Red Hatters Celebrate 25 Years! CALLING ALL MANITOBA RED HAT ALUMNI!

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In 2023, the Red Hat Society will celebrate 25 years of "red hatting"! Who would have believed that in 1998, giving a red hat to a friend would have such an impact.

And in Manitoba, hatting has also had an impact, with women donning purple outfits wearing a red hat and having fun at the ballpark, restaurants, and even pole dancing to name a few group activities. Over the past 25 years, many chap-

ters were started, with at one time, over 165 chapters in Manitoba amounting to well over 4,000 ladies.

Many of the alumni will remember fond memories of the annual Red Hat HOOT in Stonewall where we gathered sharing a meal and laughing at those skits. We looked forward every year to gathering in the afternoon for comradery. And over those 25 years, two Red Hat Conventions, one Manitoba Red Hat Homecoming, and one Birthday Bash were very successful events full of laughs. Fond memories in 2006 when 500 ladies in their finest purple attire and red hat paraded down to the Casino Bowl at Club Regent for dinner and a variety show. Followed in 2008 with "The Girls Are Back In Town" Convention to celebrate our 10th Anniversary! We got together at The International Inn for an Elvis impersonator, clowns, balloons, and of course birthday cake and gifts. Many of us have these wonderful memories of the Red Hat Society outings with food, fun, frivolity and friends.



The afternoon and evening will be filled with demonstrations, memorial slides shows, vendors alley, photo

opportunities with the red hat fedora and boa, much like the one on display at the Smithsonian in The States. Cocktails followed by a 3 course sit down dinner followed with entertainment and a rock and roll band to dance the night away.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Red Hat ladies from the past and make new friends. Come and join us, bring a friend or two. For more information, please contact Judy at 204-253-1579 or email: judy.schau01@gmail.com.

Dust off the red hat, put on your gala outfit, wear some bling, and join us on **Saturday April 29, 2023** in Winnipeg!

Visit: www.redhatsmanitoba.com for the registration form.

