



## Holiday Craft and Gift Boutique & Basket Auction

Come support Ways & Means  
fundraising activities by attending our

November 16 Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique and Basket Auction. At this luncheon, you'll be able to purchase a variety of goods ranging from home-made bakery items to hand-made crafts and cards. Plus, you can bid on a variety of beautiful, themed baskets (donated by individuals and Newcomers' special interest groups) or purchase new gift and holiday items at our flat-rate sales tables. Your merchandise donations are greatly appreciated-- just make sure everything you bring in is new (not used), and that any edible items are fresh (not past their expiration date). Merchandise can be holiday-themed--or anything that would make a good gift (like fragrance sets or decorative accessories). Also remember to bring cash (exact change preferred) or checks to pay for your purchases. Donated items should be brought in on the day of the luncheon (unless you are unable to attend that day). Please fill out a basket donation form (attached) in advance if you plan to donate a gift basket. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a tote bag, and plan to have some fun shopping with Newcomers for seasonal treasures for yourself, your friends and family.

### 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 November 9, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.**

### LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING November 16, 2023

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

Newcomers Cake

### 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 — Season's Greetings, that is! We are quickly reaching that time of the year. Please keep Newcomers in mind as you are planning your holiday activities, as we have several fun events coming up. Check out the calendar section on page 5 for information on our two newest interest groups, the Walking Club and the Scrabble group.

We will hold our Thanksgiving celebration on Thursday, November 16 at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs. The highlight of this event will be the Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique and Basket Auction. Reservations for this event must be in no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 9. Please remember that we accept cash and checks only for the payment of auction items purchased, so you'll want to bring cash or your checkbook.

In December, we will get together with our friends to celebrate the holidays and enjoy a performance by John and Theresa Segers. Please remember that this luncheon date is moved up a week because of Christmas. It will be held on Thursday, December 14 at Heathrow Country Club. Reservations must be in for this luncheon no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 7.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support. We can't do all these fun things without that support. I look forward to seeing you at the next luncheon!

*Sue*



## Writing a Check to Newcomers?

Our treasurer, Helen Hoppmann, has run into difficulty depositing checks as the bank has become very picky with how the checks are made out. If their computer can't read the check, it will not be accepted. Please follow the guidelines below:

1. **Blue or Black Ink ONLY.** Other colors are prettier, but the computers can't read them.
2. **No corrections.** Gone are the days when you could initial a correction. The bank will no longer accept a check with any corrections.
3. **Have a second check available – just in case.** If an error is made, you will be asked to rewrite your check.



## UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

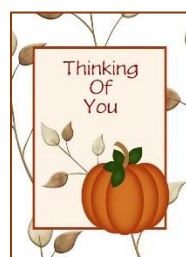


**Please note:**

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

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

January 18 Simon Time Trivia  
Location TBA



## 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.



## CANCELLATION NOTICE

**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.

## Pop Tabs – Soda Cans and More!

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





# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Shirley Freet   | 1  |
| Gail Boudreaux  | 3  |
| Mary Ward       | 5  |
| Kate Cordell    | 6  |
| Jean Wilson     | 7  |
| Karyll Shaw     | 13 |
| Vicky Brown     | 17 |
| Charmane Boyd   | 22 |
| Joan Hansen     | 22 |
| Dawn Courtright | 24 |
| Pat Neal        | 30 |



## MEMBERSHIP

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

**Current Membership: 113**

### Membership Directory Changes

**Ellen Bronikowski – email correction**  
[ellenbronikowski@gmail.com](mailto:ellenbronikowski@gmail.com)

*Please add these members in your newest directory:*

### New Members

- Carmen Bizjack**  
1002 Means Ct. Oviedo, FL 32765  
Cell: 479-287-1730 Email: [cbizjack@gmail.com](mailto:cbizjack@gmail.com)  
Birthday: February 8 Originally From: Uruguay
- Pat Neal**  
301 Forest Ave. Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
Cell: 407-461-8789 Email: [pneal11@earthlinik.net](mailto:pneal11@earthlinik.net)  
Birthday: November 30 Originally From: Indianapolis, IN
- Belinda Wadas**  
118 Spring Chase Cir. Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
Cell: 847-421-4233 Email: [retiredbruce74@aol.com](mailto:retiredbruce74@aol.com)  
Birthday: February 4 Originally From: Illinois



## CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

**Tuesday, November 21**

**CALL 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 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!



## 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)

We have three opportunities coming up for you to help several groups in our community. In December, our focus will be on seniors. We will turn our attention to the homeless in January. In March, our emphasis will be on children.

### 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.

**March:** We will take part in the Ready to Read Book Drive by collecting new and gently used reading books for K-12 reading levels. The organization's book wish list can be found on Amazon by following this link:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3G9K0LKQX78Y3?ref=wl\\_fv\\_le](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3G9K0LKQX78Y3?ref=wl_fv_le)





## 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.

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

Friday, November 10 @ 2 p.m.

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

**Where:** Winter Park Playhouse

**Cost:** \$23

**Sign Up Deadline:** Waitlist only

**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!

Tuesday, 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

**Sign Up Deadline:** October 27

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

## NO DECEMBER EVENTS

## SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY EVENTS

**What:** Breaking Up is Hard to Do

**When:** Friday, 1/19/24 2 p.m.

**Where:** Winter Park Playhouse

**Sign Up Deadline:** January 4, 2024

You can sign up now by emailing Sheri at [Sheri@imadyer.com](mailto:Sheri@imadyer.com)



This nostalgic musical comedy celebrates the timeless songwriting magic of the legendary Neil Sedaka! Set at a Catskills resort in 1960, this humorous and heartwarming musical follows two friends from Brooklyn in search of good times and romance over one wild Labor Day weekend. Featuring twenty of Sedaka's most popular songs including "Laughter in the Rain," "Where the Boys Are," "Sweet Sixteen," "Calendar Girl," "Love Will Keep Us Together" and the chart-topping title song!

## COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



Despite the weather, we were able to gather at Linda Gallagher's for our Roll of the Dice theme meeting. We were lucky to taste some delicious recipes and collect items for the NCF basket auction in November. If members have any other items to donate, please get them to Michele Marino ASAP.

We may be starting a new tradition in November with our theme of Friendsgiving Pajama Party, a casual gathering of friends celebrating friendship, Thanksgiving and fun! Wear your favorite/festive pjs and bring a Thanksgiving-type dish to share. Although we are actually going to skip the traditional turkey, we'll need chicken pot pie or something similar for entrees, with variations of the traditional sides and, of course, pumpkin, pecan and apple desserts. We will be gathering at Vicki Nidzgorski's home. Looking forward to seeing the fun photos from this meeting!

To participate on November 9, 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 November 2. Come to Cooking Club on November 9 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. If you enjoy trying new recipes, sampling new foods, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Participation is limited to 14.



## WALKING CLUB

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

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

Beginning November 5, we will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We will skip the Sunday after Thanksgiving. See page 5 for all of the details.

## HOOKED ON BOOKS

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



*The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*

by Allison Pataki gave us a glimpse into the elegant life of one of the twentieth century's most influential women. We were surprised to learn that Marjorie Post designed and built Mar-a-Lago in the heydays of the roaring 20's. We also discovered that while she had an extremely lavish lifestyle, her philanthropic endeavors ran the gamut from opening a public soup kitchen during the depression to funding a Red Cross hospital (twice) in France during WWII.

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 November when we will be discussing *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. To join us, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.



**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: November 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

NOV *The Thursday Murder Club*  
by Richard Osman

DEC *A Christmas Memory*  
by Richard Paul Evans

& *A Christmas Memory*  
by Truman Capote

JAN *The First Ladies*  
by Marie Benedict

**CHICK FLICKS**

**Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420**

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

When: Tuesday – November 21

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.

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

**CHATTER ARTICLES**



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

**WEDNESDAYS**



**SCRABBLE**

**Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804**

[Sheri@imadyer.com](mailto:Sheri@imadyer.com)

When: Wednesday, November 1  
1:30 p.m.

Where: Sheri Dyer's home  
2410 Huntingdale Lane  
Oviedo, FL 32765

**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 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 – November 9  
12 noon

Where: Vicki Nidzgorski  
111 Wild Holly Lane  
Longwood, FL 32779  
\*guard-gated community\*

Theme: Friendsgiving Pajama Party  
Limit: 14 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,  
November 2 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday,  
November 2, 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

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 5  
(except for November 26)

Where: Cranes Roost Park  
Meet by Café Murano  
Altamonte Springs

Parking: By AMC Movie Theater

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>



### 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:**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use reverse sheet for additional bids if necessary)