquarters team (comprised of a mere 20 employees) with the majority of our Members renewing from January to April. Oh, did I mention we held our international convention in February and launched registrations for the New Orleans convention and Hatter's Retreat during all of this?! Phones are constantly ringing, fingers are constantly clicking keyboards as we enthusiastically (and quickly) answer calls from around the globe and over 900 emails a day. The marketing team would tell you that social media is always abuzz with Hatters around the world asking questions in over 30 different groups, by sending private messages learning more about how to make the most of their new website.

Speaking of the new website, we're having so much fun watching those who have ventured onto the site discover the new ways they can communicate and play. Queen Reatha Bryant (Youngsville, LA, USA) has made it a point of liking and commenting on Members' posts daily. She's always in the site to chat. Queen Marie Christopher (Cameron, TX, USA) shares a daily affirmation and uplifting photo that puts smiles on all her RHS Connections' faces. (Connections are a fun way to get closer to Members in the RHS. You can share group messages quickly.) Queen Amanda Lawrence (Norwich, Norfolk, UK) has truly mastered the ability to use her Chapter group features with exciting ways to ensure her Chapter stays organized and can register for her upcoming events!

These are just a few examples of the fun that are happening on the new website and it is my goal and that of the Hatquarters team to reach for 100% participation in our new system. If all of us are using this new technology, imagine how much fun we can have!

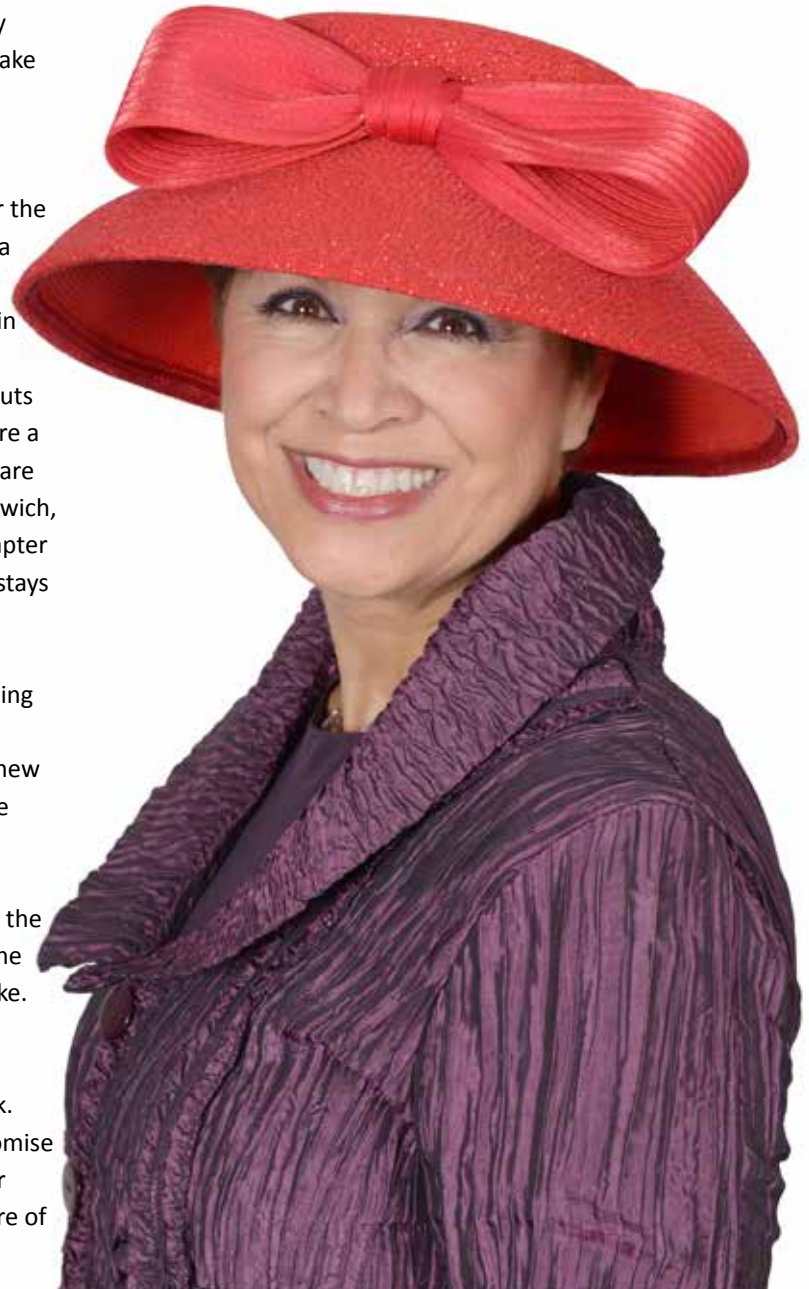
So, I hope you'll take the time to familiarize yourself with the new system. Watch the videos or download and utilize the PDF how-to documents. Don't be afraid to make a mistake. You can't break it and it was designed for playtime. I want to applaud the team at Hatquarters for doing all they can to ensure you have answers before you even ask. However, if you need assistance, reach out to us. We promise we'll get back to you. Be patient with us as we maneuver through our busy season, but feel confident we'll take care of you.

To those of you already embracing our new technology, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love that Red Hatters don't give up or give in to stereotypes. The world tells us we can't learn new things and to that we say—watch us soar!!!

Royally Yours,



Debra Granich,
CEO & Queen Lady Bug



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by Luke Song

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2017
AND BEYOND.

SAVE THE DATE




**RHS DAY CELEBRATION
ANAHEIM, CA**

APRIL 23



**live chat on
FACEBOOK**

APRIL 25



**WORLD WIDE
HOOT DAY**

JUNE 10



**RHS VIRTUAL
DAY AT THE DERBY
PARTY ON FACEBOOK**

MAY 4



**RHS VIRTUAL
TEDDY BEAR PICNIC
PARTY ON FACEBOOK**

JULY 10



**RHS VIRTUAL
TALK LIKE A PIRATE
PARTY ON FACEBOOK**

SEPTEMBER 19



**RHS VIRTUAL
PINK PARTY ON FACEBOOK**

OCTOBER 19



**A HATTER'S RETREAT
TUCSON, AZ**

NOVEMBER 9-11



**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL
NEW ORLEANS, LA**

AUGUST 2 - 5, 2018

YOU SAID IT



I just wanted to say I love the Society. I'm not trying to be special, seen or be popular. I want to STAND PROUD and do the business of the Society! Can I get a RED HAT!"

– *Trevora Verchio (Ohio, United States)*



The new website makes it very easy to locate other Members of the Red Hat Society! As I am learning new aspects, I am sharing them, and I appreciate the help others are giving me. Sisters helping Sisters is the way to learn. I love being a Member of this great social network and spreading fun!"

– *Janice Davis of the Angels in Red Chapter (Indiana, United States)*

Red Hat Sisters, from various locations in and around Geelong and Melbourne, met for lunch at the Vic Tavern in Queenscliff, Victoria, Australia."

– *Lorraine Anderson (Victoria, Australia)*

Dear Royal Ladies,

For the past year, I have been out of commission due to some health problems. I am under a specialist's care and getting stronger every day. So I haven't been too active. I was talking to a lady the other day (who is a Queen) and she wondered what she was getting out of the RHS? She was having trouble with the website and shared some other concerns. I thought about this and I remembered what JFK said: "ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country". This has always hit me, and I would like to apply these few words to the RHS.

I am very grateful for the ladies that I have met and the friendships that I have made. Some have become family. I have never regretted joining the RHS. The problems that I have encountered on the road of life have not compared to the joys of being a Member. I was told that I needed to meet one woman at a time and tell her my story of being in the RHS. That is what I will do. For I do believe in them and how it has helped so many women. So I will say to you ladies, changing the words of JFK: "Ask not what the RHS can do for you but what you can do for the RHS." Take care and have fun. I am making that a priority, because I wasn't having fun last year."

– *Judith Mary proud member of the RHS and a very grateful Ambassador. (Colorado, United States)*





This has got to be the world's largest Red Hat in history. 35 feet of wire, 15 yards of red felt and now for Ricky Treadway to work his magic. Terri Sherrill & I have done all we can. Look for us at the Decatur Carnegie Carnival parade!" "

– Kathy Russell Taylor (Alabama, United States)

The Hawkesbury Happy Hatters are famous! This Chapter from New South Wales, Australia was featured in the local Penrith Press.

Photo Courtesy of Peter Kelly, Penrith Press



These sweet ladies in Memphis made Steele's day!"





– Casey Ashburn shared this photo of her son with some Hatters at a local restaurant.



The Red Hat Bees of Bardwell (UK) and guests enjoyed seeing Menopause the Musical at Ipswich Regent. "

– Janet Smith (Norfolk, UK)

7-DAY *healthy* HATTER MEAL PLAN

	NUTRITION	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	SNACK	DINNER
SUNDAY	<p>TOTAL CALORIES 1291</p> <p>TOTAL FAT 42G</p> <p>PROTEIN 85G</p>	 <p>*Spinach Omelet Sandwich</p> <p>1C Almond Milk</p> <p>CAL 311 • FAT 7 • PRO 24</p>	<p>4oz Chicken Breast Tenderloins</p> <p>Buffalo Wing Sauce</p> <p>4 Whole Romaine Leaves</p> <p>4 Celery Stalks</p> <p>2Tbs Ranch style dressing</p> <p>CAL 452 • FAT 26 • PRO 23</p>	<p>1C Plum sliced</p> <p>1 Orange</p> <p>1 Fudge Style Popsicle</p> <p>CAL 228 • FAT 2 • PRO 4</p>	<p>4oz Grilled Ahi Tuna</p> <p>½ Baked Yam</p> <p>2C Mixed Green Salad</p> <p>2Tbs Lite Style Italian Dressing</p> <p>CAL 300 • FAT 7 • PRO 18</p>
MONDAY	<p>TOTAL CALORIES 1376</p> <p>TOTAL FAT 38G</p> <p>PROTEIN 57G</p>	<p>1C cooked Oatmeal</p> <p>3 Egg Whites</p> <p>½C Blueberries</p> <p>CAL 259 • FAT 4 • PRO 18</p>	 <p>*1C Vegetable Soup</p> <p>1 Thin Style Bagel</p> <p>Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato</p> <p>Banana</p> <p>CAL 412 • FAT 13 • PRO 17</p>	<p>1C Mixed Berries</p> <p>1 Orange</p> <p>1C Low Fat Yogurt</p> <p>CAL 395 • FAT 3 • PRO 11</p>	 <p>*½C Whole Wheat Pasta</p> <p>CAL 310 • FAT 18 • PRO 11</p>
TUESDAY	<p>TOTAL CALORIES 1314</p> <p>TOTAL FAT 52G</p> <p>PROTEIN 51G</p>	<p>2 Whole Multigrain Waffles</p> <p>Sugar-free syrup</p> <p>1Tbs Almond Butter</p> <p>CAL 414 • FAT 17 • PRO 9</p>	<p>BLT : Thin Style Whole Wheat Bagel</p> <p>2 Slices Bacon</p> <p>Lettuce and Tomato</p> <p>*1C Vegetable soup</p>  <p>CAL 314 • FAT 10 • PRO 13</p>	<p>1 Apple</p> <p>1 Banana</p> <p>CAL 117 • FAT 1 • PRO 2</p>	<p>*Turkey Taco Salad</p>  <p>CAL 409 • FAT 24 • PRO 27</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>TOTAL CALORIES 1291</p> <p>TOTAL FAT 29G</p> <p>PROTEIN 64G</p>	<p>Vanilla Almond Granola</p> <p>¾C Non fat Vanilla Yogurt</p> <p>CAL 350 • FAT 5 • PRO 15</p>	<p>Turkey Sub Sandwich (9 grain wheat bread, banana peppers, olives, cucumber, green peppers, jalapeños, onions, spinach & tomato)</p> <p>CAL 340 • FAT 8 • PRO 22</p>	<p>1 Orange</p> <p>1 Apple</p> <p>CAL 157 • FAT 0 • PRO 2</p>	<p>4 oz Turkey Burger</p> <p>Thin Style Bagel</p> <p>1C Steamed Broccoli/Cauliflower</p> <p>2 Salad 1 Tbs Dressing</p> <p>CAL 469 • FAT 16 • PRO 25</p>
THURSDAY	<p>TOTAL CALORIES 1291</p> <p>TOTAL FAT 45G</p> <p>PROTEIN 87G</p>	<p>3 Egg Whites</p> <p>½ Avocado</p> <p>½c Brown Rice</p> <p>1C Steamed Broccoli</p> <p>CAL 276 • FAT 12 • PRO 15</p>	<p>*Chicken Breast Salad</p>  <p>CAL 397 • FAT 12 • PRO 45</p>	<p>1 Banana</p> <p>1C Mixed Berries</p> <p>CAL 175 • FAT 0 • PRO 2</p>	<p>1C Whole Wheat Penne Pasta</p> <p>2Tbs Lite Feta Cheese</p> <p>1 Bell Pepper</p> <p>½C Ground Turkey Meat</p> <p>2Tbs Balsamic Dressing</p> <p>CAL 420 • FAT 21 • PRO 25</p>
FRIDAY	<p>TOTAL CALORIES 1291</p> <p>TOTAL FAT 40G</p> <p>PROTEIN 57G</p>	<p>3 Egg Whites</p> <p>1C Cooked Oatmeal</p> <p>1Tbs Brown Sugar</p> <p>½C Blueberries</p> <p>CAL 288 • FAT 3 • PRO 17</p>	<p>1 Banana</p> <p>16 Wheat Style Crackers</p> <p>2Tbs Peanut Butter</p> <p>CAL 415 • FAT 21 • PRO 10</p>	<p>20 Grapes</p> <p>1 Orange</p> <p>CAL 185 • FAT 0 • PRO 2</p>	<p>4 Grilled Salmon</p> <p>Baby Red Potatoes, mashed</p> <p>2C Salad w/1Tbs Ranch Style Dressing</p> <p>1C Sautéed Green Beans</p> <p>CAL 422 • FAT 16 • PRO 28</p>
SATURDAY	<p>TOTAL CALORIES 1291</p> <p>TOTAL FAT 44G</p> <p>PROTEIN 54G</p>	<p>2 Waffles (toasted)</p> <p>Sugar Free Syrup</p> <p>1 Tbs Peanut Butter</p> <p>CAL 375 • FAT 15 • PRO 9</p>	<p>*Black Bean Burrito</p>  <p>CAL 350 • FAT 10 • PRO 13</p>	<p>1 Banana</p> <p>1C Mixed Berries</p> <p>CAL 175 • FAT 0 • PRO 2</p>	<p>3oz Broiled/Grilled Ground Beef Patty</p> <p>1 Whole Wheat Thin Style Bagel</p> <p>3C Salad</p> <p>1Tbs Dressing</p> <p>CAL 408 • FAT 19 • PRO 30</p>

People taller than 5'2", or have a larger bone structure, or have a high activity level need eat additional snacks according to their needs. Suggestions include: 3 oz nuts, extra fruits, yogurts, whole grain crackers, recommended serving size of cheese, or include almond milk with meals.
* recipe included in plan ALL CALORIES TOTALED ARE AN APPROXIMATION DUE TO DIFFERENT FOOD BRANDS & TYPES SELECTED



SPINACH OMELET SANDWICH

Serves 1

- ½C Spinach leaves
- 1 whole egg + 1 egg white
- 1tsp feta cheese
- 1 Whole Wheat thin type bagel

DIRECTIONS

Spray small fry pan with nonstick cooking spray. In small pan, steam spinach drain and pat dry. In small bowl, mix egg, egg white, and spinach mixture together and pour into fry pan. Scramble until done. Toast Bagel if desired, place egg mixture on bagel, sprinkle feta on top and top with hot sauce if desired.

BLACK BEAN BURRITO

Serves 1

- 1 Whole Wheat Tortilla
- ½ C low fat refried black beans
- ½ C brown rice cooked
- 1/4C chopped bell pepper, sautéed
- 1Tbs cheese (any low fat style)
- 1Tbs lite sour cream

DIRECTIONS

Heat beans and rice in sauce pan until heated through. It is optional to heat up the tortilla. Sprinkle with cheese and top with heated bean and rice mixture fold burrito style, and serve on a healthy bed of mixed greens.



ASIAN STYLE CHICKEN BREAST SALAD

Serves 1 Generously

- 1 4oz grilled chicken breast (chopped in bite sized pieces)
- 2C mixed lettuce greens
- ½ chopped pear
- 1Tbs chopped walnuts
- 2Tbs Asian Style Dressing

ARRANGE ON A PLATE, ENJOY!

VEGETABLE SOUP

Serves 8 (freeze for later)

- 2 Tbs olive oil
- 1 whole onion chopped
- 4 cloves garlic smashed and chopped
- 2 28oz cans stewed tomato
- 6C chicken broth
- 4 carrots chopped
- 2 c Fresh Broccoli
- 4 cabbage
- 2 c frozen corn
- 1½C whole wheat Penne or Rotini pasta uncooked
- 1 can garbanzo beans drained
- 1 can black beans drained
- 1 Tbs Italian Seasoning

DIRECTIONS

In large pot combine Oil, onion, garlic and saute until tender. Add tomato, broth and Italian Seasoning simmer 10 minutes. Add All vegetables and pasta and simmer for 5. Add beans simmer for another 5 until heated through. Serves 8 so there will be some for lunches or left over dinner.



TURKEY TACO SALAD

Serves 2

- ½ llb ground lean turkey
- 1 onion
- 3tsp chilli powder
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 clove garlic
- 4 corn tortillas
- 6C romaine lettuce
- ½ C shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 Roma tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4C fresh onion, chopped
- ½ lime cut into four wedges (optional)
- 4Tbs lite sour cream
- 8Tbs Medium Salsa
- 1C Black Beans



DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 375. Cut 4 corn tortillas in triangles. Brown ground turkey with garlic and onion. Place on paper towel to absorb excess grease. Place corn tortillas on baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes on each side. On 2 plates arrange the following: Lettuce (3C each) Turkey meat (1/2C each) Cheese(1/4C each) Black beans, Tomato (1 each) 2 corn baked tortillas (arrange to look decorative) Serve salsa, extra onion, lime & sour cream on the side.



WHOLE WHEAT PASTA SALAD

Serves 4

- 14 oz Whole Grain Whole Wheat Penne Pasta
- 1 cup Yellow Bell Pepper, chopped
- 1 medium Red Bell Pepper, chopped
- 1 medium Purple Onion, chopped
- 2 links Sweet Italian Turkey Sausage Lean
- ½C Lite Feta Cheese
- 1 container Lite Balsamic Vinaigrette
- 2C Broccoli, chopped
- ½ container Artichoke Hearts

DIRECTIONS

Boil water and place pasta and broccoli according to package directions. Drain. Place in large bowl. Add all other ingredients, toss and serve.

HEALTHY SPAGHETTI

Serves 2

- 1C Onions, chopped
- 2 cloves Garlic, minced
- 2 Tbs Olive Oil
- 2C Zucchini, cut into long thin strips
- 1C Whole Wheat Linguini, cooked
- ½ container Arrabiata Pasta Sauce

DIRECTIONS

In large soup pan, boil water for linguini. In sauté pan, place olive oil, garlic and onion. Add zucchini and continue to sauté until tender. Linguini is cooked according to package directions. In sauce pan heat sauce. When vegetables and pasta are done, arrange on a serving plate and pour sauce over top or spoon as it is served.

Who is Queen Donna, aka The Hot Glama?

She's a 52 year old mother of a blended family with five amazing children ranging in age from 39 to 14 ½ and a grandmother to four beautiful grandchildren. Donna has been a personal trainer since 2000 serving the needs of women in Orange County, California, USA. She holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nutrition and Exercise Science, in addition to being certified through the National Academy of Sports Medicine with a specialization in Women's Fitness. Queen Donna will be sharing fitness tips, recipes, videos and more with us moving forward. We are delighted that she will be lending her talents to RHS!



WANT A PERSONALIZED NUTRITION PLAN?

Live in Southern California and want to train with Queen Donna? She would love to see other Red (and Pink) Hatters achieve their fitness goals. Call Queen Donna!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RED HAT SOCIETY!



On April 25, 2017 The Red Hat Society will celebrate our 19th Birthday! We are still in awe that a simple day of dress up and tea shared with friends has become a worldwide Sisterhood shared by 60,000 women in 30 countries! Birthday celebrations are scheduled around the globe and it will be commonplace on that day to see Red (and Pink) Hatters out and about frolicking and enjoying one another's company.

The Red Hat Society invites you to join us! Make 2017 the year you get connected to like-minded women, make new friends and enrich your life through the power of fun and friendship!

JOIN US AT THE HOUSE OF BLUES

Date: Sunday, April 23, 2017
Time: 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Cost: \$49
Location: House of Blues
400 West Disney Way
Anaheim, CA 92802

Get ready for a brand-new experience! This electrifying, jump-out-of-your-seat, one-of-a-kind, napkin-waving, soul-stirring, high-energy, decadent dining and uplifting gospel show is unlike any brunch you have been to before.

What a perfect way to celebrate Red Hat Society Day, your birthday or a special Red or Pink Hat anniversary! We'll enjoy an amazing all-you-can-eat buffet featuring breakfast plus tender carving stations, southern specialties and mouth-watering desserts. And if you're in the mood, you just might end up on stage waving a napkin and dancing off some of that delicious cuisine!

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**SEATING IS LIMITED.
REGISTER NOW!**

As a special treat, a REDuation Ceremony and Queens' Coronation led by EQM Sue Ellen and Queen

Lady Bug Debra, will be royally held at 9:30 AM in the courtyard prior to the doors opening at 10:00 AM. If you have not been officially REDuated or Coronated by the top hats of the Society, here is your chance. Simply let us know that you will join in as part of your registration to the event.



Queen Sue Nicholson
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Meet our 2017 Hatter of the Year: Sue Nicholson

The Red Hat Society crowned the 2017 Hatter of the Year at our Hats in the City International Convention in New York City this February. Queen Sue Nicholson of Sue's Rowdy Red Hatters hails from Vandalia, Ohio.

Sue truly cares about the Red Hat Society, and she is a strong proponent of paid Membership. A natural born leader, she inspires her Chapter to grab life by the hat and live it with gusto. Sue and her Chapterettes live up to their Chapter name participating in thrilling activities like zip lining, traveling to out-of-state events, and revving their engines at the go kart track.

Sue has been described as:

- kind and considerate,
- she talks the talk and walks the walk,
- she overflows with positive Hattitude, and
- she spreads joy wherever she goes.

When Sue's Chapterettes discovered that she had been crowned Hatter of the Year, they proudly greeted her at the airport with

big sign and purple tulips. In fact, word seems to travel fast in Sue's inner circle, because she received a special recognition from the vice president of her company when she returned. He was in town for a meeting and he introduced Sue as the "2017 Red Hatter of the Year for the whole world". *How special is that?!*



The Nominate a Hatter contest was devised because the Sisterhood is made up of inspiring women who deserve recognition for the impact they have made on the lives of others. Congratulations to our 2017 Hatter of the Year: Sue Nicholson!

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WHO IS THE IDEAL CANDIDATE?

- She is a natural born leader
- She is an influencer
- She cares about the RHS Legacy
- She promotes paid Membership
- She spreads joy wherever she goes
- She is kind and considerate of others

*Nominate a Hatter
for the 2018 Hatter of
the Year Now!
The winner will be
announced in
February of 2018.*



Emily Yost's

ONLINE COMMUNICATION
ETIQUETTE



MANNERS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

American Etiquette Author, Emily Post, was a wealth of knowledge when it came to all things manners related. Having left the earth in the year 1960, Mrs. Post had no idea that in just nine short years, the way the world communicates and the channels in need of etiquette education would vastly diversify! Although many of us wish we could return to a simpler time,

technology is here to stay. So, since Emily *Post* is no longer with us, Emily *Yost*, Princess Southern Belle and Marketing Director at the RHS Hatquarters, has taken on the daunting task of highlighting how to have good manners when using today's social media tools. The social media world moves much faster than the world of yesteryear.

With the infusion of technology in our everyday lives and increased engagement on social media, ensuring the intent of what one is writing is interpreted correctly by the recipient is a matter of great importance.

Here are 5 tips for ensuring your communications online are received in a positive light by all:

We Are Inclusive

When it comes to what Hatters share on social media, we always want to remember that we are an inclusive Society, not an exclusive Society. We focus on what brings us together as women.

No Gossip, please!

Although it may be hard to keep a bit of gossip to yourself, you are strongly cautioned not to share. As a publicist, I spend my days asking the same question, “How will this impact those who read this message?” and “Does it lift people up or will this tear any of them down?” If the answers to these questions are negative, odds are you should not share.

Your Digital Footprint Will Precede You

We’ve all heard the old saying, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” That saying couldn’t be farther from the truth. Words do hurt and on social media, your words go viral! With the simple click of a SHARE button, your unkind words can be shared with millions! Remember, you have a digital footprint that follows you wherever you go. From friends and colleagues to potential employers, what you say follows you on the internet super highway.

Stop The Madness

Complainers are not fun on social media and quite honestly, seem to ruin recess for others who are on the playground ready to play. If you

have an issue with an individual bring it to their attention privately. Facebook and the RHS website offer great private messaging capabilities that will give you a private online place to clear things up.

Forgiveness is an important F

Although not one of the 5 F’s in our mission statement, forgiveness online is a must. As we are a group of women primarily over the age of 50, many Hatters are learning this brave new world. They’re learning and doing their best to take hold of this powerful communication tool and do watch others who seem to masterfully move from chat to chat. The team at Hatquarters thanks you in advance for “sharing the love” with Hatters who are new to social media.

EMILY WHO?!?

Emily Yost, aka Princess Southern Belle, is your Marketing Director at the RHS’s Hatquarters. Born and raised in Marion, South Carolina, USA (population 6,000), Emily’s earliest memories are of her mother teaching her manners and etiquette. From table etiquette and how to write a proper thank you note to how a lady should walk properly (with toes pointed forward and shoulders back, of course), ensuring manners and etiquette were most certainly a part of her Southern upbringing. Not only is she well versed in etiquette, but our Emily Yost’s name just happens to rhyme with and be very similar to the world famous manners expert, Emily Post! Now, how fun is that?!



A GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP



Queen and Ambassador, Sharon Osborne of Maryland, U.S. has a gift of creativity. She has been cross stitching and crocheting since she was very young. Her love for cross stitch was reinvigorated at the 2015 international convention that took place in Indianapolis, Indiana. One of the fun activities attendees were asked to take part in was the Chapter Flag contest. The details were to design a flag that was 12" x 18" and it must represent the spirit of the RHS, as well as the interests of your individual Chapter. Sharon blew everyone away with her creative and detailed work of art. The flag took her **eleven months** to create working **eight to ten hours**



a day and held over **144,000 stitches**. "I could have a baby faster than that", Sharon shares, but the outcome was "well worth it."

On the heels of that big win, Sharon decided to share her talents with the Society's CEO and Queen Lady Bug, Debra Granich. She secretly contacted Princess Southern Belle, Emily Yost at Hatquarters to obtain a special image of Debra. At the next convention in San Antonio, TX, Emily slipped Sharon the photo and Sharon returned home with a mission—to create a work of art in a matter of four short months! She wanted to gift Debra the piece at the next convention, Hats in the City, taking place in New York City in February.

First was to send the image off to a grafting company that would turn the image into a cross stitch chart. The black and white graft returned to Sharon and her next objective was to ensure the colors were incorporated correctly. She ordered special DMC thread colors in order to make the cross stitch detail perfect. It took forty-eight colors to make Debra come to life! The next **four months** were filled with **forty hours a week** devotion to the project with a final stitch count of **15,680** (thank you to Marcy LaSalle for the math help!) Once the artwork was finished, Sharon had the piece matted, framed and a brass tab engraved for the frame.

On Saturday night during the final banquet in New York, Sharon presented the piece to

Debra. The tears in her eyes and the smile on her face said it all. Debra couldn't stop remarking how incredible Sharon was, how thoughtful she was and just how special she was!

That's what friends do, they love to take care of others and share with them just how much they mean to one another. That's what the RHS is all about—sharing our time and talents. Although the final product was indeed, spectacular, Debra is quick to remind all that it isn't about the picture. "It's about the love, care and commitment to putting a smile on the face of a Sister that touches me so deeply. Red Hatters matter to one another and *I'm so thankful that this type of generosity, compassion and care happen every day in the Sisterhood.* It's an honor to serve all the Members of RHS."



Register
Today!



Tucson, AZ is the hometown of the **first Red Hat** (now housed in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History) and we couldn't be more excited to be back in this special city for a once-in-a-lifetime Hatter Countdown. Only months away from our 20th Anniversary, RHS feels this location is fitting to begin a yearlong celebration of our platinum anniversary. Consider this weekend our 20th Anniversary COUNTDOWN party!

Why a retreat to this special city? It's time to get back to the heart of what drew you to the 'magic in the hat' and Tucson truly is at the heart of our humble beginnings. And...(drum roll, please) it's Esteemed Vice Mother, Linda Murphy's 75th Birthday! Twenty years ago on November 11th, Exalted Queen Mother, Sue Ellen Cooper gifted a red hat to Linda. Now that's worth celebrating! This intimate weekend Countdown is designed to relax you, inspire you, provide you a more personal experience with the Hatquarters team and leave you recharged with new ideas, all while growing and strengthening your Red (and Pink) Hat friendships.

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Let The Good Times Roll in 2018

The stage has been set for our 20th Anniversary international convention. We're heading back to New Orleans from August 2 - 5, 2018! Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of our historic birthday celebration.

Parade Down Canal Street

Many Hatters joined RHS in New York City during our Hats in the City convention for our "Broadway Bucket List Experience" of performing on Broadway. With more than 200 Hatters and the press joining us in the middle of Times Square, it was quite the sight and the excitement was incredible! If you missed experiencing the fun, you need not worry. Visit the RHS's Facebook page for a LIVE Facebook video capturing all the fun.

New Orleans is famous for its Mardi Gras parade and in celebration of our 20th Anniversary, the City of New Orleans is allowing us to host our own parade! Join Exalted Queen Mother Sue Ellen Cooper, Esteemed Vice Mother Linda Murphy, Queen Lady Bug Debra Granich, the RHS Glee Club and your RHS Sisters as we step outside of our host hotel and parade down Canal Street in an official RHS parade in the heart of the French Quarter.

To get in the spirit for the event, here are some fun facts about our host city:

- The City of New Orleans is celebrating its 300th anniversary celebration in 2018.
- Jazz was born in New Orleans. In fact, it's not at all uncommon to

hear some of the most amazing jazz performed right on the streets of New Orleans.

- New Orleans is the home of beignets! Deep fried dough sprinkled in powdered sugar... need we say more?!
- New Orleans has more historic districts than any other city in the US. Get ready for some site-seeing!
- There's no West, East, North or South in New Orleans. We head Uptown, Downtown, Riverside and Lakeside.

We can hardly wait to celebrate our historic birthday in this historically rich city! Registration is now open. Be sure to register today to take advantage of our payment plans.





5 Things The Red Hat Society Taught *The Runaway Wife*

Joan Anderson is an author and motivational speaker who hosts retreats for women in search of themselves. Her first memoir, *A Year By The Sea*, was on the New York Times best-seller list for 32 weeks, followed by 4 more books translated worldwide: *An Unfinished Marriage*, *Walk On The Beach*, *A Weekend to Change Your Life*, and *The Second Journey*, plus her recently released collection of essays, *STRETCH MARKS*. Dubbed “the runaway wife”, she has appeared on *Oprah*, *Weekend Today*, *Good Morning America* and more.

Joan joined the RHS in New York City at the Hats in the City Convention for a phenomenal morning of motivation and inspiration. Hatquarters caught up with Joan post-convention to find out what she learned about her time with the Sisters. The findings were nothing short of—
FUN!

1 I learned that the women of The Red Hat Society know deep in their souls that ***there is no compensation for an unlived life.*** They grab life as it happens. They know living life to its fullest is well within their right and reach for it.

2 The women of the RHS understand that ***no one is going to push them to have fun***, that it’s up to them to have fun and take care of themselves. They don’t need someone to give them permission to take a moment for themselves.

3 RHS Members are taking care of themselves. They know that ***each day will never come again***—that you can’t go back in time and start over. They constantly ask the question of “what can I do today for myself.” They understand it’s not selfish, it’s nourishment.

4 RHS gives Queens and Members lots of “life coupons” with ***the permission slip at the top of the list.*** But I feel confident that they use other life coupons such as taking time for a bubble bath, using the conditioner and all the towels when staying at a hotel. They know they deserve it!

5 ***Had there been a Red Hat Society 20 years ago, she would not have run away from home!***



Joan’s best seller, *A YEAR BY THE SEA*, is now a major motion picture! Visit yearbythesea.com for more information and tickets.

Lovely, Luscious Lashes

False lashes add an element of glamour, while ensuring your eyes pop. Although mastering the art of false lashes requires practice, the effect is stunning. While there are lots of different types of false lashes to choose from, strip lashes offer a full dramatic look.

What you'll need:

- Pair of false lashes of your choice
- Clean, small scissors
- Lash glue
- Tweezers
- Eye makeup remover

How

Curl your natural lashes and comb on a coat of mascara to create a base for the false lashes. Then place the lash band up to your natural lash line to check the size.

Trim the lash band if necessary to fit your eye and be sure to trim from the outer end of the lashes.

Apply a thin strip of lash glue to the band and wait approximately 30 seconds, until the glue is slightly tacky. Don't worry if the glue looks white, most lash glues are designed to dry clear.

Using your fingers or a pair of tweezers, secure the lash band on top of the natural lash line. Pay particular attention to the ends of the lash band, ensuring that they are secure.

You can choose to brush another coat of mascara through both your natural lashes and your false lashes to blend the two together.

Lash Care

If you take care of your false lashes, you can wear them more than once.

After you remove your false lashes, carefully pick the glue off the band.

Use eye makeup remover to clean the mascara off the lashes.

Place both lashes back in the original packaging

Let lashes dry for use another day.

Big lashes look stunning paired with a bold lip, so pick your favorite red lipstick and have some glamorous fun with your Sisters at your next Red Hat Society gathering!



Queen Lynn King, of Arlington Heights, Illinois is a Red Hatter through and through. Since joining the RHS more than three years ago, Lynn has consistently joined in the fun at RHS international conventions. Last year, her world was turned upside down when a freak accident occurred. What local Hatters did to support her is a true testament to the Sisterhood. Here's Lynn's story:

For The *Love* Of A Sister

Two weeks prior to the 2016 convention, Remember the A La Mode held in San Antonio, TX, USA, Lynn joined another RHS Chapter for a weekend of fun on a local beach's boardwalk and pier. Being the adventurer she is, Lynn decided to take a ride on The Haunted House, a spooky train ride. Around every turn, Lynn jumped with fright (and laughter) as things popped out at her. One such frightening moment caused Lynn's head to jerk abruptly and she hit her head on the back of the seat she was riding in.

Within a few hours, she began to feel strange. A headache quickly followed that seemed to worsen with each passing day. After days of dealing with the issue, Lynn landed in the hospital and underwent surgery to stop internal blood issues caused by the trauma. After several trips to the hospital followed by extensive time in an in-patient therapy location, Lynn recovered. But not before her much anticipated trip to San Antonio with her Red (and Pink) Hat Sisters.

Queen Barb Lesiak of The Queens of Hearts Chapter in Elmwood Park,

Illinois, USA, is a close friend of Lynn and was in constant contact with her during her hospitalizations. Barb knew how important the convention was to Lynn and she was bound and determined to ensure Lynn was at the convention. She decided to print a picture of Lynn that she would attach to a popsicle stick and place her in all the photos with Sisters during the convention. Lovingly referred to as "Flat Lynn" (after the Flat Stanley book series), Flat Lynn made her way to all of San Antonio's famous sites and had her picture made with some of her dearest friends from all around the world. Even more exciting, Barb returned home from the convention

with all the goodies from Lynn's table mates!

All the photos were shared on social media and Lynn, back home in Illinois, was able to experience the convention with every Facebook tag. The comments and likes eased the sorrow of missing the convention and assured Lynn that The Red Hat Society is, indeed, a true Sisterhood where every Hatter matters!

This past February, Lynn was back into the fun in New York City for the Hats in the City international convention with all of her friends!



TIPPING TIPS

WHY?

Servers typically make significantly less than minimum wage, and a portion of their tips go to busboys/girls, bartenders, food runners, and sometimes kitchen staff and dishwashers. Servers depend on our tips to make a living. More importantly, you represent the entire Red Hat Society when out in public. We always want to treat all we meet with the respect they deserve. We want to leave a lasting FUN impression.



It's not uncommon for RHS Chapters to host their monthly events at local restaurants. While many restaurants automatically include gratuity in a bill for larger parties, if they do not add gratuity, we should always remember to tip our servers.

HOW MUCH?

We have compiled a list of tipping guidelines for common situations.

Wait service at a sit-down restaurant: 15-20%, pre-tax

Wait service at a buffet (drink refills, plate clearing, etc.): 10%, pre-tax

Bartenders: \$1 - \$2 per drink

If you have used a coupon or discount for your meal: Base the amount you will leave on a percentage of the full cost of the meal, not the discounted amount.

LARGE PARTIES

Tipping in a large group should be split evenly. However, if

some women in your Chapter are on strict monthly budgets, perhaps you can have small Chapter dues or fundraisers to help your Chapter collect money specifically for tips for restaurant events.

Hatters naturally attract attention when we are out in our regalia. We have a unique opportunity to brighten the day of everyone we come across, including those who serve us at our Chapter events. Let's strive to leave every person we encounter feeling a bit of the Magic in the Hat long after we've left.



a MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Recently, Queen Errin Dunbar of The Blinged Beauties, Bedford, Texas, USA held a Mad Hatter Tea Party and the costumes were so magnificent that we just had to share!

Queen Errin shares, "I love Alice in Wonderland and Red Hatters love teas...so, naturally, The Mad Hatter's Unbirthday Tea came to mind as a great opportunity for a Hatventure. The Blinged Beauties love to get creative and dress up, so we donned our colors and costumes and had a wonderful Mad Hatter's tea. There were Mad Hatters, White Rabbits, Red Queens and a Cheshire Cat! It was so fun! We had 'Drink Me' bottles and 'Eat Me' cakes. We laughed and enjoyed the day much like the March Hare, Mad Hatter and the Door mouse!"



A picture is worth a thousand words. What do you want your pictures to say about you? If you want to polish up your photography skills, we have a few tips for you.



LIGHT

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LIGHTING.

Be sure to test the lighting before snapping the photo. You don't want your subjects or yourself to be washed out by light or covered in shadows. Because most photos are taken on digital cameras, it's easy to see the lighting first.

Special smartphone camera trick: If you are set on having a certain background for your photo, but you're not thrilled with the lighting, try tapping on the darker or lighter areas on your screen before taking the photo. This will adjust how much light your lens lets in, and it could improve your lighting situation.

QUANTITY

TAKE MULTIPLE PHOTOS OR BURSTS.

When you are capturing a moment or group of people, don't limit yourself to one photo. Keep snapping. You can set up bursts or multishots on your cameras and smartphones, or you can do it manually. Sometimes the first, and even the second shot are not great, but the third shot is just right. You can always go back and delete extra photos, but you can't go back and relive a moment.

POSTURE

WATCH YOUR POSTURE.

Chin up is a great tip if you're feeling down and out, but it doesn't always make for great photos. In fact, keeping your chin down and sticking it out a bit does wonders for the jawline.

When it comes to your body, think long. Stand tall, elongating your torso and keep your shoulders down. If you're taking a seated photo, scoot toward the front of the chair and sit at an angle with your ankles crossed. Doesn't that sound regal? (Only the best for RHS royalty.)

3...2...1...

FORGET ABOUT THE COUNT DOWN.

1... 2... It never fails, someone always blinks or tenses up when you get to 3. Eliminating the countdown takes the pressure off yourself and your subjects.

UP HIGH

HOLD YOUR CAMERA A BIT HIGHER THAN FACE LEVEL.

The lower the camera is positioned, the higher your chances of ending up with unflattering photos increase. Camera up, chin down and snap away!

There you have it! These are our tips to help you take photos worth sharing. If you put any of these tips or tricks to use, please let us know. We would love to see your photos.

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We went, we saw, and we **CHOSE FUN** at our 2017 International Convention in New York City. What an incredible way to start the year! We would like to thank every single Member who made this convention so special.

We performed on Broadway in the middle of Times Square, danced the nights away, took tours of the amazing sites NYC is famous for, shopped from fabulous vendors in our Hat District, and we made new friendships and reunited with Sisters from previous conventions. Even the weather cooperated for us! On our final convention

day, it was one of the hottest days on record in New York City reaching a temperature of 62 degrees Fahrenheit!

Congratulations to 2017 Hatter of the Year: Sue Nicholson, and our 2017 Social Butterflies: Deborah Brockert and Bridget Heard.

We hope to see everyone at our 2018 International Conventions in New Orleans! Let the Good Times Roll!



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Social Butterfly Social



Pinkie Gathering



International Attendee Gathering

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THE CASE OF THE MISSING CENTERPIECES

A week before our Hats in the City International Convention, Hatquarters' Purple Princess of PR, Bella Lagmay-Funk, procured a sponsorship from Fifty Flowers for our table centerpieces. She also ordered glass vases for the arrangements, because the NY Marriott Marquis couldn't provide them.

The week of the event, the vases in four big boxes arrived safely at Barton Expo's advance warehouse and were delivered to the Marriott. However, the flowers were

coming separately from a growing farm in Iowa. They were delivered the next day to Barton, but the crew was out of the office all day helping the Hatquarters team set up the Hat District.

After checking with our show decorator and the hotel, the flowers were nowhere to be found. Bella reached out to Fifty Flowers to confirm delivery, and they provided the tracking numbers that showed that UPS had indeed delivered them to the NJ address and left them at the front door.



Well, we all know what happens to packages left unclaimed. Long story short, someone made off with our flowers.

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The Hat District

HATWALK STAGE



“Purple Princess of PR” Bella Lagmay-Funk, Event Producer, and “DJ Big Papa G” Greg Horta co-emceed all the activities on the Hatwalk Stage in the Broadway Ballroom. The Dynamic Duo have teamed at every international convention since New Orleans 2011 (followed by Las Vegas 2012, Atlanta 2013, San Francisco 2014, Indianapolis 2015, San Antonio 2016) and rocked the Big Apple in 2017!



“HARLEM SHAKE & SHUFFLE” LINE DANCE LESSONS

Friday and Saturday, 11:30am

DJ Maestro of Detroit taught his easy Turn Step line dance and his “1 Step 2 Fitness” moves in the Hat District. At the evening dance parties, he led the first line dances of ‘70s disco with the New York Hustle as seen in “Saturday Night Fever” starring John Travolta, filmed in Brooklyn.

“I LOVE TO HUSTLE” TV DANCE SHOW

DJ Maestro and cameraman Eric Rhymes taped our dance parties for their cable TV dance show “I Love To Hustle” and interviewed me about the Red Hat Society and my days taping “Soul Train” in Hollywood! Since the ‘70s, I love leading the Soul Train at every dance party! Love, peace and souuulll!



“GET ON YOUR FEET” SPANISH HARLEM DANCE PARTY

The musical being staged at our hotel’s Marquis Theatre is Gloria and Emilio Estefan’s “On Your Feet”... Give us a beat and we’re on our feet... snakin’ a conga line throughout the Hat District to her hit “Conga” by the Miami Sound Machine!





“BIG FUN” WITH DJ BIG PAPA G

Friday and Saturday, 2pm
 “Native New Yorker” DJ Big Papa G hosted fun activities including “Name That Tune” with “New York State Of Mind” songs.



“BOOGALOO ON BROADWAY” DANCE PARTY

Hatters boogied on down the “Soul Train line” busting moves from The NaeNae Whip and Uptown Funk to favorite line dances like The Wobble, Cupid Shuffle, Cha Cha Slide and the dance everyone knows, the Electric Slide!

“FIFTH AVENUE” VENDOR FASHION SHOW

Friday, 4:30pm
 Hat District vendors took the opportunity of coveted stage time to model their latest lines of product. New exhibitors Traci Lynn Fashion Jewelry (Cheryl Albany, Candy Wogsam and LaTonya Thorogood) held a fun “What’s In Your Bag” contest naming numerous items and awarding who held most of them in her purse. Hatquarters Donna Hempel won with 25 items, followed by Donna Apuzzo of Las Vegas with 24!



“TIMES SQUARE TALENT SHOWCASE” - LIVE FROM NEW YORK!

Friday and Saturday, 3pm
 Our own Rockin’ Rockettes showed off their special skills on the Hatwalk Stage. Talent rivaled those staged at Carnegie Hall, Greenwich Village Bottom Line (folk), Radio City Music Hall and the Apollo Theatre! Lianne Engelmann Paschette of Macon, Georgia won the “Lip Sync Battle of Broadway” with her hilarious performance of “When I’m An Old Woman”... She was so good that no one dared challenge her in the Lip Sync or “Drop Da Mic New Yorkese Karaoke” contest.



PLAYSHOPS: “STUDIO 54 PLAYSHOP” JUDY SHARPE COLLECTION

Friday and Saturday, 1pm
 Kentucky Derby award-winning hat designer Judy Sharpe demonstrated how to make fascinators and other easy do-it-yourself projects. Craft materials were provided for free! Judy also provided her designer hats as prizes for all Hatwalk Stage contests.



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BROADWAY BREAKFAST

So many Hatters dressed in costumes from their favorite Broadway musicals that an impromptu parade was staged with a cast of characters strolling across the dancefloor! Our Exalted Queen Mother Sue Ellen Cooper and Vice Queen Linda Murphy came as Sandy and Rizzo from "Grease" and some chapterettes came as ensemble acts like Glee Club director Christine Lozinak who was Anna from "The King & I" accompanied by Siamese servants.

LONDON NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE REUNION

Attendees that journeyed to the UK for our annual London New Year's Day Parade during our past nine Europe excursions gathered for a fun reunion. The LNYDP attendees played British Invasion "Name That Tune" and posed for a group portrait to be sent to parade organizers in hopes to be invited to participate again in one of the world's largest New Year's Day Parade along a parade route of historical landmarks.



"HATTIN' IN MANHATTAN" COSTUME CONTEST

Saturday 5pm
Before going to the farewell "Hats In The City" gala, Hatters dolled up for the ball strolled the Hatwalk. Like last year's "A La Mode Ball" with hats topped with the Eiffel Tower of Paris, members adorned their hats with New York's Lady Liberty. Others dressed elegantly for the "Breakfast At Tiffany's" in strands of pearls and long satin gloves.



“HATS IN THE CITY” GALA WITH UPTOWN MIX

Hatters raved over the soulful non-stop 90-minute set of UPTOWN MIX which has performed for British royals Prince William and Duchess Kate.

Led by band leader Jimmy Vali, the popular group from Jersey is fronted by Tommy Bowes, former lead singer of world-famous recording artists Blood, Sweat & Tears and Tower Of Power. Before our gala, the group just returned from touring in Singapore and Dubai!



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In 2016, every Red Hat Society Member was invited to participate in the Invite A Friend Club Contest. To play, all you had to do was ask a new Member to use your Member number when she joined.

We are excited to recognize the wonderful Hatters who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to ensure the future of the RHS by sharing our message of Fun and Friendship. #ChooseFun

Marilyn Cresci, 2014 Hatter of the Year, Ambassador Queen of the Red Hat Vintage Ladies, Tucson, AZ USA, is the TOP Diamond Club participant with 49 new Supporting Members. Congratulations, Queen Marilyn!





DIAMOND CLUB

REFER 15 OR MORE NEW MEMBERS TO BELONG TO THE DIAMOND CLUB

2016 Diamond Club Level participants win a FREE year of Membership, and a personalized Diamond Club name badge. Diamond Club Participants: Your Membership will be renewed by Hatquarters for the next year. The badges will be mailed upon completion. Congratulations!

Marilyn Cresci, Tucson, Arizona, USA, 49
 Bertha M. Wheeler-Snyder, Riverside, California, USA, 40
 Janet A. Berglund, Orlando, Florida, USA, 40
 Rosemarie Bailey, Reno, Nevada, USA, 38
 Mary Mimbs, Los Angeles, California, USA, 28
 Betty Shelton, Surprise, Arizona, USA, 27
 Gail Gauthier, Egan, Louisiana, USA, 26
 Gail Buchanan, Manti, Utah, USA, 25
 Vivian Bewley, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, United Kingdom, 24
 Yetta Stevens, Flatwoods, Kentucky, USA, 23
 Caren McLaren, East Perth, Western Australia, Australia, 23
 Carol Drake, Towanda, Kansas, USA, 23
 Marcy LaSalle, Flushing, Michigan, USA, 22
 Evelyn Darku, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, 21
 Brenda Marshall, Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, 20
 Ivette Gonzalez-Perez, Loganville, Georgia, USA, 19
 Linda Knight Theriot, Houma, Louisiana, USA, 18

Rebecca Tate, Pass Christian, Mississippi, USA, 18
 Woodie McNeal, Oak Park, Illinois, USA, 18
 Patricia Wells, Long Sutton, Lincolnshire, U.K., 17
 Rachel Kahn, San Pedro, California, USA, 17
 Floretta Gaines, Lithonia, Georgia, USA, 17
 Vanessa E. P. Ghant, Southfield, Michigan, USA, 17
 Kelly Hamilton, Coppell, Texas, USA, 16
 Jeanne Jackson, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 16
 Kathy Baer, Ford City, Pennsylvania, USA, 16
 Jo Ann Brown, St. Louis, Missouri, USA, 16
 Vivian Gonzales, San Antonio, Texas, USA, 16
 Sally Yates, Mooresville, Indiana, USA, 15
 Janice Davis, Knox, Indiana, USA, 15
 Joanne Kyle, Labelle, Florida, USA, 15
 Linda Langford, Decatur, Georgia, USA, 15
 Marjie Ratliff, New Port Richey, Florida, USA, 15



RUBY CLUB

REFER 10 NEW MEMBERS TO BELONG TO THE RUBY CLUB

Ruby Club Level Ambassadors will be mailed a Ruby Club Level button to proudly wear.



Brenda Marshall, Shelburne, Ontario, Canada, 14
 Ann Mousner, Temecula, California, USA, 14
 Coral Gowland, Evanston Park, South Australia, Australia, 14
 Ursula White, Gardena, California, USA, 14
 Patricia Cosgrove, San Jose, California, USA, 13
 Jocelyn Karmody, Tunapuna, Trinidad and Tobago, 13
 Tess Rupe, Buena Park, California, USA, 13
 Esther Davis, Peachtree City, Georgia, USA, 13
 Debi McNally, Morganton, North Carolina, USA, 13
 Louise Redlon, Powell River, British Columbia, Canada, 13
 Carolyn Baird, Stow, Ohio, USA, 12
 Sharon Ann Strom, White Pine, Tennessee, USA, 12
 Cereca Bowman, Henderson, Nevada, USA, 12
 Ruby Moore, Joeiton, Tennessee, USA, 12
 LaTonya Boston, Fullerton, California, USA, 12
 Donetta Starks, Midwest City, Oklahoma, USA, 12

June M Jefferson-Randolph, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 12
 Eileen Barrett, Port Saint Lucie, Florida, USA, 11
 Maurine Baker-Stein, Tonawanda, New York, USA, 11
 Sonia Roosa, Kinderhook, New York, USA, 11
 Sabrina Dixon, Durack, Northern Territory, Australia, 11
 Jean Magley, Phoenix, Arizona, USA, 11
 Barbara Ballard, East Point, Georgia, USA, 11
 Mary Cook, Gibson, British Columbia, Canada, 11
 Christine Towers, Riverview, Florida, USA, 10
 Jacklyn Nixon, Rensselaer, New York, USA, 10
 Sandra Dormer, Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada, 10
 Mary Stopa, Henderson, Nevada, USA, 10
 Elyse Soffer, Sun City West, Arizona, USA, 10
 Pamela Knox-Shuler, Miami Gardens, Florida, USA, 10
 Wilma Bunch, Fernandina Beach, Florida, USA, 10
 Patti Gulick, Stockton, California, USA, 10



AMETHYST CLUB

REFER 5 NEW MEMBERS TO BELONG TO THE AMETHYST CLUB



Connie Pearl, Wichita, Kansas, USA, 9
 Charlotte Ann Allen, Oak Park, Michigan, USA, 9
 Marie Haney, Ogden, Utah, USA, 9
 Vicki Mullaney, Plattsburgh, New York, USA, 9
 Kathy Cooper, Walkerton, Indiana, USA, 9
 Patsy Crownover, North Richland Hills, Texas, USA, 9
 Linda P. Connors, Green Valley, Arizona, USA, 9
 Kathy Cox, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, United Kingdom, 9
 Diana Garza, McAllen, Texas, USA, 9
 Marlene OMalley, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, 8
 Deanna Ray, Evans, Georgia, USA, 8
 Tracey Miller, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, 8
 Valerie Fair, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 8
 Bez Brown, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, United Kingdom, 8
 Evelyn A Givens, North Little Rock, Arkansas, USA, 8
 Mary Jane Engler, Deersville, Ohio, USA, 8
 Carol Parker, Del City, Oklahoma, USA, 8
 Deb Smeaton, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 8
 Faye Owens, Glendale, Arizona, USA, 8
 Carri D Benton, Fort Pierce, Florida, USA, 8
 Bettie Bishop, Long Beach, California, USA, 7
 Joann Miller, Reston, Virginia, USA, 7
 Barbara Aubert, Topeka, Kansas, USA, 7
 Lynda Shipcott, Apple Valley, California, USA, 7
 E Wynelle Record, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, 7
 Ruth Alexander, Antioch, California, USA, 7
 Margaret Dixie, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, USA, 7
 Lisa Tolliver, Cordova, Tennessee, USA, 7
 Thelma Blevins, Helena, Alabama, USA, 7
 Naomi Holder, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 7
 Mireille Geus, Haarlem, Noord-Holland, Netherlands, 7
 Jannie Marshall, Ellenwood, Georgia, USA, 7
 Estella Olea, West Covina, California, USA, 6
 Dee Flood, Shawnee, Kansas, USA, 6
 Malinda Jones, Independence, Missouri, USA, 6
 Barbara Lesiak, Elmwood Park, Illinois, USA, 6
 Connie Irwin, Tollhouse, California, USA, 6
 Carla Rae, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, 6
 Cassandra Cayce, Detroit, Michigan, USA, 6
 Jean Wildman, San Antonio, Texas, USA, 6
 Mary Rowan, Norwalk, California, USA, 6
 Ginny Bates, Shreveport, Louisiana, USA, 6

Anne Triche-Steen, Hemet, California, USA, 6
 Nancy Dimond, Sun City, Arizona, USA, 6
 Anne Keller, Goldsboro, North Carolina, USA, 6
 Paula McCraney, Louisville, Kentucky, USA, 6
 Sandy Henderson, Oakridge, Oregon, USA, 6
 Wanda Goldson, Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA, 6
 Valerie M. Knox-Leslie, Browns Mills, New Jersey, USA, 6
 Jan Moore-Gaines, Plymouth, Indiana, USA, 6
 Sharon Rooker, Avondale, Arizona, USA, 6
 Gillian Neale, Swaffham, Norfolk, United Kingdom, 6
 Patty Stokes, Portsmouth, Virginia, USA, 6
 Consiglia M DiSarro, Warren, Rhode Island, USA, 6
 Sharon Doucet, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 6
 Cj Jackson Wood, Cleveland, Ohio, USA, 6
 Sally-Dawn Phillips, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, U.K., 6
 Jan Skalicky, North Fort Meyers, Florida, USA, 5
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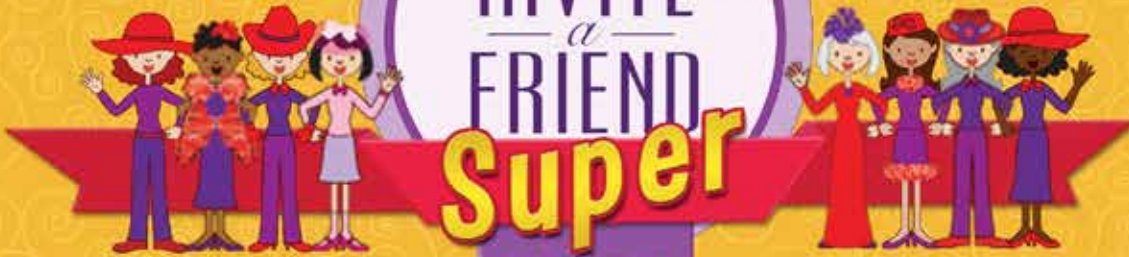
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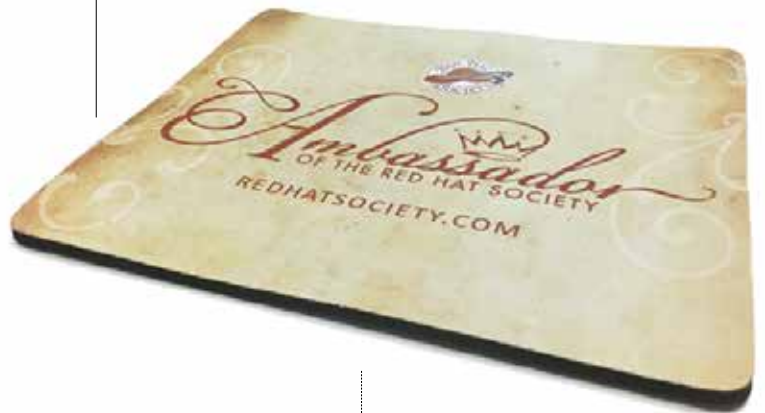
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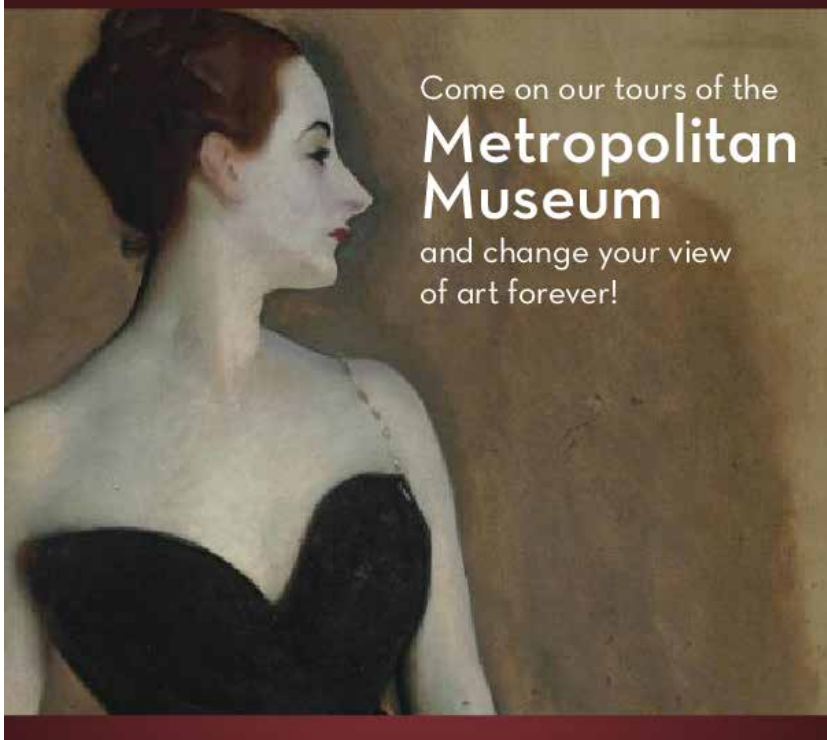




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