



## Holiday Gift Boutique and Basket Auction

"A tisket, a tasket, it's time to bid on baskets!" Due to the generosity and creativity of our members, our Holiday Basket Auction luncheon in November is our most popular fundraising event. For those of you who want instant gratification, we will also have flat-rate tables with \$1, \$3 and \$5 items and baked goods for purchase. All donated items must be new, and food must be fresh/unexpired.

If you plan to donate baskets, please fill out the Basket Donation forms attached to the Chatter (one sheet per basket) and bring in the completed forms with your baskets on the day of the luncheon. If you are not attending the November luncheon but wish to donate, please contact Ways & Means Chair Robin Roskowski to make arrangements. Forms are not needed for flat-rate table donations. Just bring those items directly to the \$1, \$3 or \$5 tables. Baked goods will have a separate sales area.

Don't forget to bring a check or cash to pay for your basket purchases. Only cash will be accepted at the flat-rate tables. So even if you are not able to donate a basket, you can help support the club with your purchases — and have a great opportunity to jump-start your holiday gift-giving.



### LUNCHEON RESERVATION PROCEDURE

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 November 14, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.**

### LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING November 21, 2024

Orlando Hilton – Altamonte Springs  
350 S. Northlake Blvd.

Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

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



## November Menu

### ENTRÉE CHOICE

Applewood-Smoked Sliced Turkey Breast with  
Homestyle Gravy

Mashed Yukon Gold Potatoes  
Carrots and Green Beans

Vegetarian Option:  
Pasta Primavera

### SALAD AND SIDES

Caesar Salad

Freshly Baked Rolls with Sweet Cream Butter

### DESSERT

Pumpkin Cheesecake

### BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee

Iced and Hot Tea

**LUNCHEON COST: \$30**



### Directions to Orlando Hilton – Altamonte Springs:

350 S. Northlake Blvd.

Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

- From I-4, take exit 92, go east on SR 436 to Northlake Blvd. Turn right onto Northlake Blvd. (1st street after I-4 exit) for approximately 1/2 mile. The Hilton hotel is on your right.
- From Oviedo or Winter Springs, take SR 436 to Northlake Blvd. Turn left onto Northlake Blvd., go about 1/2 mile and the Hilton will be on your right.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ladies,

It seems impossible that time continues to move faster and faster, but here we are almost at the end of the year! Last month I talked about the luncheons coming up through the end of the year.

This month I'd like to give a shoutout to your Board, who makes this all happen. Despite rising costs everywhere, luncheon prices and membership dues remain the same going into next year, and we continue to have interesting and lovely luncheons. This doesn't just happen by accident; it happens because of the dedicated members who put in a little more time and energy to make it happen.

Our club is on a fiscal calendar, which means our budget and our Board positions run from June 1 to May 31. It may seem early to be thinking about the makeup of the Board for the 2025-2026 season, but we need to begin our Board search in January and present a Board slate to the club at our March meeting. While several of our Board members will continue to serve and donate their time, some are not able to do so, and others would like to give someone else the opportunity to serve. That's where you come in. I urge each of you to look at the Organization Chart on page 6 of your *Chatter* or in your directory to see what kinds of positions make up the board and whether you might like to try one. There are several programs, such as Game Day or the Fashion Show, which are only held once a year. We also have positions that require a bigger time commitment and attendance at our monthly Board meetings. Other opportunities include coordinating a special interest group. You can become as involved as you would like to be.

If you are interested in any Board position, please let me know. All positions are a possibility, so don't think anything is off limits! Some of us have been in our positions for several years, so it's probably time for a change! Don't be surprised if the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee or I contact you to see what position you might like to try!

Thanks for your continued support and participation!

*Sue*



## LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION



**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 owed if you are unable to attend and no one takes your place.



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

Need help at a Newcomers' Luncheon? Please give Trisha or Toni a phone call and let them know how they may assist you.



## UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

**Please note:**

**December's luncheon is on the SECOND Thursday.**

**December 12**

Who Killed Santa?

Heathrow Country Club

**January 16**

Simon Time Trivia

Location TBD



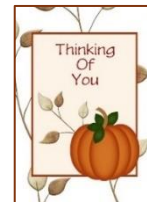
## LUNCHEON WINNERS

Jill Saltsman won \$86 in the 50-50 drawing. The free luncheon drawing was won by Marge Ahearn.

Halloween costume contest winners were third place Ellen Bronikowski (flapper), second place Debbie Browning (cow), and first place Diana Engling (scarecrow).

## HELP NEEDED

Corresponding Secretary Maryellen McCullagh requests your help. Please contact Maryellen 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 recognized if Maryellen is made aware of them. You can text her at 407-461-0362 or contact her by email at [MMMRNQLTMKR@aol.com](mailto:MMMRNQLTMKR@aol.com).



## REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

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

## Cherish Seniors This Holiday Season

In November, we will be joining with Seniors First and Meals on Wheels in their Cards for a Cause drive. In a perfect world, every senior would be loved and cared for, but the reality is that the holidays can be a lonely time for seniors. Your gift of \$20 Publix or Walmart gift cards will enable them to select the gift of their choice and let them know they are not forgotten.



You may contribute \$20 Publix and Walmart gift cards, or you may make a



cash donation at the November luncheon.

## October Food Drive Contributions



260 Pounds of Food  
\$103 Cash Donations

Your generous donations were delivered to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida where every dollar donated provides four meals!

*fighting hunger. feeding hope.*



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Freet	1
Gail Boudreaux	3
Mary Ward	5
Jean Wilson	7
Karyll Shaw	13
Vicky Brown	17
Charmane Boyd	22
Dawn Courtright	24
Mary Jo Saras	27
Pat Neal	30



## MEMBERSHIP



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

**Current Membership 111**

## SPICE GIRLS

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611  
[vanum77@aol.com](mailto:vanum77@aol.com)



Well, Hurricane Milton had other ideas about Spice Girls meeting in October, hosted by Debbie Browning and Jean Wilson. This is not the first time a storm has thwarted our plans. Nicole messed with us a couple of years ago. Debbie and

Jean are prepared to host us once again in January with our "Tailgating Time" theme. So, we will still get to wear our spirit gear!

Spice Girls is changing it up for our end of year meeting. This year we are stepping out on Friday, November 15 to Enzo's on the Lake in Longwood. Our reservation for our 16 current members is set for 11:30 a.m. Complimentary valet parking is provided. Members, please remit your \$46.86 to cover lunch to Vicki by check, Zelle, Venmo or cash by November 7. Dress is business casual or dressier.



## MEXICAN TRAIN

Coordinator: Ann White  
407-687-4902 [auntesther27@yahoo.com](mailto:auntesther27@yahoo.com)

**Friday, November 15**

Our new Mexican Train interest group will meet at Carrabba's in Winter Springs on Friday, November 15. We will begin at 11 a.m. and take a lunch break at around 12:30 p.m. with each person paying for her own lunch. If you would like to play Mexican Train on November 15, please RSVP to Ann White by Friday, November 8 by emailing Ann at [auntesther27@yahoo.com](mailto:auntesther27@yahoo.com). For details, please see page 5.

## WAYS & MEANS



Chair: Robin Roskowski 407-595-4474

Our biggest Ways & Means fundraiser of the year, a Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique and Basket Auction, is coming up this November 21 for your shopping pleasure. To ensure the success of this event, we would 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 21—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 Robin Roskowski 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 your 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. Then we'll assign a number to your item on the day of the event. A copy of this form is on page 7 of this issue of the *Chatter*.



## ADVENTURE AWAITS

Coordinator: Pat Neal  
407-461-8789 [pneal11@earthlink.net](mailto:pneal11@earthlink.net)

After much consideration, it has been decided to discontinue Adventure Awaits. Currently there is not enough interest to continue this group.

Each month members have opportunities to choose from a variety of activities to attend. So keep making new friends and enjoying all the activities our club offers.



## CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

**Tuesday, November 19**

**CALL or TEXT Trisha at 407-789-9420 to RSVP**

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 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 by phone or text so that Trisha has a head count for BJ's Restaurant.





## INSIDE THE ARTS

Ronnie Telzer (407) 577-7401  
Linda Gallagher (407) 592-9573



### Wednesday, November 20, 10 a.m. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees at the Orlando Museum of Art is a holiday celebration that includes more than 30 designer-decorated trees, gingerbread houses, wreaths, and more. The Council of 101 organizes the event, which has been a Central Florida holiday tradition since 1986.

**Where:** Orlando Museum of Art, 2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando, FL 32803

**When:** Senior Day, Wednesday November 20

**Cost:** Tickets for seniors ages 60+ are \$12 per person.  
Parking is \$7 per vehicle.

**Time:** Meet at 9:50 a.m. for a group photograph outside the museum. Then we'll get tickets and enter the museum when it opens at 10 a.m.

**Tickets:** Purchase \$12 tickets on the day of the event or in advance online via Eventbrite. (Eventbrite charges an additional ticket fee of \$2.64 per ticket.)

**Optional Lunch:** After viewing the Festival of Trees exhibit, we will meet at noon for an outdoor lunch at Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar, 438 N. Orlando Ave. in the Winter Park Village shopping plaza. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet so we can get an accurate head count for the restaurant.



### Thursday, December 19, 6 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Lantern Festival

Join our group at the Central Florida Zoo in Sanford for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Asian Lantern Festival. We have reserved 25 spots for Thursday, December 19, at 6 p.m. The event runs rain or shine. You will be dazzled by the wonderful, illuminated sculptures from dragons to wild animals. This special nighttime event is open to your friends and adult family members too. \$20 per ticket (including tax). Make your check payable to Ronnie Telzer. There will be food concessions open at the zoo. Important note: everyone in our group must enter the Festival at the same time--so please make sure you are on-time. Parking is free.

### Friday, January 24, 2025

On January 24, 2025, we will be back at the Winter Park Playhouse for *The Bikinis* musical. The show is about a girl group who reunite after 20 years to bring back the sun, fun and great songs they sang at the Jersey Shore in 1964. Featured songs include "Under the Boardwalk," "Heat Wave," "It's Raining Men," and more. We will again be attending a Friday preview performance at 2 p.m. Our 18-ticket allotment is sold out. Check with the Winter Park Playhouse for last-minute ticket availability. Tickets are \$23. After the show, we will dine at Bar Italia in Winter Park Village.



## MORE FROM INSIDE THE ARTS



February 12, 2025, 2 p.m. Senior Matinee



**Cabaret:** Check with Ronnie or Linda for last-minute ticket availability. Dining option TBD. Group size is 23!

## SAVE THE DATES

### Winter Park Playhouse Matinee Performance

Preview shows will be priced at \$23.

Sign up at the December luncheon or by mail in December.



Friday, March 14, 2025

*Gigolo*



Friday, May 9, 2025

*Route 66*

## HOOKED ON BOOKS

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



The 1925 Pulitzer Prize winning novel *So Big* by Edna Ferber was the focus of our discussion in October. Christine Shapin summed up the main character, Salina DeJong, in a simple phrase, "She was amazing" and Salina's son Dirk as basically a block. By the end of our discussion, we all agreed with Christine! As we discussed our future reads, it was decided that we need to include one classic book each year.

In November, we will move back to the 21st century with the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions over coffee and donuts. To join us, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.



## WALKING CLUB

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420  
[tfuston@aol.com](mailto:tfuston@aol.com)

### Starting Back On November 3

Please join me for a nice walk around the water at Cranes Roost Park in Altamonte Springs. The distance around the lake is about one mile. We will meet by Café Murano and parking is available by the AMC Movie Theater.

Beginning November 3, we will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We will not be walking on November 10 or 24. See page 5 for all of the details.



**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.

## TUESDAYS

### HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – November 12  
1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'  
3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

NOV *Remarkably Bright Creatures*  
by Shelby Van Pelt

DEC *This Year It Will Be Different*  
by Maeve Binchy

### CHICK FLICKS

**Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420**

When: Tuesday, November 19

Where: Regal Oviedo Mall Movie Theater

**TO RSVP: Call or text Trisha**  
**at 407-789-9420**

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



**CHATTER** articles are due **November 16**.  
Please email articles to Carol Smith at [smith4cr@gmail.com](mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com)

## 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: Macaroni Grill  
7123 Red Bug Lake Rd.  
Oviedo, FL 32765

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

### SPICE GIRLS

**Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611**

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> FRIDAY, November 15  
11:30 a.m.

Where: Enzo's on the Lake  
1130 S US-17-92  
Longwood 32750

Theme: End of Year Celebration

Limit: 16 - current members only

RSVP to Vicki by **Thursday, November 7**, at 813-395-3611

Payment must be submitted, to Vicki Nidzgorski by **Thursday, November 7**



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

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

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

## FRIDAYS

### MEXICAN TRAIN



**Ann White 407-687-4902**  
[auntesther27@yahoo.com](mailto:auntesther27@yahoo.com)

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday – November 15  
11 a.m.

Where: Carrabba's Restaurant  
5820 Red Bug Lake Rd.  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Lunch: Break for lunch around 12:30 – Pay for your own lunch.

RSVP to Ann by **Friday, November 8** at [auntesther27@yahoo.com](mailto:auntesther27@yahoo.com)

### 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

**Mary Ward 407-222-4446**  
[maryward@bellsouth.net](mailto:maryward@bellsouth.net)

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

Where: Hosted by participants

Each couple brings an appetizer to share. The host couple will provide soft drinks and dessert.

## SUNDAYS

### WALKING CLUB

**Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420**  
Call Trisha to RSVP

When: 10:30 a.m.  
Sundays starting November 3 (except for November 10, 24)

Where: Cranes Roost Park  
Meet by Café Murano,  
Parking: By AMC Movie Theater