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“SEEING RED” ISN'T A STATE OF MIND, IT'S A REGULAR OCCURANCE AT ROYAL HIGHLANDS!

The Red Hat Society

What would you think if you saw a bus filled with ladies, all wearing red hats? On closer inspection, you find that they are also wearing purple blouses, and their hats - although different in style, they are all cherry red!

If you are familiar with the *Red Hat Society*, you know that this is just another one of their flamboyant social outings.

Sue Ellen Cooper, who is the *Queen Mother* of this national society (*Any surprise that the leader of a group such as this would have a name like "Sue Ellen"?*), states that it *"began as a result of a few women deciding*

to greet middle age with verve, humor and clan.

We believe that silliness is the comedy relief of life"

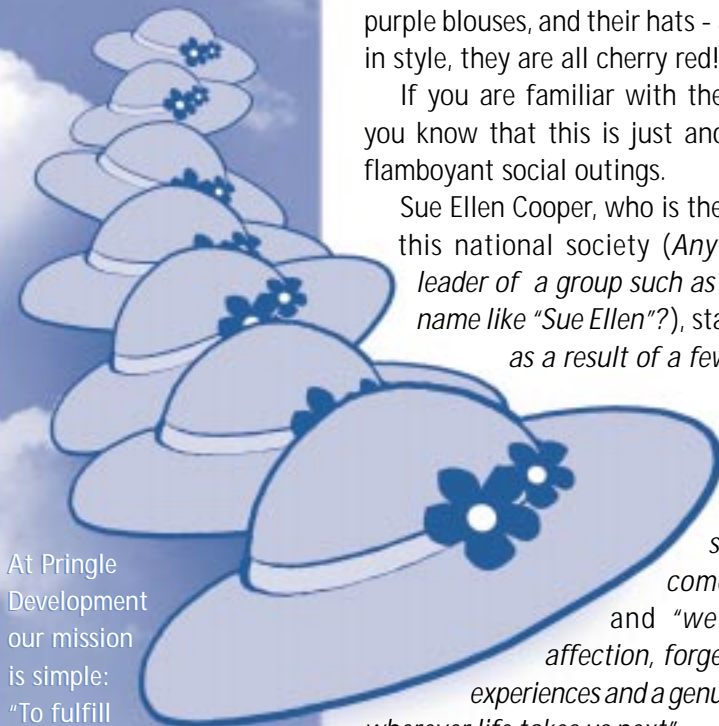
and "we share a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next".

It was a purchase of a red fedora in a thrift shop in Tucson that actually was the beginning of the society. Sue Ellen presented a red hat and a



copy of the poem *"Warnings"* by Jenny Joseph, written in 1961, to her good friend. She in turn did the same to another, and the idea continued to spread. The first two lines of the poem state that *"When I am an old woman I shall wear purple, With a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me"*. This poem formed the framework for the society as it exists today. What started out to be a group of about 18 members quickly became very popular throughout the world.

The Red Hat Society now has over 55,000 members grouped in 2000 chapters in the United States and abroad, and the members exemplify the poem by wearing red hats and purple outfits when they gather for tea and other social events. There are well over 200 groups in [cont. on page 2...](#)



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Those Who've Come Before You

By Frank Denzler

Pursuing Passions Comes Naturally To The Bloomfields of Royal Harbor

If you appreciate top quality wood furniture, you should see the pieces that fill the home of *Werner* and *Carolyn Bloomfield* of *Royal Harbor*. Werner's favorite pastime is using fine woods, such as cherry wood and ash wood, to build tables, cabinets, bedroom furniture and other large pieces. Werner also makes Lazy Susans, Playing Card Holders, Step Stools, etc. The excellent quality of his work demonstrates the skill and craftsmanship that he has developed over the years.

The Bloomfields moved into Royal Harbor at the end of last year, along with *Freddie*, their two-year-old Cairn terrier dog. Werner originally came from Latvia and Carolyn was born in Albany, NY. They retired to Florida after living in Moreau, NY, which is located in northern Saratoga County in New York State.

While they lived in New York, *Finch, Pruyn and Co., Inc.*, a paper manufacturer, employed Werner for thirty-two years. He began as a laborer, and then was promoted to other positions over the years, eventually



Royal Harbor Residents: Werner, Carolyn and "Freddie"

becoming Power Plant Manager before his retirement. In addition, he served as an Aviation Crewman in the U.S. Navy for over 4 years.

Carolyn was a stay-at-home mom until their three children were older, then she worked in the NYS Dept of Motor Vehicles in Saratoga County. She started as a part time clerk and eventually became Supervisor of the Saratoga Springs DMV Office for a number of years. Carolyn also worked briefly as Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Moreau.

They return to New York State frequently to see two of their three children; a daughter who lives in Saratoga Springs with three children, a son who lives in the Rochester with 2 children. Their third child, a daughter, lives just down the road in Clermont, FL.

Besides practicing his woodworking *cont. on page 4*

The Bloomfields with a good example of Werner's craftsmanship.



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Florida alone, including at least 8 groups in the Leesburg – Tavares area.

The society is well-represented in *Royal Highlands*, where there are over 180 members of the community that partake of its activities! Judy Hetu formed the group earlier this year, and she serves as the Queen Mother of the Royal Highlands Red Hatters. For their first meeting, they enjoyed high tea in Mt. Dora. Their other activities have included attendance at a local live theatre performance, the Strawberry Festival in Plant City, the Austin Carriage Museum in nearby Weirsdale, and Universal Studios. A fee of \$1.00 for the membership card is the only club dues. As a general rule, ladies under 55 years of age can wear pink hats and lavender outfits, but those over 55 wear any style of red hat and purple top or dress.

On the national level, the Red Hat Society recently held its first Convention in Chicago, where representatives from all over the country (as well as abroad) came together with their red hats and purple outfits. The style of hats exhibited at that



event demonstrated how elaborate the red hats can get, as shown by the photos available on their web site.

Copies of the poem *"Warnings"* are available for purchase in many gift shops, and the society also has a web-site with provides more information about its activities. Go to redhatsociety.com and WhenIamAnOldWoman.com for information about the society or the poem that inspired this successful international group.

The Culinary Couple



Have you even had the experience of going into a restaurant and finding it difficult to make a choice because the menu is so extensive? That is the kind of dilemma that we face whenever we eat at *Naples Italian Restaurant* in Leesburg.

Mark and Sally Wade, who both had previous restaurant experience in their native England, purchased the restaurant in Feb. 2000. They kept most of the previous owners popular menu items, and added a few specials of their own.

On our most recent lunch visit, there

were eight specials listed on the board at the entrance, such as Little Neck Clams and Caprese Salad. The last time we were there, we both ordered flounder fillet entrees, which were very delicious. The filets were prepared in an oil and white wine sauce with capers, fresh tomatoes, and came with a side of broccoli.

This time we decided to try veal dishes; Veal Scaloppini and Veal Piccata. Both entrees were priced at \$10.55 and both were well prepared. They were accompanied by fresh broccoli, garlic bread and angel hair pasta. The portions were so generous that we both took home leftovers that will easily make a second meal!

Naples Restaurant is located in a strip mall in the Leesburg Market Place on W. North Blvd. (Route 441). It is bright and cheerful, thanks to the storefront's large picture windows, soft Italian music, decorative wall hangings, and ceramic



sculptures. There is also a tiled roof inside over the take-out counter.

Naples is also one of the few local restaurants that offers a rather extensive vegetarian selection – over thirty-five in all. Prices vary from \$1.00 for three additional garlic breadsticks to \$5.95 for mussels in red or white sauce for starters. Pizza choices (*made from fresh dough daily*), calzones, pasta, seafood, combo plates, meat selections, soup, hot or cold sandwiches are all available Mon. – Sat. from 11 AM to 10 PM. Lunch is served from [cont. on page 4...](#)



Whether it's a love story, a mystery, or a white-knuckle adventure, most people enjoy going out to watch a good movie. But there is something truly special about seeing a live performance on stage. Seeing real, live actors and actresses display their talents, or watching musicians and dancers perform, adds another dimension to entertainment.

Central Florida offers a wide variety of live performances, and many residents are making plans to purchase season tickets, but individual tickets are almost always available for visitors.

The Lake Sumter Community College

Foundation, Inc. has announced its upcoming Performing Arts Series schedule. It is held on the college grounds in Leesburg and it begins with a performance by the *Jazz Repertory Orchestra of Leesburg* on Sept. 24. On Oct. 22 the *Three Baritones* will appear, and on Nov. 18th and 19th, the *Ragamala Music and Dance Theatre* will perform. Future shows in the series include the *Central Florida Lyric Opera* group, the *Aquila Theatre Company's* rendition of "*Midsummer's night Dream*", an appearance by the *Paragon Ragtime Orchestra* in February 2003, and a rhythm and brass orchestra in March 2003. For more information, call 352-365-3506.

The *Melon Patch Players* at their Playhouse in Leesburg are also planning their upcoming season. In September, they will be presenting Woody Allen's "*Don't Drink The Water*", a comedy in two acts that was a hit on Broadway. In November, the popular play "*Hello, Dolly*" will be presented,

and later, Agatha Christie's mystery called "*Ten Little Indians*" will be performed. Other shows scheduled include "*Annie Get Your Gun*", "*Sylvia*" and "*The Best of Broadway*", a musical review. Call 352-787-3013.

The *Mt. Dora Theatre Company* also has a number of live performances that are scheduled at their *Icehouse Theatre*. During the summer months, they teach children to dance, sing and perform on stage. In August, the adult and children performers will be presenting two popular plays, "*Lord Of The Flies*" and "*Nunsense*". Other scheduled performances include "*The Skin of Our Teeth*", and the great Broadway show "*Gypsy*". For tickets call 352-383-4616.

Orlando's *Mark Two Dinner Theatre* offers a delicious buffet dinner before its' performances. Eight shows are scheduled this season, each running for about six weeks. "*The Music Man*", "*Kiss Me Kate*", "*My Fair Lady*", "*Fiddler On The Roof*" and "*1776*". For more info call 1-800-726-6275.

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skills, Werner enjoys digital photography, using the computer, and playing cards with neighbors. Carolyn also works with the computer, makes greeting cards, and prints tickets for upcoming activities. She is one of the *Galley Girls* – a group that sets up meals for the new Recreation Center activities. She is a member of the book club, craft club, participates in the line dancing classes, uses the community swimming pool as often as possible, and loves to shop. *Whew!*

Werner and Carolyn's first visit to Florida was in 1998, when they visited their daughter in Clermont. They spent a lot of time exploring Central Florida, originally thinking that they would become snowbirds. They eventually got to know Roxanne Logan of Pringle Development. She helped them choose a home and lot that were perfectly suited to their needs.

With the help of the Pringle Design Department, they made several major changes in their Windsor Model home. The

front of their home was expanded to provide a larger dining area, windows were enlarged to increase the amount of light entering the main room, and a "third car" garage was added to accommodate a workshop for Werner's woodworking.

The Bloomfields were impressed with the agreeable weather, the relative closeness to both coasts, and the convenience of Orlando's theme parks. They were also very pleased to see the diversity and friendliness of all their neighbors; *"Everyone here is very nice to each other, and your neighbors are always ready to help you if you need them."* said Carolyn. *"We are very happy to have become members of the Royal Harbor community."* ✉

Spread The Good News

We hope you have enjoyed reading this issue of DreamScapes. Please feel free to pass this newsletter along to a friend or relative who may be interested in our wonderful way of life.

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11 AM to 3 PM daily, but children may select from it anytime. Beer, wine, Espresso, and Cappuccino are available, as well as soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, hot coffee and hot tea.

Naples is a casual, friendly place to stop for a quick lunch or a pleasant dinner out with friends or family. Service has always been courteous and efficient, and through nothing more than word-of-mouth advertising, it is quickly becoming one of the area's most popular restaurants. ✉