

**Volume VII-1: January 2022**

From the Editor:

**Happy New Year everyone! If you haven't** heard, the 2022 RHS International Convention: Flamingo Fling, was canceled. No reason was given. If you paid and did not receive your refund, contact the Red Hat Society Headquarters. Nothing has been announced for a convention in 2023 yet. Does anyone have a crystal ball to see when COVID19 and all its variants will let us get back to traveling normally for Red Hatting?

Maybe we could dub this Flamingo Fling year and those who have lots of the pink birds in their homes, on lawns, shirts and hats can at least take the items for a spin at a luncheon. There is at least one such event on the calendar (see page 2).

My daughter picked up home tests for COVID and her test was negative. We both think it was a false read and that she did have COVID (most likely Omricon). She had symptoms of a cold **and no fever. It lasted 6 days. I don't know** about your colds, but those suckers have been hanging on for weeks in past years. I had a sore throat for 4 days, one night of sniffles and then it was back to normal for me. **Did I or didn't I? I wasn't going to dig for China to find out. Bottom line, the tests are not dependable so don't knock** yourself out trying to get hold of one and certainly do not pay for them. Free test kits are around, and more are coming in January. Patience!

**MONTHLY 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Lunch in Maryland**

The Red Hatters 1st Wednesday of the month lunch (Jan 5) at Nautilus Diner, Crofton, MD has been **canceled** due to high COVID positivity rates and hospitalizations in Maryland.



New Year Resolutions:

This year I will try: \_\_\_\_\_

I will do more of: \_\_\_\_\_

I will do less: \_\_\_\_\_

My priorities this year are: \_\_\_\_\_

Sending virtual hugs,  
 Judy Litke  
 moonrockB@aol.com

**DEADLINE** For Feb Newsletter  
 Articles: Jan 26, 2022

## Upcoming Red Hat Events

\* For Supporting Members Only

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### One-Day Events

Jan 14, 2022: 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the "2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Red Hat Breakfast Group Bunch", Best Western, Baltimore, MD (limit 40) – SOLD OUT; wait list is full

Jan 20, 2022: "Roaring 20s Gala", hosted by Elegant Red Hatters, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Feb 5, 2022: "Go Red Day", hosted by the NC Region 2 Queens Council, Charlotte, NC \*  
**CANCELED**

**NEW** Feb 5, 2022: "Go Red for Women's Heart Health Luncheon, hosted by Queen Crimson Rose and The Sassy Alabama Ladies, in Arab, AL

Feb 12, 2022: Diamonds & Pearls – *if anyone has the flyer to this, please forward to me (moonrockB@aol.com) so I can post the info*

**NEW** Feb 14, 2022: Red Hat Breakfast Group Bunch", Best Western, Baltimore, MD (limit 40)

Mar 12, 2022: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the B-Uniq Sophisticated Ladies, A Diamonds and Pearl Event, in Bessemer, AL

Mar 12, 2022: 2022 Meet & Greet, "Angels in Red Hats", hosted by the Red Mums Royal Jesters, in Brunswick, OH

Apr 16, 2022: Birthday Bash, Columbus, OH (Contact Sherry Thompson, [qmdivasherry@yahoo.com](mailto:qmdivasherry@yahoo.com))

## Upcoming Red Hat Events (Continued)

**NEW** Apr 22, 2022: Too Too Tutu Party, Celebrating the RHS's 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Myrtle Beach, NC; \$45 plus registration for due Mar 31

Apr 23, 2022: "Walking Like an Egyptian", hosted by The Belles of Scarlett, Charlotte, NC \*

Apr 26, 2022: "Victorian Birthday Party", hosted by South Central Queens Council, Wichita, KS (no details yet)

Apr 30, 2022: "Red Hat Resale", Columbus, OH

Jun 11, 2022: Hawaiian Beach Party, hosted by 2 sisters N Fun, in Booneville, MS

Jun 18, 2022: "Puttin' on the Ritz", Dublin, OH \*

**Jul 16, 2022: "Luau", Broadview Heights, OH (Contact Carol Weiss, [redhatsocialite14@twc.com](mailto:redhatsocialite14@twc.com)**

Jul 16, 2022: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling, "Under the Big Top Carnival – Red Hat Style", Pearl, MS

Jul 23, 2022: 2022 Red Hat Rocket to Mars, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Event, hosted by The Crimson Violets and The Friends & Feathers, in Evansville, IN

Aug 6, 2022: Brats Festival Hoot, in Columbus, OH (for anyone to attend)

Aug 27, 2022: Flamingo Fling – Pink Party, hosted by Queen Toni Gilbert & Vice Queen Marilyn Klein, Purple Ladies & Lavender Maids, in Dublin, OH

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Oct 1, 2022: Alien Encounter, hosted by Monica Schultz & Ann Brewer, in Fairfield, OH \*

Nov 18, 2022: Springfield Christmas Party, Springfield, PH – Save the Date (no other details known at this time)

Jun 17, 2023: “Puttin’ on the Ritz”, Dublin, OH – Save the Date (no other details known at this time)

Aug 26, 2023: “Un-Birthday Party”, Dublin, OH – Save the Date (no other details known at this time)

Oct 7, 2023: “Halloween Party”, Cincinnati, OH – Save the Date (no other details known at this time)

## Multi-Day Events

Jan 7-9, 2022: “Let’s Paint the Town Red”, hosted by the Southern Bellas formerly the Foothills Red Hatters, Travelers Rest, SC, in Myrtle Beach, SC \*

Feb 25-27, 2022: “Red Hat Land Cruise, with “stops” in New Orleans for Mardi Gras; Under the Sea for lunch; and a Captain’s Ball, Baltimore, MD \*


Mar 25-26, 2022: 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Tea Extravaganza, hosted by by the Dazzlin! Derbi Citi Royalties “Divas”, in Louisville, KY

Apr 1-3, 2022: “Women Around the World – a Red Hat Funvention”, hosted by Tennessee Chapters of Red Hatters, in Burns, TN \*


May 19-22, 2022: RHS 2021 International Convention, Flamingo Fling, Palm Desert, CA  
**CANCELED**

May 27-29, 2022 (travel home on May 30): 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoe-Down – Celebrating a Decade of Fun, hosted by Miss Kitty’s Social Club 9an official RHS chapter), in Old Colorado City, CO

Jun 9-12, 2022: 2022 Wisconsin Hatvention, “Shake, Rattle & Red Hats” – a 50s, 60s & 70s Extravaganza, hosted by Multi-State registered Red Hat Society Members \* (get more info on website at <https://wisconsinhatvention.wixsite.com/1950redhats>)

 June 24-26, 2022: 2022 Kansas City FUNvention, hosted by Pretty Magnificent Sisters, in North Kansas City, MO \*

Jul 11-14, 2022: “Celebrate! Perfectly Purple with a Dash of Red, hosted by The Red Hat Gals, at Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI; \* For recent photos and more information, go to the website at <https://redhatgals.weebly.com/>  
NOTE: This event is full and so is the wait list. Try to register in Feb or Mar 2022 to determine if cancellations were made.

 Aug 12-14, 2022: 2022 St. Louis FUNvention: “Hot Fun in the Summertime”, hosted by the Ladies in Red Chapter, Bridgeton, MO \*

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Aug 26-28, 2022: "2022 Virginia FUNvention: Magical, Mystical, Fantasy Weekend!", in Richmond, VA \*

Sep 9-11, 2022: Winnepeg FunVention, "An Unforgettable Weekend in the Peg", hosted by the Divalicious chapter, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Sep 9-11, 2022: "Hatters Celebrate Good Times", Wichita, KS \*

Sep 9-11, 2022: "Biennial Red Hat Convention, hosted by South Central Queens Council, Wichita, KS (no details yet)

Sep 24-Oct 1, 2022: Trip to Dubai, hosted by The Classy Ruby Red Hat Ladies, cost of \$189 includes round trip airfare, hotel, breakfast daily airport transportation, and 3 excursions. For additional info and registration info, contact Queen Juanita Brooks (302-632-3355); Vice Queen Norma Branker (302-387-1660); or Bonnie Harden (804-839-4443)

Oct 14-16, 2022: Red Hat Mountain Rendezvous, hosted by the Southern Sassy Sisters, in Gunterville, AL

Oct 28-30, 2022: Wisconsin PJ Gathering – Mark Your Calendars, details coming soon. E-mail questions to [gingerzsnap@gmail.com](mailto:gingerzsnap@gmail.com)

Nov 4-6, 2022: "Sock Monkeys Down the Rabbit Hole", hosted by Sock Monkey Sisterhood chapter, in Bismarck, AR

**NEW** Nov 10-13, 2022: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual RH Weekend, "Christmas in the Smokies", hosted by Sassy Sweethearts, Pigeon Forge, TN \*

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Apr 23-28, 2022: Cruise – Red Hat Anniversary, hosted by Jazzy Divas of J-Ville, cruise departs Miami for Ocho Rios, Jamaica, Grand Cayman and return to Miami

Sep 25-Oct 5, 2022: Cruise – Classic Danube, arranged by Dame Jean Marie, anyone may go on this trip.

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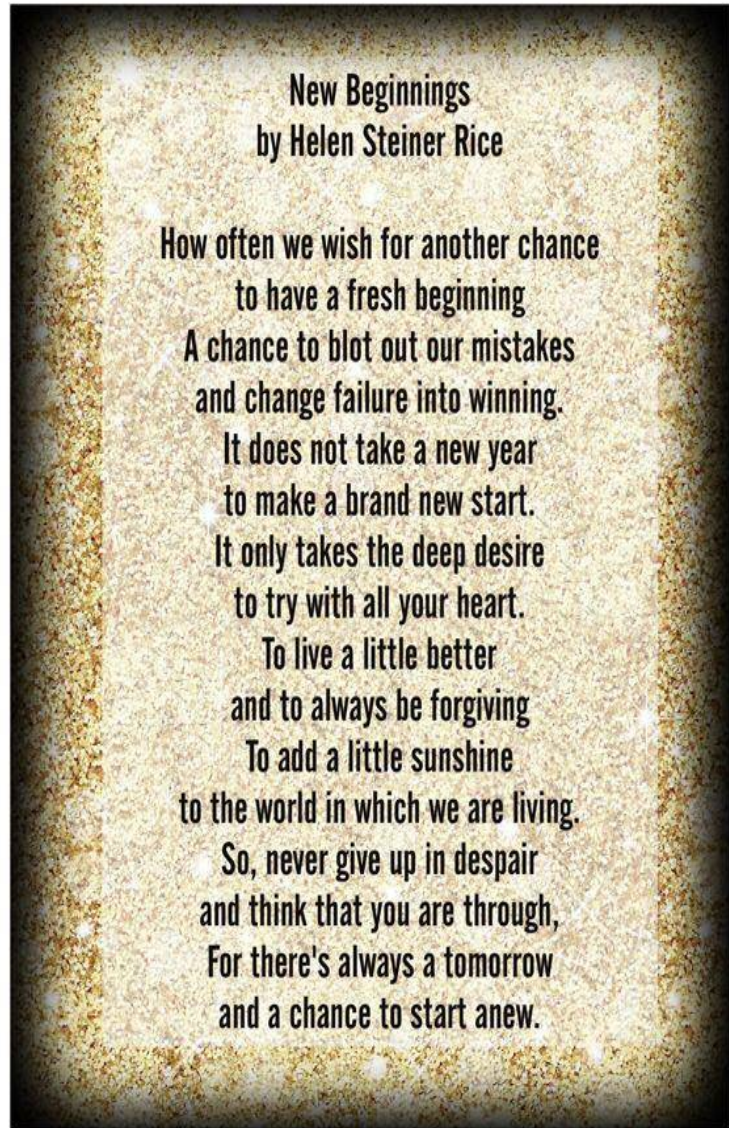
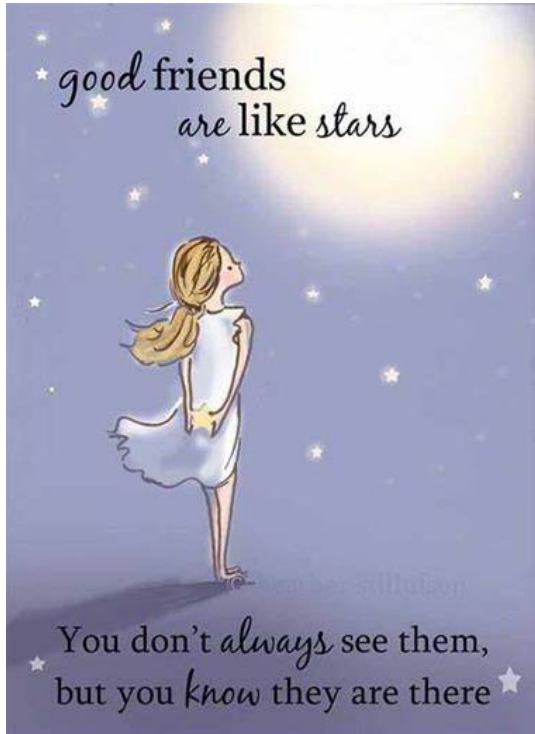
Red Hat Land Cruise, Feb 25-27, 2022:

Come for the weekend, come for Friday

evening events or for just Saturday events. Prices are available to book single events. Come to shop on Friday, noon-5 PM or on Saturday, 9 AM-5 PM (NOTE: vendors close for lunch; and do not usually stay until 5 PM on Saturday). There is no entry fee for shopping.

One Red Hatter is still looking for a roommate for nights of Feb 25 & 26.

Contact Judy Litke ([moonrockB@aol.com](mailto:moonrockB@aol.com)) for a copy of the information or if you would like to room with someone.



**On New Year's Eve, an old Irish tradition is to open your door at midnight and let the Old Year out and the New Year in. I think 2021 deserves all the doors, windows, and garage door to be open.**

Quotes Creator

—submitted by Jacquie Maly, Maui, HI —

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### Fun Fact

January is named after Janus, the ancient Roman god of gates and doors symbolizing endings, beginnings, and transitions. He's depicted with two heads: one head looking at the past and the other at the future.

Jan 18, 2022 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – a federal observance.

**REMEMBER to write “2022” when signing any documents or checks!**



## Do or Die Mysteries

Ticket prices are going up...a little. In 2022 they will be \$62.50 per person, except where noted.

Jan 10 & 17: Art of Murder

Danger Art turns deadly! Washed up danger artist Tristan Breton is back on the art scene. Is he trying to get the band back together, or pick them off one by one?

Our venue, Hellas Restaurant, is located at 8498 Veteran's Highway in Millersville, Maryland 21108. Free onsite parking

6:30 PM: Check In/Orders Taken/Dinner Served; Show follows Dinner

**Dinner includes salad, entree and chef's choice of dessert.** Entree items: Blackened Tzatziki Salmon, Jumbo Fried Shrimp, Lasagna, Gyro Platter, Chicken Souvlaki Platter, or Steak-n-Cheddar Taco Platter. Please inform of us dietary restrictions in advance. We do our best to accommodate **everyone's needs.**

*Occasionally, there are entree substitutions. Please contact us if you have any questions.*

\$60.50 includes dinner, show, tax, and nonalcoholic beverages. Gratuity on meal is included in the ticket price. Gratuities on alcohol beverages purchased are appreciated.

Cocktails are available  
Group seating

Tickets are available by going to

<https://doordiemystery.com/> or by calling the box office at (443) 422-3810. If you call the box office, and don't receive an answer, please leave a message. Covid has left us a little short staffed.

**COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: You don't need to wear a mask to the dinner show!** Seating is still limited so get your ticket today.

Shows will be added in the event of a sell-out.

All sales final; no refunds.

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Do or Die Mysteries in 2022:

Feb 7 & 14: Murder Mystery the Musical. It's the 1930s. The rivalry between Broadway and Hollywood heats up, and both towns want to make Maria Argentina their poster girl. It's music, murder and mayhem! *This show is slightly more expensive. Tickets are \$72.50 per person.*

Mar 7 & 14: Mystery Krewe  
Laissez les bon temps rouler! Get ready for a killer Mardi Gras Ball.

Apr 11 & 18: Death and Taxes

May 9 & 16: Detective Mom

Jun 13 & 20: Cradle to Grave

Jul 7 & 11: CSI Glen Burnie, Hon

Sep 12 & 19: Tune In, Turn On and  
Drop Dead

Oct 10 & 17: Death Expo

Nov 14 & 21: Death by Turkey

Dec 28 & 29: Slay Ride



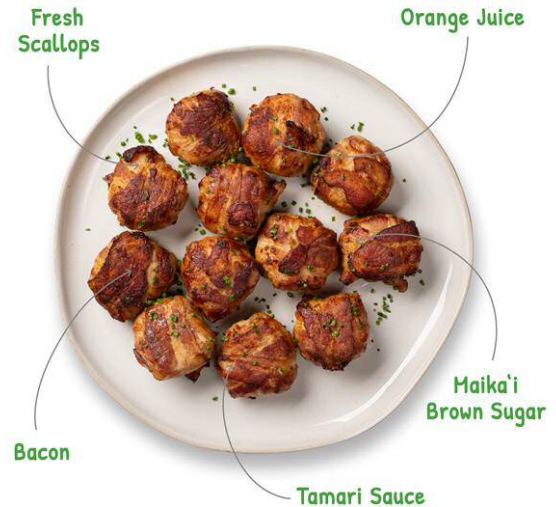
Chef Ruby

## Bacon Wrapped Scallops

-- A Foodland Recipe, Submitted by Adele Rugg, Queen Diva  
Dell-Lucious, Kihel, Maui, HI --

### Ingredients:

- 1 & 1/2 pound fresh Scallops
- 1/2 pound bacon
- 1/4 cup Shoyu or Tamari (soy sauce)
- 1/4 cup fresh squeezed orange juice
- 1/4 cup Brown Sugar
- toothpicks



### Directions:

1. In a small bowl, combine shoyu, orange juice, and brown sugar. Add scallops to the shoyu mixture, toss to combine, and refrigerate for 30 minutes or up to overnight.
2. Preheat oven to 425F.
3. Working with one scallop at a time, lay the bacon piece flat; add a marinated scallop. Tightly wrap the bacon around the scallop and pierce with a toothpick to hold the bacon in place.
4. Place scallop on a medium baking sheet and bake for 12–15 minutes, or until bacon is crispy. **Chef's tip:** For extra crispy bacon, broil for the last 2–3 minutes. Just keep an eye on them.

Serves 4



## Chef Ruby

### Maika'i Glazed Pecan Stuffed Mushrooms

-- A Foodland Recipe, Submitted by Adele Rugg, Queen Diva  
Dell-Lucious, Kihel, Maui, HI --

#### Ingredients:

- 1 & 1/2 pound baby portabella**  
mushrooms or button mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon Maika'i Garlic (chopped)
- 1/2 cup Maika'i Glazed Pecans**  
(chopped and save an additional 25 whole pecan pieces)
- 8 ounces goat cheese
- 1 tablespoon fresh sage
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon Salt**
- 1/4 teaspoon Black Pepper**



#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Prep mushrooms by carefully breaking off stems. Chop stems fine, discarding tough stems.
3. In a small skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add garlic, pecans, mushrooms stems and sage. Cook, while stirring often, for about 5 minutes or until everything has softened.
4. In a medium-sized bowl, mix together the mushroom stem mixture, goat cheese, salt and black pepper until well combined. Set aside.
5. Place mushroom caps on a large baking sheet. Working with one mushroom at a time, brush both inside and outside with oil and stuff with 1 teaspoon of filling. Place on center rack and bake for 20 minutes or until cheese turns a nice golden brown.
6. Once mushrooms are cooked, top with a whole glazed pecan.

Serves 6





**Chef Ruby**

## **Slow-Cooker Chicken & Chickpea Soup**

-- *EatingWell.com* --

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 & 1/2 cups dried chickpeas, soaked overnight
- 4 cups water
- 1 large yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 (15-ounce) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, preferably fire-roasted
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 teaspoons ground cumin
- 4 teaspoons paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 pounds bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed, trimmed
- 1 (14-ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- 1/4 cup halved pitted oil-cured olives
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/cup chopped fresh parsley or cilantro



### **Directions:**

1. Drain chickpeas and place in a 6-quart or larger slow cooker. Add 4 cups water, onion, tomatoes and their juice, tomato paste, garlic, bay leaf, cumin, paprika, cayenne and ground pepper; stir to combine. Add chicken.
2. Cover and cook on Low for 8 hours or High for 4 hours.
3. Transfer the chicken to a clean cutting board and let cool slightly. Discard bay leaf. Add artichokes, olives and salt to the slow cooker and stir to combine. Shred the chicken, discarding bones. Stir the chicken into the soup. Serve topped with parsley (or cilantro).



**Chef Ruby**

## **Slow-Cooker Chicken & Chickpea Soup (continued)**

### **Tips:**

To make ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days or freeze for up to 3 months.

Equipment: 6-qt. or larger slow cooker

### **Nutrition Facts:**

Serving Size:

about 2 cups

Per Serving:

447 calories; protein 33.6g; carbohydrates 43g; dietary fiber 11.6g; sugars 8.5g; fat 15.3g; saturated fat 3.3g; cholesterol 76.5mg; vitamin a iu 1590IU; vitamin c 15.1mg; folate 194.1mcg; calcium 114.7mg; iron 5.7mg; magnesium 78.7mg; potassium 608.8mg; sodium 761.8mg.

Exchanges:

4 1/2 lean protein, 2 starch, 2 vegetable, 1/2 fat



**Chef Ruby**

## **American Goulash**

-- *EatingWell.com* --

American goulash, also known as old-fashioned goulash, is the perfect economical family meal. The pasta cooks right in the sauce, so this satisfying dish can cook in just one pot.

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 & 1/2 cups chopped onions
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 (14 ounce) can no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (8 ounce) can no-salt-added tomato sauce
- 1 cup low-sodium beef or chicken broth
- 1 & 1/4 cups whole wheat elbow macaroni
- 2 tablespoons Grated Parmesan cheese

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### **Directions:**

- 1.** Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat. Add onion and beef; cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 5 minutes.
- 2.** Add garlic, paprika, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper; cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
- 3.** Stir in tomatoes and their juices, tomato sauce and broth. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook for 5 minutes.
- 4.** Add macaroni and cook, uncovered, stirring occasionally, until tender, 6 to 9 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with Parmesan, if desired.



**Chef Ruby**

## **American Goulash (continued)**

### **Tips:**

To make ahead: Refrigerate goulash for up to two days. Reheat before serving.

### **Nutrition Facts:**

Serving Size: 1 & 1/2 cups

Per Serving:

418 calories; protein 31.1g; carbohydrates 39.9g; dietary fiber 6.6g; sugars 7.9g; fat 16g; saturated fat 5.2g; cholesterol 73.7mg; vitamin a iu 1224.8IU; vitamin c 16mg; folate 42.6mcg; calcium 73mg; iron 5.1mg; magnesium 87.4mg; potassium 1022.7mg; sodium 725.9mg; thiamin 0.3mg; added sugar 1g.

Exchanges:

3 medium-fat protein, 3 vegetable, 1 1/2 starch, 1/2 fat



## Chef Ruby

### Easy Game Day BBQ Meatballs – Appetizer

**Ingredients:**

- 2 lb. lean ground beef
- 1 cup STOVE TOP Stuffing Mix  
for Chicken
- 2 eggs
- 1 bottle (18 oz.) KRAFT Original  
Barbecue Sauce

**Directions:**

1. Heat oven to 375°F.
2. Mix first 3 ingredients just until blended; shape into 36 meatballs, each about 1-1/2 inches in diameter.
3. Place in single layer on rimmed baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray.
4. Bake 15 to 18 min. or until done (160°F).
5. Combine meatballs and barbecue sauce in large saucepan; cook on medium heat 5 min. or until heated through, stirring frequently.

# PHOTO OPS

## Chesapeake Bay Babes Christmas Luncheon

-- Submitted by Ettice Patton, Charm City Red Hat Divas, Baltimore, MD --

Chesapeake Bay Babe's Red Hatters enjoyed a leisurely Christmas luncheon at the Outback Restaurant in Annapolis, MD. Those who attended: Queen Berlyn, Christine, Ettice, Larie, Barbara, Ann, Mary, Alma and Bonnie.



# MORE PHOTO OPS

## Holiday Photos



JoAnn Brown (Lady Joy) is a Queen and an Ambassador



The Annapolis Red Hat Queens gathered on Dec. 14, 2021 for a Christmas Luncheon.

-- Submitted by Delores Hawkins,  
Annapolis Red Hat Queens,  
Annapolis, MD --



The Purple Passion had their Christmas Luncheon on December 15, 2021, at the Blue Stone Restaurant in Timonium, MD.

Seated from left to right: Ellen Johnson, Terri Shannon and Marilyn Johnson (Queen).  
Standing from left to right: Vivian Caldwell, Pamela Johnson, Rita Johnson, Dora Brownley, Jacqueline Tweedy, Rosa Bethea, Wanda Shannon, Serena Harris and Francine Boyd.

Submitted by Marilyn F Johnson,  
Queen of The Purple Passion,  
Baltimore, MD.



# MORE PHOTO OPS

## Ramblin' Rosies Christmas Party

-- submitted by Kim Knapp, Ramblin' Rosies,  
of Severn, MD --

The Ramblin' Rosies of Severn, MD celebrated the holidays at the home of their Red Hat sister, Kim Knapp. The ladies ate delicious food (pot luck), played some holiday games and exchanged gifts.



# MORE PHOTO OPS

Ramblin' Rosies Christmas Party (more photos)

-- submitted by Kim Knapp, Ramblin' Rosies,  
of Severn, MD --



Those who attended: Sandy D, Janet, JoAnn S (#1), Tonja, Judee, Debbie, Lynn, Pat, Queen Mum Ginny, Linda, Kim, Helen, Nancy, & Kathy

# PHOTO OPS

Harford County Red Hat Queens Christmas Luncheon at Barrel House in Fallston, MD

-- Submitted by Ettice Patton, Charm City Red Hat Divas, Baltimore, MD --

Those who attended: Rose Moerschel, Marlene Dillion, Barbara Peterson, Doris Morrison, Shirley Hewitt, Janet Aro, Beverly Kotex, and Ettice Patton (all Red Hat Queens)



# PHOTO OPS

Harford County Red Hat Queens Christmas Luncheon at Barrel House in Fallston, MD (more photos)

-- Submitted by Ettice Patton, Charm City Red Hat Divas, Baltimore, MD --



Such fun!

Such loot!



A good time was had by all, including our server!

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## Red Hat Dancers' Annual Holiday Party "It's Snowing in Lanham"

-- Submitted by Beverly Goines, Red Hat Dancers of MD;  
photos by Linda Pressman --

On December 14 The Red Hat Dancers of Maryland, located in Lanham, MD held their annual Holiday Party. Our theme was snowflakes and ladies were asked to embellish their attire with snowflakes. I was delighted to see how creative so many were! The chapter provided shrimp and a deli platter while chapterettes brought either a side dish or dessert. Everyone enjoyed the bountiful feast and took home lots of leftovers. We traditionally play several rounds of Red Hat Bingo and the Left Right Game to exchange gifts. This year we also played Steal the Snowflake Game. Each person was given 3 small clothes pins with a snowflake on it, if you said the word snowflake whoever heard it first could steal your pin. After some time, we realized that was not working so we changed the word to holiday. Shortly, people began losing their pins and the game finally started to be fun. My Elf on the Shelf, Earl, sunk into the party and even photo bombed our group photo. It was a nice afternoon of food, fun and friendship. We have been an official Red Hat Society Chapter since 2003 and although we have shrunk in number, we are big on having fun together!



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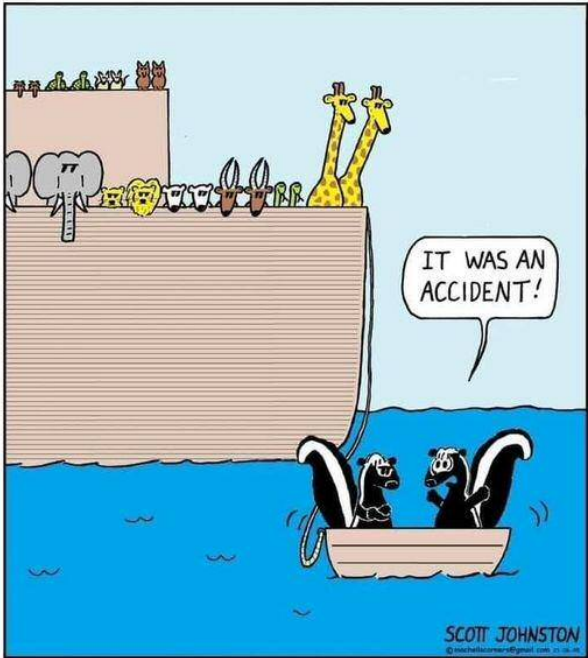
## Red Hat Dancers' Annual Holiday Party (more photos)

-- Submitted by Beverly Goines, Red Hat Dancers of MD;  
photos by Linda Pressman --



**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**

Found an extra pair of boots at the worksite so I decided to give my boss a heart attack



When I was young, I was poor. But after years of hard work, I am no longer young.




**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A GROUCHY OLD PERSON. THE TRUTH IS, ONCE YOU GET OLD, YOU STOP BEING POLITE AND START BEING HONEST.**

**If paying a cashier a living wage will make prices go up. Why doesn't replacing cashiers with Self Checkouts make prices go down?**

**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**

I've come to the conclusion that I'm a reasonably intelligent person who does moderately stupid things on a semi regular basis.



Spice of Life  
www.facebook.com/SpiceofLife



I finally figured out what I want to be when I get older -  
.....  
**YOUNGER!**

© Drawn by Kase

Dear Lord,  
Please don't let Brussel Sprouts be a part of the cure of Covid-19 Virus.



I don't want to say I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.



**That exact moment when you realize you speak 17 different languages.**

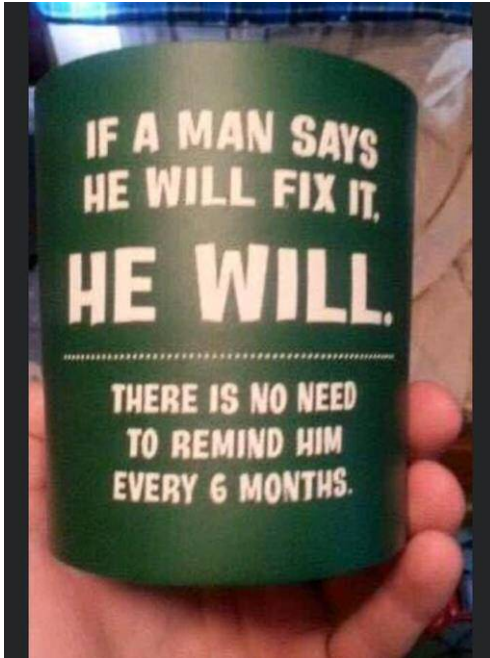




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PLEASURE**

-- Submitted by Beverly Goines, Queen, B&B  
Queens Council --

The training process was tedious, but now  
he knows he is not allowed on the couch.



Never yell into one of these.



*You'll strain  
your voice.*

**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**

# Some Post-Holiday Memes

-- Submitted by Jacquie Maly, Maui, HI --



You've tested positive for COVID19. I need a list of everyplace you've been.



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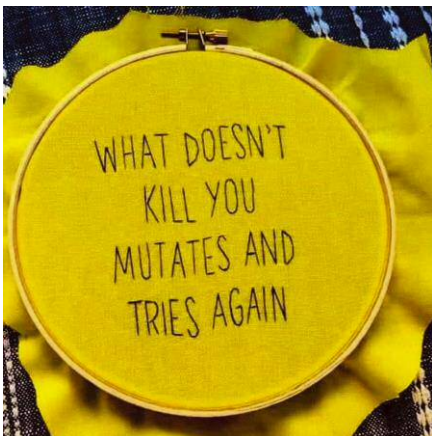
-- Submitted by Jacquie Maly, Maui, HI --



The moment you realize 2022 is pronounced "2020 too"

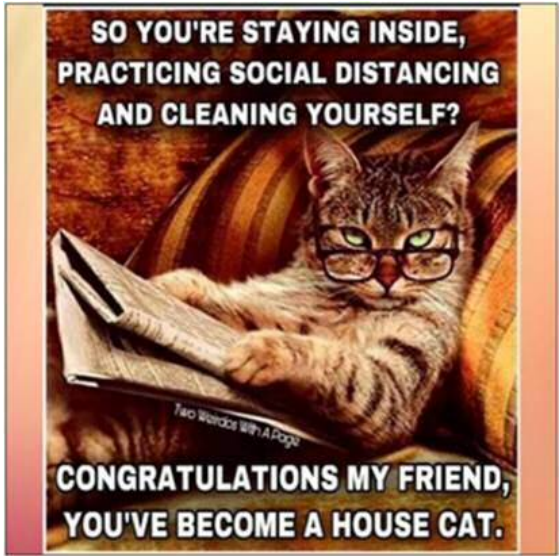


You've tested positive for COVID19. I need a list of everyplace you've been.



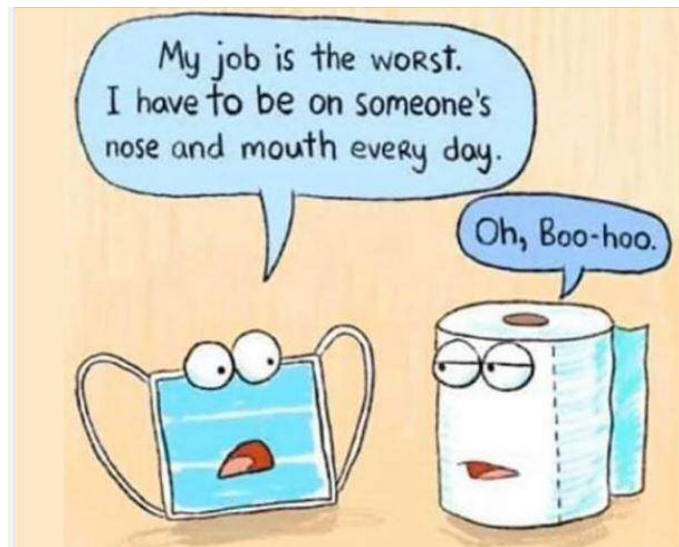
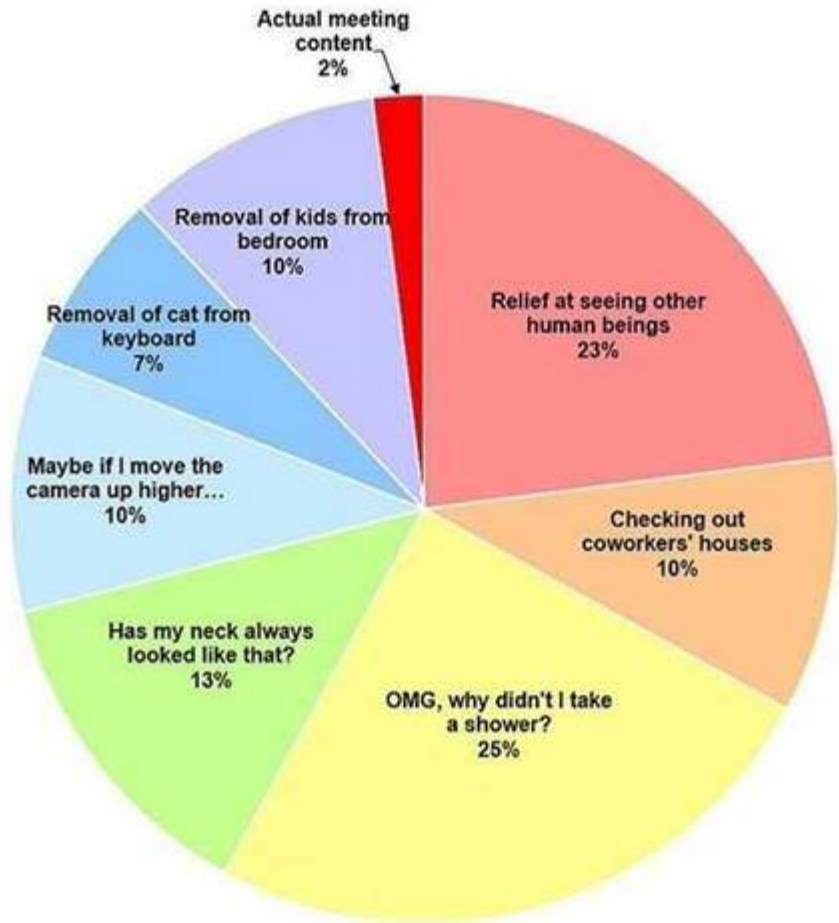
**KEEP CALM AND READ FOR PLEASURE**

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### Diagram of Zoom Meeting Attention Span



# Just for Fun

New Year Trivia for Seniors:

1. In what year did the New Year's Eve Ball drop for the first time in Time Square?
2. How large is the Time Square New Year's Eve Ball in diameter?
3. When did partiers first celebrate New Year's Eve in Time Square?
4. Who Wrote the famous song "Auld Lang Syne"?
5. Where is it considered to be good luck to wear red underwear on New Year's?
6. In the southern U.S. eating this on New Year's will bring good luck. Which food is it?
7. Who was the first person to host the broadcast of the Time Square New Year's Eve party?
8. What do the words "Auld Lang Syne" mean?
9. In 1582 which calendar marked January 1 as the New year?
10. Which Australian city has one of the largest New Year's celebrations?
11. Who was the first to declare January 1 as a "national" holiday? (Hint: it happened in 45 BC)
12. How many Time Square New Year's balls have there been?
13. When did the first Tournament of Roses parade take place?
14. What calendar determines the date of the Chinese New Year?
15. Where in the world is the last place to ring in the New Year?

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## I Bring Luck Riddle

At Chinese New Year celebrations  
I breathe fire, dance and run amuck  
With a few men to guide my steps  
My presence brings good fortune and luck  
What am I?

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What is the animal: Feb 1 begins the Chinese New Year. Do you know which animal is high-lighted this year?



Answers to Nsmr Animal: The 2022 Chinese New Year is the year of the Tiger.

Answers to Trivia:  
1. 1907; 2. 12 feet; 3. 1904; 4. Robert Burns;  
5. Italy; 6. Black-eyed peas; 7. Guy Lombardo;  
8. for old times' sake; 9. Gregorian calendar;  
10. Sydney; 11. Julius Caesar; 12. Seven;  
13. 1890; 14. Lunar; 15. American Samoa

Answers to Riddle: Dragon

## New Year Word Search



DECEMBER  
RESOLUTION  
BALL  
CALENDAR  
MIDNIGHT

NEW YEAR  
COUNTDOWN  
CONFETTI  
CELEBRATION  
FAMILY

FRIENDS  
KISS  
TOAST  
FIREWORKS  
CLOCK

