



## Penny Auction Time

Back by popular demand, it's Penny Auction time! We know many of you have missed this exciting club event--so we're delighted to reintroduce a cherished favorite. Just bring one or two NEW (not used) items worth at least \$5 each to the October 19 luncheon. For each item you donate, you will receive a perforated sheet of 27 numbered tickets. One ticket is for a special gift drawing, one is for you to keep to identify your ticket number, and the remaining 25 numbered tickets should be placed in the cups in front of any items you would like to win. Additional numbered ticket sheets can be purchased for \$3 each (or two for \$5). After lunch, we'll draw the winning number for each item. Popular items donated in the past have included jewelry, housewares, bath and body products, handbags, and seasonal merchandise. Come and enjoy the company of good friends, great food and a chance to take home some new but previously unloved merchandise. This year, we're limiting merchandise donations to a maximum of two items per person in order to keep the auction moving in a timely fashion!



### LUNCHEON RESERVATION PROCEDURE

#### Reminder: Luncheon Cost is \$30

Call for reservations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to the first initial of your last name. To leave a message, spell your last name, say your phone number and indicate your choice of entrée unless it is a buffet luncheon. Paula or Toni will call you back to confirm your reservation. Remember, you must be confirmed. Reservations by email will not be accepted.

#### PLEASE, NO CALLS AFTER 5 P.M. OR ON WEEKENDS

**A to K Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205**  
**L to Z Toni Thoms 217-620-7745**

You may pay by CASH (exact change is appreciated) or CHECK made out in advance to Newcomers of Central Florida, Inc. Pick up your name tag at the welcome table. Please pre-arrange payment for guests.

**Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on October 12, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.**

### LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING October 19, 2023

Heathrow Country Club  
1200 Bridgewater Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746

**Gather at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Noon**

## OCTOBER MENU

### BUFFET

Both Entrées are Gluten Free

Pecan Salmon with Honey Dijon Glaze  
Sliced Marinated Sirloin with Red Wine Demi-Glace

### SIDES

Salad Bar  
Sweet Potato Mash  
Fresh Green Beans and Carrots  
Freshly Baked Rolls with Sweet Cream Butter

### DESSERT

Pumpkin Cheesecake with Caramel Sauce  
and Whipped Cream

### BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee  
Iced and Hot Tea

**LUNCHEON COST: \$30**

### Directions to Heathrow Country Club:

1200 Bridgewater Drive  
Lake Mary, FL 32746



- From I-4: Take exit 98 – Lake Mary. Turn west onto Lake Mary Blvd. Turn right onto International Parkway; proceed about ½ mile then turn left onto Bridgewater Drive. The Heathrow sign is on the stone wall.
- From FL-417: Drive toward Sanford to the end of 417 and take Heathrow exit 55C. Turn left onto International Parkway and proceed about 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Bridgewater Drive – just after AAA headquarters building on the right.

**If you need a golf cart for assistance from the parking lot to the door, you must tell reservations when you call.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to fall! Even though the temperature may not be there yet, the calendar shows that it has arrived.

We just finished our membership drive with a total of 110 members and we are in the process of distributing the new directories. Newcomers of Central Florida is definitely one of the largest, if not *the* largest, ladies' organizations in Orlando. We also offer more activities than any other group, all of which are featured monthly in our *Chatter* newsletter.

Our September luncheon focused on our Special Interest groups. We now have five new groups forming in addition to our seven existing groups. The new groups include a Walking Club, Scrabble, Crocheting/Knitting and Mah Jongg lessons (more information on these groups may be found on page 5). In addition to these groups, a number of ladies expressed interest in having a group formed to take day trips and to volunteer at local charities. If you are interested in helping get one of these or another group started, contact Carol Smith. We are still going through the many great suggestions our attendees made and are hopeful that additional groups may be formed.

Join us at the October luncheon for a fun time at our Penny Auction. Bring one or two NEW (not used) items worth at least \$5 each to get your auction tickets. This may just be your lucky day.

November is just around the corner so that means that the annual Basket Auction and Holiday and Craft Boutique will be here soon. Now is a good time to start creating a themed gift basket or other holiday-themed gift items. You will find more information on page 3.



I look forward to seeing you at the Penny Auction!

*Sue*



## Pop Tabs – Soda Cans and More!

Please continue collecting the pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House and bring them to the next luncheon.



## UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

November 16 Orlando Hilton Altamonte Springs  
Holiday Basket Auction and Gift Boutique

December 14 Heathrow Country Club  
Holiday Program Presented by  
Vocalists John and Theresa Segers



## YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED!

Corresponding Secretary Pat Cranford requests your help. Please contact Pat if you

know of a member who is ill, lost a loved one or just needs to know that we care so that she can send a card. "Milestone" birthdays will also be acknowledged if Pat is made aware of them. You can contact her by email at [patcran613@yahoo.com](mailto:patcran613@yahoo.com) or text/call her 407-616-8891.

## LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS



**Waitlist:** If you miss the Thursday luncheon deadline and want to attend, you may call **Paula Ritchie** to be added to the waitlist.

**Cancellations:** If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please call to cancel your reservation. Remember, payment is due if you are unable to attend and no one takes your place.



Please call **Paula Ritchie at 407-222-5205** to cancel or to be put on a waitlist.



## HELPING HANDS

Co-Chairs: Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420  
Toni Thoms 217-620-7745

Trisha and Toni are available to assist you at the Newcomers' luncheons. If you should need help entering the luncheon venue from the parking lot or carrying your plate from a buffet, please give Trisha or Toni a phone call and let them know how they may help.





## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



8	Dede Fluhr
14	Tonia Thoms
20	Lauren Kerbelis
23	Michelle Ward
26	Susan DeTemple
27	Gayle Hildebrandt

### MEMBERSHIP



Chair: Diana Engling 407-256-3592  
[englingd@yahoo.com](mailto:englingd@yahoo.com)

**Current Membership: 110**

#### Membership Directory Changes

**Ann White**

email: [auntesther27@yahoo.com](mailto:auntesther27@yahoo.com)

*Please add these members in your newest directory:*

#### Returning Members

**Joan Hansen**

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 Home: 407-281-6009 Cell: 407-748-3987  
 Email: [joanshansen@juno.com](mailto:joanshansen@juno.com)

**Mary Rinaldi**

209 Burgess Dr. Winter Springs, FL 52708  
 Cell: 321-295-6814 Email: [mkr1461@gmail.com](mailto:mkr1461@gmail.com)

**Millie Stoff (Larry)**

683 Oswego Ct. Winter Springs, FL 32708  
 Cell: 407-491-1359 Email: [milliestoff@gmail.com](mailto:milliestoff@gmail.com)

#### New Members

**Kate Cordell**

4 Escondido Cir. #29 Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
 Cell: 904-742-4582 Email: [katecordell@gmail.com](mailto:katecordell@gmail.com)

### CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

**Tuesday, October 24**



Everyone is welcome to join our group of lovely ladies to enjoy a movie and dinner afterwards at BJ's Restaurant. Our goal is to have fun and make new friends. All club members will be notified by email of the movie selected and the meeting time on the weekend before the Tuesday movie. We will meet at the Regal Oviedo Mall movie theater box office area 20 minutes before the movie's starting time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text Trisha directly at the number listed above. See you at the movies!

**Please RSVP so that Trisha can give the count to BJ'S Restaurant**

## WAYS & MEANS



Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher 407-592-9573  
 Ronnie Telzer 407-365-1580

Our biggest Ways & Means fundraiser of the year, a Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique and Basket Auction, is coming up this November 16 for your shopping pleasure. To ensure the success of this event, we'd like members to donate new gift and holiday merchandise, baked goods, themed baskets, and hand-made crafts which will be available for sale at flat-rate tables or via silent auction bids (for more valuable items). Please bring in your donations on the day of the luncheon—November 16—at the Hilton Orlando-Altamonte Springs. There will be separate tables for home-made crafts, baked goods, themed baskets, and new holiday and gift merchandise.

At the luncheon, you'll have plenty of time to check out the merchandise tables, place bids on gift baskets, and find special treasures for yourself or friends and family members. Please make sure that any food items in your baskets are still fresh (not past their expiration date). Contact Ronnie or Linda if you have items to donate but are unable to attend the November luncheon. Also please make sure to bring your checkbook or cash (exact change is helpful) to the luncheon so you can pay for any purchases or winning silent auction bids. Thank you so much for your support of our holiday fundraiser. For basket auction items, please fill out the donation form in advance. We will assign a number to your item on the day of the event. A copy of this form is attached to this issue of the *Chatter*.



## REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson  
[barbara@tuson.us](mailto:barbara@tuson.us)

Your donations do make a difference to members of our community who are in need. I received this note from A Gift for Teaching:

Thank you for supporting our A Gift For Teaching's 2023 Back-to-School Drive campaign.

Supply drive partners like you play a vital role in stocking the shelves of the Free Teacher Supply Store. These supplies are essential for creating an effective learning environment and ensuring student success. Your contributions make a significant difference in supporting teachers and their classrooms.

**Newcomers of Central Florida collected 595 supplies valued at more than \$805.90, and cash donations of \$40.**

Thank you for your support of A Gift For Teaching and for helping to empower teachers to inspire future leaders.

**Ken Probst**

A Gift for Teaching | Sr. Manager of Programs and Volunteers

### Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

**December:** We will be supporting the Seniors First holiday gift card campaign. You may donate Publix, Target or Walmart gift cards. Suggested donation amounts are \$15 or \$20.

**January:** We will be taking part in the Knock, Knock Give a Sock Collection. Socks are a very needed commodity in homeless shelters, so be on the lookout for sales on socks (adult and children's sizes) and bring them to our January luncheon.



## INSIDE THE ARTS

Chair: Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804  
[Sheri@imadyer.com](mailto:Sheri@imadyer.com)

### REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS for ALL EVENTS

RSVP to Sheri by email or text, then *mail* your check to Sheri Dyer at 2410 Huntingdale Lane, Oviedo, FL 32765. Please make your check out to Sheri Dyer.

## OCTOBER EVENTS

**Tuesday, October 3 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**What:** PopStroke Mini Golf followed by drinks and food at the venue.

**Where:** 321 N. Alafaya Trail, Orlando 32828

**Cost:** \$20 per person includes 36 holes of mini golf



Join us for a one-of-a-kind golf experience at PopStroke. Using only a putter, this unique golf experience can be played by anyone—no matter their age, ability, or whether they've ever held a club before. The venue also features an outdoor dining area with a full menu and craft beer, wine, and signature cocktails along with an ice cream parlor.

**Friday, October 20 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon**

**What:** Rollins College Museum of Art Tour  
*Beyond the Medici: The Haukohl Family Collection*

**Where:** 1000 Holt Ave., Winter Park 32789

**Cost:** Free

**Lunch Following:** Armando's, 463 W. New England Ave., Winter Park 32789

On our tour we will explore what makes art of 17<sup>th</sup> century Florence unique through examining stories, history and context of Baroque painting and sculpture. Grab some of your Newcomers' friends and join us as we tour the Rollins College Museum of Art. Admission to the museum is free. After the tour, we will have lunch on Park Avenue.



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Friday, November 10 @ 2 p.m.**

**What:** A Swingin' Christmas:  
The Holiday Music of Tony Bennett

**Where:** Winter Park Playhouse

**Cost:** \$23

**Dinner Following:** Reel Fish Coastal Kitchen  
1234 N. Orange Ave., Winter Park 32789

Ring in the holidays with this unforgettable evening of quintessential Tony Bennett songs! Featuring eighteen classic holiday tunes plus the standards that made Bennett famous, like "I Wanna Be Around," "The Good Life," "Rags to Riches" and, of course, Tony's signature "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." Grab your friends and family and celebrate the season Tony Bennett style!



**Friday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**What:** Festival of Trees

**Where:** Orlando Museum of Art

**Cost:** \$12 @ the door, \$7 parking

**Lunch Following:** Cheesecake Factory  
Winter Park Village

## COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



This month we gathered at Betty Little's to taste test recipes using ingredients we have never used before. In keeping with our New to Me theme, recipe ingredients included flax seeds, feta cheese, coconut oil, Swiss chard, mango purée, leeks, butternut squash, pine nuts and dulce de leche. We also discussed preparing baskets with a French theme for the upcoming NCF Basket Auction at the November luncheon. Michele Marino has graciously offered to put together two or three baskets with our donations. Please arrange to get your items to Michele as soon as possible (by the October Cooking Club meeting at the latest).

Are you feeling lucky? October's theme is the Roll of the Dice and will be held at the home of Linda Gallagher. At our September meeting, members rolled the dice to determine the number of ingredients for their October recipe. Members who didn't attend can roll the dice at home and let Vicki know the number rolled along with their recipe. Those who rolled an 8 or higher may count salt/pepper/butter as part of their ingredients if it is in their recipe.

To participate in October, please submit two recipes that you have not prepared before to Vicki by email or text. She will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare for our theme. Ensure your participation by emailing or texting the recipe to Vicki by October 5. Come to Cooking Club on October 12 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. If you enjoy taste testing new recipes, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Participation is limited to 12.

## HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478  
[smith4cr@gmail.com](mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com)



Christine Shapin proved again that she is the queen of concise summaries when she explained our book, *Call the Canaries Home* by Laura Barrow, in eight words. "Families suffered multiple losses that influenced their lives" summed it up well. While this did not rank as one of our favorite books, the discussion was good as we remembered and shared about relationships with our own sisters. And we learned that one of our members had a relative with a pet pig just like Meemaw in our book!

Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing discussions over a cup of coffee and a donut. Join us in October when we will be discussing *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki. For more details, please see page 6.



## New Interest Groups Are Forming



Our tag line at Newcomers is "There are no strangers, just friends we haven't met!" I think we can agree that we have all joined for a common reason which is to make new friends...new connections. It turns out that our Interest Groups (IG) attract the largest participation—more than double our luncheons. This is not really a surprise because IG are smaller, and they offer more time for conversation than a luncheon. Small group **plus** time to converse is the perfect formula to grow friendships.

We now have five new groups forming in addition to seven existing groups. We are still going through the many suggestions which were made at the last luncheon and are hopeful that additional groups may be formed. The two areas which generated the most interest were taking day trips and volunteering at a local charity. If you are interested in helping get one of these or another group started, contact Carol Smith at [smith4cr@gmail.com](mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com) or 407-618-3478.

### SCRABBLE



If you are interested in joining the Scrabble group at their next meeting (October 11) please contact Sheri.

Lead: Sheri Dyer

Contact info: 407-766-1804 [Sheri@imadyer.com](mailto:Sheri@imadyer.com)

Meets: Once a month on Wednesdays, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, October 11**

Where: Sheri Dyer's home in Oviedo

### Crochet/Knitting Club



Paula is working to get a group of ladies together to work on various yarncrafts. For more information, send her an email.

Lead: Paula Ritchie

Contact Info: 407-222-5205 [psritchie@gmail.com](mailto:psritchie@gmail.com)

Meets: TBD

Where: TBD



### WALKING CLUB

Trisha is interested in getting a group together to walk on a weekend morning. Let her know if you are interested.

Lead: Trisha Fuston

Contact Info: 407-789-9420 [tfuston@aol.com](mailto:tfuston@aol.com)

Meets: on a weekend morning

Where: maybe Crane's Roost

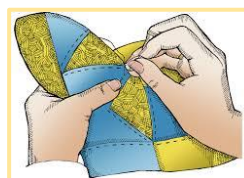
### Mah Jongg Lessons



Get in touch with Loretta if you are interested in learning how to play Mah Jongg.

Lead: Loretta Kowalski

Contact Info: 407-405-2446 [loretta.kowalski@att.net](mailto:loretta.kowalski@att.net)



### Quilting

Veline has expressed interest in forming a quilting/sewing group, although she isn't quite sure how to structure the group. If this is something that piques your interest, she can let you know the ideas she has for the group.

Lead: Veline Ball

Contact Info: 707-478-3103 [velineball53@gmail.com](mailto:velineball53@gmail.com)

Where: Veline Ball's house



## NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.

There are no strangers,  
just friends we haven't met!

P.O. Box 620384, Oviedo, FL 32765-0384



## MONDAYS

### MAH JONGG

**Brenda Jones 407-435-3026**

When: Mondays

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Tremont in Oviedo

Bring lunch, a beverage and \$5 in change. See you there!

## TUESDAYS

### HOOKED ON BOOKS

**Carol Smith 407-618-3478**

[smith4cr@gmail.com](mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com)

When: October 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

OCT *The Magnificent Lives of  
Marjorie Post*  
by Allison Pataki

NOV *The Thursday Murder Club*  
by Richard Osman

DEC *A Christmas Memory*  
by Richard Paul Evans

And *A Christmas Memory*  
by Truman Capote

## CHICK FLICKS

**Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420**

[tfuston@aol.com](mailto:tfuston@aol.com)

When: Tuesday - October 24

Where: Regal Oviedo Mall Movie  
Theater

Members will receive an email to inform them of the movie title and meeting time the weekend before the screening.

**Please RSVP to Trisha.**

## CHATTER ARTICLES



Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith at [smith4cr@gmail.com](mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com) by **October 12.**

## WEDNESDAYS

### LADIES BRIDGE - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

**Sue Horn 303-807-4088**

When: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Where: Carrabba's Italian Grill

5280 Red Bug Lake Rd

Winter Springs, FL 32708

Anyone interested in playing should contact Sue Horn at the number listed above.

## THURSDAYS

### BOARD MEETING

**Sue Horn 303-807-4088**

[swfhorn@aol.com](mailto:swfhorn@aol.com)

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10 a.m. - Noon

Where: Perkins Winter Springs

701 E. State Rd. 434

Winter Springs, FL 32708

Please RSVP to Sue Horn.

### COOKING CLUB

**Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611**

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - October 12  
12 noon

Where: Linda Gallagher

664 Saranac Dr.

Winter Springs 32708

Theme: The Roll of the Dice

Limit: 12 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,  
October 5 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday,  
October 5, to Vicki Nidzgorski at  
[vanum77@aol.com](mailto:vanum77@aol.com).

## FRIDAYS

### DICEY BUNKETTES

**Diana Engling**

[englingd@yahoo.com](mailto:englingd@yahoo.com)

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month  
10:45 a.m.

Where: Outback Steakhouse

5891 Red Bug Lake Rd.

Winter Springs, FL 32708

At the corner of Red Bug Lake and  
Tuskawilla Rds.

If you are interested in joining the group, please email Diana, putting BUNKO in the subject line.

## SATURDAYS

### COUPLES BUNKO

**Gail Boudreaux 407-678-3341**

[flcajun2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:flcajun2@cfl.rr.com)

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 6 p.m.

Where: Hosted by participants

**Another couple is needed!** Contact Gail Boudreaux for more information. Each couple brings an appetizer to share. The host couple will provide soft drinks and dessert.



**New Interest Groups are forming.**

**See page 5 for more info.**

**See pictures from our September events on our Facebook page or our website.**



[www.newcomerscfl.org](http://www.newcomerscfl.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/NewcomersofCentralFloridaInc>



## Basket Donation Form

Basket Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Total Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring this completed sheet with your basket donation on the day of the November 16 luncheon at the Hilton-Altamonte. If you have a basket donation and cannot attend the November luncheon, please contact Linda Gallagher (407-592-9573) or Ronnie Telzer (407-365-1580). Please set your desired minimum opening bid below, or we will do it for you. Note: This sheet is for basket donations only-- holiday boutique items like wreaths, crafts and baked goods will have a separate form for high-end items and flat-rate table sales for lower-end products.

Itemized Contents of Basket: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you want your donated item returned to you in the event that there are no bidders. Otherwise, any unsold items will be donated to Outreach to benefit a local charity thrift shop.

Minimum Opening Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

### Bid Amount: Bidder Name:

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9. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use reverse sheet for additional bids if necessary)