

NEWCOMERS
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CHATTER

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LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

December 14, 2017

*Timacuan Golf and Country Club 407-321-0010
550 Timacuan Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32771*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18, 2018

Maison & Jardin

Heather Alexander, Co-Founder

Winter Park Playhouse

February 15, 2018

Tuscawilla Country Club

William Cintron, Song Stylist

FYI: For the December luncheon ONLY, access to dining room seating at Timacuan will not open until 11 a.m. The business and luncheon meeting will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. RSVP by December 7, 2017 at 5 p.m.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON BUFFET

CHEF'S SALAD BAR

Mixed Greens with Choice of Ranch or Vinaigrette Dressing
Rotini Pasta Salad
Pineapple Chicken Salad
Domestic Cheese Stone
Marinated Artichoke Hearts

ENTREES

Oven Baked Turkey Breast with Gravy
Roasted Pork Loin over Sliced Washington Apples and Port Wine Sauce

ACCOMPANIED BY

Vegetable Medley, Garlic Mashed Potato, Mashed Sweet Potato Bakery Fresh Rolls and Butter

DESSERT

Holiday Cakes, Cookies and Pies

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced and Hot Tea

\$25

Holiday Celebration with Singer Katie Boggs

Our December 14 luncheon will feature a return engagement of Katie Boggs (formerly Katie Bournival), a talented musician who will sing a variety of classic and heart-warming holiday tunes. Many of us remember her delightful performance at the 2015 December luncheon with much fondness. As always, we will be treated to an elegant luncheon in a gorgeous country club setting.



Be sure to mark your calendar for this wonderful seasonal event—our only monthly luncheon scheduled for the second Thursday of the month. Feel free to wear your holiday finery – including seasonal sweaters and other festive clothing, accessories and jewelry. We'll have lots of good cheer and flower giveaways –so be sure to make your reservations now and invite your friends to join us for what promises to be a fun-filled holiday gathering.

Directions to Timacuan: I-4 to 101A exit, turn right on H.E. Thomas Parkway to first right on Rinehart Road, left on Timacuan. Or travel 417 to Rinehart Road exit, left on Timacuan Blvd to Country Club entrance on the right.

NOTE: Timacuan will provide two golf carts beginning at 10:45 to pick up any guests needing assistance from the parking lot. Two Newcomers board members will circle around.

PROCEDURES FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

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 and say your phone number. You will receive a phone confirmation. You must be confirmed. Thanks! E-mails are not valid.

PLEASE, NO CALLS AFTER 5 P.M.

A-K Pat Cranford 407-616-8891 L-Z Christine Shapin 407-497-7109

You may pay by CASH or CHECK made out in advance to Newcomers of Central Florida, Inc. Pick up your name tag at the welcome table. Prearrange payment for guests.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON (DECEMBER 7, 2017). ANYONE CANCELLING AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL REIMBURSE THE CLUB. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.

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Dear Newcomers of Central Florida Members,

The Arts and Crafts Auction turned out to be a great event. I was not able to attend due to a virus. Thank you, Joan Lenard and Haylee Lane, for creating such a wonderful program, and to all our members who donated the beautiful, hand-crafted items and works of art for the auction. What a group of talented and generous women belong to our club! We are blessed to have each other.



In January, a Nominating Committee will be announced. Please consider helping to serve on our board. If you know someone who you would like to nominate, let someone on the Committee know. They will take it from there. Nominations are for President, VP-Programs (two co-chairs), VP-Luncheons (two co-chairs), VP-Membership, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian. These are one-year terms with a two-year cap. Not everyone feels comfortable in a leadership role. Every position is important. We try very hard every year to recruit new people. As a member for 18 years, I have been on the board in some capacity every year. This year, filling the position of Chatter editor is a major concern. Beulah Ali-Carr has served as Chatter editor for the past three years, but must step down. If there is someone out there who is computer literate and would consider taking on this position, please call me. We have a user friendly program for creating the Chatter, and our Webmaster, Ronnie Telzer, will continue to provide edited articles for inclusion. Committee chairs will be appointed by the new president.

I am asking you, dear members, to help me out with some suggestions to bring to the board. Our membership numbers are up, but our luncheon participation is down. Why? Please call me or email me. I need some insight. Your responses are confidential!

Important reminder: our gala holiday luncheon is December 14 at Timacuan Country Club. This luncheon is always the second Thursday of December due to the busy holiday month. That means your reservations must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 7! The time frame for this luncheon will be slightly different since the venue required us to conclude our program by 2 p.m. Check-in will begin at 11 a.m. (doors will not open before that time), and the luncheon and program will start promptly at 11:30 a.m. A special luncheon and program with singer Katie Boggs (formerly Katie Bournival) is planned for our enjoyment--so be sure to get your reservations in before the deadline. Feel free to wear your holiday finery!

Merry Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah!
Judy

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MEET OUR MEMBERS

Joan Vindett was originally from a small town near Huntsville, AL, where she grew up on a 25-acre farm. After graduation from high school, she and her husband moved from state to state for work and the military. The couple lived in Georgia, Mississippi, Virginia and Maryland before finally settling in the Orlando area 36 years ago. She and her husband, Bob, currently live in Casselberry.



Joan worked in the finance and mortgage business before retiring in January 2015 after 18 years with BB&T Bank. While working, she enjoyed playing softball, golf, tennis, bowling and basketball. Since retiring, Joan likes to spend time with family and friends, travel and play golf. She joined Newcomers in July 2015 and looks forward to meeting new friends.



Diane Arserio and her husband, John, moved to Winter Springs in 1999 after John was able to transfer his job to Central Florida. Originally from New Haven, CT, the couple lived in Andover, MA for 26 years and raised their three sons there. They also have five granddaughters and a grandson. Diane worked as a secondary school English teacher and health educator before becoming an ophthalmic assistant in the Boston area for ten satisfying years.

Presently, Diane is active in her church where she serves as a member of the Outreach board and coordinates the Hand in Hand Ministry, which provides fun and friendship for the mentally challenged population. Diane loves to cook, shop for bargains, attend plays and Orlando Philharmonic productions, and explore interesting places in Florida. She joined Newcomers in 2012, and says the group has a fond place in her heart since she made life-long friends 44 years ago when she joined a Newcomers group in Massachusetts.

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 7, 2017, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



All board meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 6425 University Blvd., Winter Park, FL 32792. Please RSVP to Judy Babine by phone or email.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR****Brenda Jones 407-366-7751**

Current Membership: 171

NEW MEMBERS

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 Birthday: July-19

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 Maitland, FL 32751 sally_magic@yahoo.com
 Birthday: Apr-3 Punxsutawney, PA

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

(Please make these changes in your newest directory)
 Marquita Nelson's cell phone number: 407-461-9679

December Birthdays

3 *Virginia Gallaway*
 4 *Barbara Zeyn*
 8 *Dawn Sumrall*
 10 *Margie Rick*
 12 *Dee Johnson*
 23 *Sharon Frumkin*
 24 *Linda Gallagher*
 24 *Barbara Miles*
 25 *Kay Kane*
 28 *Rae Vigilante*

*The Poinsettia*

Also known as the Christmas flower, legend has it that poinsettias began as a humble weed. When a little girl - with no means for a grander gift - placed weeds on a church altar, they turned into brilliant red blooms. Symbolizing good cheer and merriment, the December birth flower poinsettia plant is a fitting tribute to December's joyful celebrations.

2017-2018 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Judy Babine	321-972-8510
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	Pat Cranford	407-616-8891
Webmaster	Ronnie Telzer	407-365-1580
WAYS & MEANS		
50/50	Marge Ahearn	407-834-5625
	DeDe Fluhr	407-366-9084
Game Day	Joan Bové	407-971-3911
	Brenda Jones	407-366-7751
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS		
Bridge	Sim Horst	407-678-2961
	Pat McRee	407-359-1228
Bunko	4th Mon	Marge Ahearn 407-834-5625
	2nd Fri	Lona Love 407-977-0046
Couples	3rd Sat	Judy Babine 321-972-8510
Chick Flicks		Margie Rick 732-763-5277
Hooked on Books		Joan Bové 407-971-3911
Mah Jongg		Sharon Shulman 407-625-1716



CORRESPONDENCE

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THANK YOU: Stoneybrook Country Club
WELCOME PACKET: Sally O'Brien
GET WELL: Ronnie Telzer, Caroline Dawson,
Carol Smith
THINKING OF YOU: Marquita Nelson,
Edith Smith

HOOKED ON BOOKS

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PANERA'S on Mitchell Hammock Rd., Oviedo
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:30 p.m.

- DEC *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead
- JAN *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson
- FEB *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles
- MAR *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng
- APR *Don't You Cry* by Mary Kubica
- MAY *The Sound of Glass* by Karen White

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

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Hello Friends,

Our calendar year is almost over! Our club, which is comprised of all of you, has done a tremendous amount of good in giving to those in need in our surrounding area. I recently made a delivery to the Russell Home for Atypical Children in Orlando, and the people who greeted me there were very appreciative of all the paper products and monetary donations that I was able to present to them. Thank you to everyone who participated through cash and merchandise donations!

We have one more project for the end of the year, and that is a monetary gift to Boys Town Central Florida. I will be collecting donations again in December, and plan to present a check to this Oviedo-based organization after the December luncheon. There will be no collection of goods at this luncheon, so again I ask you to dig deep into your pockets.

In January, we will be collecting for Woodbury Pantry and asking for blankets (new or gently used), pillows and any items to help warm the homeless and less fortunate.

Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Barb Kalicki, Outreach Chairperson

INSIDE THE ARTS

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Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017

It's a Wonderful Life Radio Play and private backstage tour at Orlando Shakespeare Theater, 812 E. Rollins St., Orlando, \$22, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. tour followed by 2 p.m. senior matinee. Wait-list only.



Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

Audubon Center for Birds of Prey in Maitland, 1101 Audubon Way, Maitland, FL, 10 a.m., one-hour outdoor guided tour of the raptor rehabilitation facility for owls, eagles, falcons and osprey--plus time to explore the site's natural beauty and waterfront walkways on your own, \$10. Sign up now with cash payment or check payable to Ronnie Telzer.



Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018

Babes in Hollywood: the Music of Garland and Rooney, \$31, 2 p.m. matinee at Winter Park Playhouse. Featured songs in this musical about the legendary careers of Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney include *Over the Rainbow*, *Easter Parade*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, and *That's Entertainment!* Sign up now with your check payable to Ronnie Telzer.



Be sure to check out Newcomers' new and expanded website: **Newcomerscfl.org**



You can view past and present issues of *The Chatter*, view photos from a wide range of activities, see job descriptions for board members, learn about the history of the club, read about current interest groups, and print membership applications and other forms. Click on thumbnail photo images in the photo gallery to view club photos in larger sizes. Please let our webmaster Ronnie Telzer know if you have any suggestions or questions about how to use the new format.

HELPING HANDS

If you know of a member who needs a Helping Hand, please contact Louise Gallagher @ 321-765-4371.



SPECIAL NEEDS AT LUNCHEONS

For those who have difficulty walking into or out of our luncheon venues, or need help carrying your food plates at a buffet, please tell our Reservations team when you make your reservation. They will contact our Helping Hands team who will assist you. Please **do not** call the venue.



BUNKO GROUPS



Bunko

4th Monday of the month 11:30 a.m.
Marge Ahearn 407-834-5625

Dacey Bunkettes

2nd Friday, Deer Run Country Club 11 a.m.
Lona Love 407-977-0046

Couples Bunko

3rd Saturday of the month 6 p.m.
Judy Babine 321-972-8510
Each couple brings an appetizer to share and BYOB.
The host couple provides soft drinks and dessert.

*Call the Chairs of any group you would like to join or to be put on their substitute list.

LADIES BRIDGE

We play on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Deer Run Country Club, 300 Daneswood Way, Casselberry, at 11 a.m. and enjoy lunch there.

Make your reservation with either of the Chairs:

Pat McRee
407-359-1228
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Sim Horst
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MAH JONGG



Sharon Shulman 407-625-1716

Mondays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Bring lunch, beverage and \$5 in change.

Mah Jongg is held at the Tremont in Oviedo.
As always, bring a bag lunch and \$5 cash. See you there!

Edith Schulman will teach any members interested in learning the game.

Chick Flicks



Nevine Snyder, Debra Pollock (Dee Johnson's daughter) and Pat Brizel at Regal Oviedo on Halloween.



Dee Johnson, Ronnie Telzer, Ann Osbo-Minor and Janet Angelin after seeing *Same Kind of Different As Me* with the Chick Flicks group.



Fifteen ladies dined at BJ's Restaurant after the movie. Shown here are Mary Ann Dougherty, Carolyn Williams, Karen Jacobs, Susan Murray, Shirley Freet, Ruth White, Sharon Prescott and Chick Flicks chair Margie Rick.



CHICK FLICKS

**Oviedo Regal Cinema
(last Tuesday of the month)**

Margie Rick 732-763-5277

NOTE: December Chick Flicks will be meeting on the third Tuesday of December, Dec. 19, in order to accommodate those members who have family plans for the Christmas holiday. We will resume meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month in January 2018.

Everyone is welcome to join our group of lovely ladies for a movie and dinner afterwards at BJ's Restaurant. Our goal is to have fun and make new friends.

All members will be notified by email of the selected movie and meeting time on the weekend before the Tuesday movie. We meet at the Oviedo Mall Regal Cinema's box office area 15 minutes before the movie starting time. There is no need to RSVP. However, if you have any questions, please feel free to call Margie directly at the number listed above. See you at the movies!





Bunko group chair Helen Hoppmann presented prizes to Christine Shapin (high score), Diane Arserio (most Bunkettes) and Brenda Jones (low score). Dee Johnson (not pictured) also won a prize for having the most Bunkos.



Patti Zedo and Barbara Wiseman checked in Game Day attendees while event chair Joan Bove extended a warm welcome.



50-50 ticket seller DeDe Fluhr congratulated lucky Mike Frazier, who won the \$91 jackpot.



Game day co-chairs Joan Bove and Brenda Jones



Mah Jongg players included Joan Lenard, Joan Orłowsky, Rosemary Kubanet, Sharon Shulman and Linda Gallagher.



Mexican Train players Lorraine Macalone, Susan Murray, Jenny Iacovazzi, Sharon Prescott and Carolyn Williams



Bridge players JoAnne Bandy and Pat McRee won door prizes at the luncheon.



Judy Babine and Caroline Dawson



Mah Jongg players included Edith Schulman, Blair Buchholz, Mike Frazier and Virginia Gallaway.



Bunko players included Trisha Fuston, Dee Johnson and Louise Gallagher.



Harold Babine won a door prize at the luncheon and was congratulated by his wife, Judy.



Game Day co-chair Brenda Jones explains the Russell Home's mission to the audience.



Bunko players Pat Cranford, Caroline Dawson, Betty Hastings and Christine Shapin



Pat Dedrel and Charlotte Becker



Harold and Euchre players Shirley Freet, Ruth White, Mary Antoniotto, Nancy Allen, Mary Ward and (seated) Judy Babine and Patti Zedo



Ronnie Telzer and Judy Babine



Bunko players Pam Feldman, Ronnie Telzer, Barbara Moore and Helen Hoppmann



Bridge players: Sharon DeRose, Madeleine Tammi, JoAnne Bandy, and Pat McRee.

Bridge players Sally O'Brien, Maria Alba, Tonia Thoms and Sue Horn





Winners Louise Gallagher (free luncheon), Mary Beth Russo (50-50 jackpot prize of \$87.50) and Pat Biechele (Regal Cinemas \$10 gift card)



Ladies who celebrated their November birthdays at the luncheon included Linda Smith, Pat Biechele, Joan Hansen, Haylee Lane, Vilma Hugh and Gail Boudreaux.



Haylee Lane created fresh floral centerpieces that adorned each table and were distributed as door prizes



Co-VP-Programs Joan Lenard presided over the luncheon and business meeting in President Judy Babine's absence.



Guests Judy Galloway, Sandy Keller and JoJo Keller attended their first luncheon.



Carolyn Williams and guest Esta Orseno



Helen Hoppmann and her guest Diana Engling



Pam Richards won several hand-made blankets



Colorful knitted and crocheted items proved to be very popular.



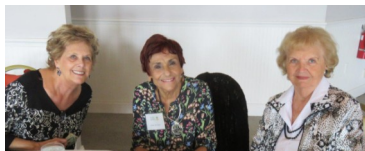
Betsy Kraynick, Ronnie Telzer, Mary Beth Russo and Brenda Jones



Outreach Chair Barb Kalicki introduced guest speaker Tabitha Talbott, Donor Relations Specialist for Boys Town Central Florida, a local charity that will receive a monetary donation from our club's November and December fundraising efforts.



Recording Secretary Diana Hochstetter and Helping Hands Chair Louise Gallagher



Barbara Moore, Jenny Iacovazzi and Betty Rizzi



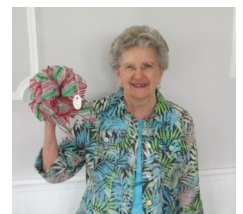
Hospitality Chair Karen Jacobs with Treasurer Helen Hoppmann



Co-VP-Programs Haylee Lane donated two adorable teddy bears.



Charlotte Becker, Pat Dedrel, Sharon Prescott and Linda Tucker checked out the merchandise tables.



Sim Horst won a hand-crafted holiday bow.



Linda Gallagher, Sharon Shulman and Rosemary Kubanet

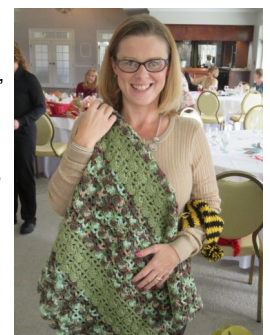


Louise Gallagher congratulated Betty Hastings, who won a box of garden-themed photographic note cards.

Marquita Nelson poses with the gorgeous gift basket she created.



Tabitha Talbott, our guest speaker from Boys Town Central Florida, took home a hand-crafted blanket in her favorite colors.



Patti Campbell created this beautiful wreath which was won by Judy Converso.

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See the Chatter in color at www.newcomerscfl.org

Merry Christmas Happy Hanukkah
December 2017

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