NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.

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Wanted... All Newcomers!

Come on down to our Wild Wild West-themed luncheon May 20 at The Celeste Hotel on the UCF

campus. Wear your favorite denim and checkered outfits and pose for your "wanted" photos. Cowgirl hats and boots are optional. Round up your friends for a stompin' good time and perhaps show off your moves with some country line dancing.

We'll also have our usual 50-50 jackpot and monthly gift card and free luncheon drawings, along with a silent auction for a wide variety of gift baskets created and donated by our members. All proceeds benefit Ways & Means, which funds club operations. So please feel free to put together a themed basket and bring it in on the day of the luncheon. Also make sure you have a check or cash to pay for any winning basket bids. Yee Haw!

Please be assured that COVID-19 safety protocols including proper distancing at tables and server precautions will be in place at the luncheon.

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. Please be sure to indicate your choice of entrée unless it is a buffet luncheon. You will receive a phone confirmation. You must be confirmed. Email reservations are not valid.

PLEASE, NO CALLS AFTER 5 P.M. A to K Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205 L to Z Marlene Radloff 407-920-3084

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. Please prearrange payment for guests.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON MAY 13, 2021, THE <u>THURSDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON</u>. ANYONE WHO CANCELS AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL REIMBURSE THE CLUB. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING May 20, 2021

The Celeste Hotel 4105 North Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32826

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

Attendance is limited to 40 persons for this event. Please get your reservation in early.

May Menu

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Parmesan-Crusted Chicken Breast with Champagne Cream

Vegetarian Option: Japanese Stuffed Eggplant Slow Roasted and Filled with Ratatouille, Charred Tomato Sauce

SALAD AND SIDES

Celeste Local Salad with Honey Thyme Vinaigrette

House Rolls with Butter

DESSERT

Chef's Famous Rice Pudding

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25



Directions to The Celeste Hotel on the UCF Campus

4105 North Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32826

From University Blvd.: Head east on University Blvd. Turn left onto Alafaya Trail. The Celeste Hotel will be on your right.

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. Please **do not** call the venue.







PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April's Board Meeting was very productive. I'm pleasantly surprised by how cohesive, orderly and willing your Board is to step up and ensure

that Newcomers of Central Florida continues to be a wonderful club enjoyed by both new and long-time members.

Ladies,

The Board is committed to making luncheons and events as safe as possible for everyone by continuing to require masks (except when eating) and practice social distancing. Also, if you have not yet attended one of our monthly luncheons, you may want to know that we have reduced the number of people seated at each table. This not only provides an added safety measure, it also allows for more personal interactions and conversations at each table. Although many of you have had your vaccines, we plan to continue requiring masks and social distancing for the foreseeable future while we gather. Keep an eye on your *Chatter*. If you cannot attend one event, maybe another will fit your schedule.

It's May. Do you feel spring in the air as you celebrate the blossoming buds of your flowers while nature prepares itself for summer? Or are you thinking of the May Days (May 1) of your youth and skipping around the maypole? Although Lily of the Valley is the flower for the month, carnations seem to be the biggest sellers for Mother's Day these days. As the third largest holiday in the United States for sending cards, Mother's Day (May 9 this year) may be the dearest to many. On this day, we recognize mothers, motherhood and individuals (aunts, cousins, friends, sisters and other women in our lives) for their maternal traits and positive contributions to our society in general. If you are a mother, blessings to you; if you are one with maternal traits, blessings to you. If your mother has passed on, may you have beautiful memories. Happy Mother's Day!

I look forward to seeing many familiar faces participating in our upcoming May Inside the Arts visit to Winter Garden and the May country/western-themed luncheon.

Hope to see you soon. Be safe and be well!

Betty Little

WAYS & MEANS

Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher Ronnie Telzer



Ways & Means Spring Basket Auction

Last December's gift basket event was a big fundraising success, so we are planning to have another silent auction for gift baskets at this year's May luncheon. We're asking club members to put together themed baskets, tins or floral wreaths and donate them to the club. If you've been cleaning and organizing your house during the pandemic, you may have found a variety of new items that can be used to create a basket. Popular basket themes include party time, outdoor fun, spring flowers, mah jongg mavens, toys and games, wine lovers, cooking connoisseurs, dog or cat treats, etc. Feel free to create a basket with a group of ladies or friends from an interest group so you can share the expense. If you need a free basket or a tin to get started, contact Ronnie Telzer or Tina Parrish.

Please obtain a donation form by email from Linda or Ronnie, give your basket a catchy title, and include the names of all contributors to your basket, a list of the contents, and the approximate total value. Bring your finished basket and completed donor form to the May luncheon--or ask us to store and deliver your finished basket for you if you are unable to attend the luncheon.

Coming Soon: Ways & Means will also be hosting a Silent Arts and Crafts Auction in June. We will need your donations of framed and matted works of art, prints, posters, crafts and sculptures which you can bring in on the date of luncheon. This will be a great opportunity to change out some of your existing pieces and replace them with works of art donated or created by other members.



Your Help Is Needed!

Please contact me if you know of a member who may need a card. I am not always aware of members who are ill, had surgery, lost a loved one or just need to know that we care. We can all use some encouragement occasionally. I so appreciate your help! You can email me at <u>vanum77@aol.com</u> or

text/call me at 813-395-3611. Also I have been instructed by the Board to continue sending birthday cards to our members through May 2022. We hope you are enjoying your birthday cards!

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Nidzgorski



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chairs: Dru Juhl and Barbara Kalicki

Please continue collecting the can tabs for Ronald McDonald House and bring them to the May luncheon.

Thank you for all who have contributed to outreach!





May Birthdays



- 1 Sim Horst
- Maureen Smith 4 5 Diane Olivi
- 12 Linda Tucker
- 13 Sharon Prescott
- 15 Barbara Tuson
- 19 Janine Johnson
- 20 Kimberly Hutter-Wenrich
- 21 Elaine Pasternack
- 26 Betty Rizzi

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Brenda Jones 407-366-7751

Current Membership: 130

Please make these changes in your newest directory.

Returning Members:

Kay Kane

623 Spring Oaks Blvd. Cell: 321-277-9485 Birthday: Dec 25

Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 Email: bowler16@gmial.com Originally from: Pennsylvania

New Members:

Estelle Simandl

408 San Leandro Dr. Home: 407-645-4783 Email: estellesimandl@gmail.com Birthday: Jan 29

Casselberry, FL 32707 Cell: 407-800-3952 **Originally from: Massachusetts**

Barbara Tuson 4916 Darden Ave. Home: 407-855-3770 Email: barbara@tuson.us

Belle Isle, FL 32812 Cell: 916-601-8529

Originally from: Raleigh, NC

Birthday: May 15 Kimberly Hutter-Wenrich (David)

11965 Charlton Lane Cell: 407-383-1506 Birthday: May 20

Orlando, FL 32827 Email: marykay.kim.w@gmail.com Originally from: Philadelphia, PA



HOOKED ON BOOKS

Meeting at Trotwood Park in May

Book club enjoyed a beautiful afternoon with an interesting discussion of *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah. The club decided to continue meeting outside under the pavilion at Trotwood Park in Winter Springs. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11 at 1:30 p.m.,

and the book to be discussed is The Daughters of Erietown by Connie Schultz. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to Zoom. Please notify Carol Smith at

smith4cr@gmail.com if you are interested in attending, and she will add you to the email list to receive the discussion questions and the Zoom link.



INSIDE THE ARTS

Co-Chairs: Linda Hargreaves 407-227-3828 Helen Hoppmann 772-521-5877

Explore Quaint Winter Garden

When: Friday, May 7, 2021 Time: 10 a.m. Where: Winter Garden Sign up deadline: April 28



Friday, May 7 we will be visiting the quaint town of Winter Garden. We will meet at The SOBO Art Gallery located at 127 S. Boyd St. There is a new parking garage at 160 S. Boyd St., or you can park on the street.

After viewing the Gallery, we can stop in The Central Florida Railroad Museum and then The Heritage Museum. Each of these takes less than half an hour. We can then casually meander down Plant St. enjoying any shops you're interested in. We will end at the Plant St. Market where there are many different artisan vendors to check out including farm to table lunch choices. Afterwards, you are free to wander around at your leisure.

A list of attendees will be sent out after the signup deadline so you can carpool if you like. The deadline to sign up is April 28. Please call or text Helen or Linda to register. You will receive a response if you text.

> Helen Hoppmann at 772-521-5877 Linda Hargreaves at 407-227-3828

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611 Meeting in Person in May



Cooking Club had a lively discussion about our "Five Ingredient" recipes during our April Zoom

meeting. It was decided that we are ready to move forward in May to resume meeting in person to taste test our recipes - as long as the attendees have had their vaccines. The theme for our May 13 meeting is "Colors of the Rainbow." This meeting will be hosted by the Cooking Club coordinator, Vicki Nidzgorski. If you enjoy trying new recipes and having good conversations with a small group, please consider joining us.

To participate in May, contact Vicki by text/email/phone, and she will assign you, at random, a color of the rainbow. Email Vicki by May 6 with two recipes that represent your given color which you are willing to make. Vicki will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare. Come to the luncheon with your dish, a serving utensil if needed, your printed out recipe PDF, and enjoy taste testing and discussing our rainbow of recipes. Additional information is on page 4 of the Chatter.





See pictures from our April events on our website:

www.newcomerscfl.org

MONDAYS

MAH JONGG

Marge Ahearn 407-834-5625

Mah Jongg is currently on hold.

TUESDAYS

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Joan Bové 407-971-3911 nurseynurs@icloud.com

When: 2nd Tuesday – May 11 1:30 p.m.

Where: Trotwood Park 701 Northern Way Winter Springs, FL 32708

In case of inclement weather, we will meet via Zoom.

- MAY The Daughters of Erietown by Connie Schultz
- JUNE *The Offing* by Ben Myers
- JULY The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
- AUG *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meissner

CHICK FLICKS

Margie Rick 732-763-5277 mrick1953@gmail.com

Chick Flicks is currently on hold.



CHATTER ARTICLES

Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith by the 16th of the month. Send articles to <u>smith4cr@gmail.com</u>

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE – 1st Wednesday

Sue Horn Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088

This group is currently on hold.

ON-LINE LADIES BRIDGE



Several of the bridge players have been playing on-line bridge using <u>trickster.com</u> while we can't play in person. If you are interested in trying it, Sue Horn would be happy to help you get on the app and see how it works. You can contact Sue at: Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088

THURSDAYS

BOARD MEETING

Betty Little 407-719-3066 brlittle7@gmail.com

When: 1st Thursday of the month 10 a.m. – Noon

Where: Metro Diner 11650 University Blvd., Orlando

Please RSVP to Betty Little.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

- When: 2nd Thursday May 13 12 p.m.
- Where: Vicki Nidzgorski home 360 Fairgreen Place Casselberry, 32707
- Theme: Colors of the Rainbow
- Limit: 12 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday, May 6 at 813-395-3611

Recipe submissions must be made by Thursday, May 6, to Vicki Nidzgorski at vanum77@aol.com. NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.

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

FRIDAYS

BUNKO - Dicey Bunkettes Meeting In Person!

Lona Love sunsh132@bellsouth.net

When: 2nd Friday of the month 10:45 a.m. Where: Macaroni Grill 7123 Red Bug Lake Rd. Oviedo, FL 32765 If you are interested in joining the group, please email Lona, putting BUNKO in the subject line.

SATURDAYS

COUPLES BUNKO

Gail Boudreaux 407-678-3341 flcajun2@cfl.rr.com

When: 3rd Saturday at 6 p.m. Where: Hosted by participants

Contact Gail Boudreaux for more information.

Each couple brings an appetizer to share and BYOB. The host couple provides soft drinks and dessert.

Please be aware that some Newcomers activities are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 concerns.

Contact the group leader for more information.

