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Hats Off to Newcomers

Welcome to our first-ever Kentucky Derby-themed Installation ceremony! Feel free to wear your best Derby Day attire at our May 16 luncheon at Macaroni Grill in Oviedo. We'll have a "Run for the Roses" hat parade and some special surprises with prizes.

At the May luncheon, we will also introduce and install the talented and hard-working women who will comprise the club's Executive Board for the membership year that starts June 1. Many of the club's past presidents will also be present and honored for their contributions to Newcomers.

Please feel free to share your ideas with our incoming Executive Board members and help us thank the leadership team that works so hard to make this club a standout success in Central Florida.

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 May 9, 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 16, 2024

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

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

May Menu

SALAD

Rosa's Signature Caesar Salad

ENTRÉE (to be ordered at the luncheon)

Pasta Milano

Roasted Chicken, Sun-Dried Tomato, Mushroooms, Rigatoni, Roasted Garlic Cream

Chicken Parmesan

Breaded Milanese-Style Chicken Breast, Pomodorina, Mozzarella, Capellini

Mom's Ricotta Meatballs and Spaghetti House-Made Beef, Veal, Pork and Ricotta Meatballs, Romano Cheese, Crushed Red Chili, Pomodoro Sauce

Fettuccine Alfredo with Chicken Chicken, Parmesan, Butter, Cream

Signature Truffle Mac and Cheese Penne, Asiago, Fontina, Smoked Mozzarella, Cheddar, Pecorino, Truffle Oil, Herbed Breadcrumbs

DESSERT

Cookies

BEVERAGES

Iced Tea, Soda, Lemonade Specialty Café Beverages Available Upon Request

LUNCHEON COST: \$30

Directions to Macaroni Grill Oviedo:

7123 Red Bug Lake Rd. Oviedo, FL 32765



Macaroni Grill is located on Red Bug Lake Rd. between Tuskawilla and Slavia Rds.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

Our April Fashion Show was a huge success. The turnout was excellent, the setting at Heathrow Country Club was lovely, and the Dillard's staffers and our

own member models did a wonderful job. Special kudos to Fashion Show Chair Joan Lenard and her team for creating this memorable event.

It's hard to believe that another year has flown by so quickly, but this month we will be installing our new Executive Board for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. We will be having a Derby theme for the installation, so I'm expecting to see some hats that rival the English Royal family! We will also be going to a new venue, the Macaroni Grill on Red Bug Lake Road.

Who chooses these venues, you may ask? The VP of Luncheons is responsible for selecting the venues for our luncheons and coordinating any luncheon needs. Loraine Nelson is our current and upcoming VP of Luncheons, and she has done an outstanding job of integrating new, interesting locations with favorite repeat locations. She also makes sure that the luncheon venue coordinates with the program planned for the month. Currently, there is an open Co-Chair position with Loraine, so if you are interested in learning more about the position or have some ideas for new luncheon locations, please contact me or Loraine.

As we move into summer, we will be planning more relaxed luncheons with the emphasis on providing time to chat and getting to know the other club members. We look forward to seeing you there!







NEW INTEREST GROUP

The signup deadline of April 29 is quickly approaching for the inaugural outing of

the new day trip group, "Adventure Awaits". The first trip will be to Congo River Mini Golf in Altamonte Springs, followed by lunch at Tibby's on Friday, May 3. See page 3 for all of the details.

In June, the group will be going on a tour of The Chocolate Museum on International Drive in Orlando. See page 3 for the details.

The board would like to thank Pat Neal for stepping up to get our Day Trip interest group started.

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

June 20 Carrabba's Italian Grill Winter Springs

July 18 Heathrow Country Club



August 15 Hilton Altamonte Springs



EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Voting for next year's Executive Officers took place at our April luncheon. The results are given below.

2024-2025 Executive Officers

President	Sue Horn
1st VP Programs	Ellen Bronikowski
2nd VP Luncheons	Loraine Nelson
3rd VP Membership	Diana Engling
Recording Secretary	Patti Zedo
Corresponding Secretary	Maryellen McCullagh
Treasurer	Helen Hoppmann
Parliamentarian	Christine Shapin

LUNCHEON CANCELLATION AND WAITLIST

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.

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.





May Birthdays

- 4 Mary Maberry
- 5 Diane Olivi
- 4 Maureen Smith
- 12 Linda Tucker
- 13 Sharon Prescott
- 15 Liz Bowman
- 15 Barbara Tuson
- 16 Kathleen McCabe
- 26 Betty Rizzi

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Diana Engling 407-256-3592 englingd@yahoo.com



Current Membership: 117

Please add these members in your newest directory:

New Members

JoAnn Bill

2510 Tahoe Circle Cell: 497-921-9991 Birthdate: June 7 Winter Park, FL 327192

Email: <u>Jobill1949@gmail.com</u> Originally from: Orlando, FL



YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDEED!

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 or text/call her at 407-616-8891.



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

ADVENTURE AWAITS DAY TRIPS



Coordinator: Pat Neal 407-461-8789 pneal11@earthlink.net

Friday May 3 at 9:45 a.m.

Deadline to RSVP has been extended to MONDAY, APRIL 29.

Reserve your spot by calling Pat Neal at 407-461-8789 or emailing PAT at pneal11@earthlink.net.

What: Putt-Putt Golf Where: Congo River Golf

531 West State Road 436, Altamonte Springs, 32714

Date: Friday, May 3 at 9:45 a.m. (The park opens at 10:00)

Cost: \$17.11 (This includes the senior discount)
Lunch Afterwards: Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen

494 SR 436, Altamonte Springs, 32714

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN CASE OF RAIN, THIS EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED.

Save the Date



Come along and enjoy a guided tour that will tell us about the history of chocolate and allow us to see sculptures of some of the world's most recognizable landmarks crafted with



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chocolate. We will also sample some of the finest chocolates from around the world. The tour will take approximately 45 minutes.

Afterwards we will enjoy lunch at the museum café. The menu offers an assortment of sandwiches and salads.

Each participant is responsible for her own transportation, cost of admission, and lunch. Feel free to carpool!

Friday June 7 at 11:45 a.m.

What: Guided tour of The Chocolate Museum

Where: The Chocolate Museum & Café

11701 International Drive Suite 400, Orlando 32821

Date: Friday, June 7

Time: 11:45 a.m. We will meet in the parking lot. The tour

begins at 12:00

Cost: \$12.95 plus tax (This includes the senior discount)

Lunch After the Tour: The Museum Café

RSVP BY FRIDAY, JUNE 3

by emailing PAT NEAL at pneal11@earthlink.net or call Pat at 407-461-8789



Karyll Shaw was the consummate hostess for our crazy Green Eggs and Ham theme in April.

Her home was decorated with the Dr. Seuss theme as well as our tables which were topped off with Dr. Seuss bookmarks as favors. Barbara Tuson even sported a Green Eggs and Ham t-shirt while most of our participants wore green. We enjoyed ham cups, muffins, soup, egg salad with avocado, quiche and a couple of strata recipes. Dessert was melted white chocolate on a pretzel square topped with a green M&M.

In May, we will meet at the home of Helen Hoppmann. Karyll Shaw has been begging for this theme, "Tried and True." Imagine you are having people over for dinner, what is your never-fail/go to recipe for sides, salads, entrees or dessert? The web is full of Tried and True/Go To recipes sites, should you not have your own tried and true recipe. If your recipe is not associated with a website, you may have to type it out or take a photo of it for the PDF. Vicki will let you know.

To participate in May, please submit two recipes that fit our theme, to Vicki by email or text. She will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare. Recipes must be submitted by email or text to Vicki by May 2. Please be aware we may reach our maximum participation number prior to May 2 so get your recipes in quickly. Recipes can be submitted to Vicki after the Newcomers monthly luncheon.

Come to Cooking Club on May 9 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed, and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. Please bring a disposable dish if you would like to take home any of the leftovers. If you enjoy trying new recipes, sampling new foods, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Participation is limited to 15 this month.



CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Tuesday, May 21

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 15 to 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 has a head count for BJ's Restaurant.

NEWCOMERS' PHOTO BOOK

Would you like to view Newcomers' 2023 – 2024 photo book? Historian

Ronnie Telzer can have Shutterfly send you a link to view the 57-page Shutterfly book that will be presented to President Sue Horn at the club's May 16 luncheon. Just send your name and email to Ronnie at rtelzer@gmail.com -- and put "photo book link" in the subject line.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478 smith4cr@gmail.com

Our April book, *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 Years Old* by Hendrik Groen, was summed up as "a daily journal of an old man" and "ups and downs of aging." After a thoughtful discussion, we ended with imagining the book club forming their own Old But Not Dead Club and deciding which members would be the ringleaders.

Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions over coffee and donuts. Join us in May when we will be discussing *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. To join us, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.



CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB

Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205 psritchie@gmail.com

Friday, May 3 & 17

The Crochet/Knitting Group had so much fun that we decided to meet twice a month. We will continue to meet at Dunkin' in Oviedo (the one in front of Lowe's on Red Bug Lake Rd.) on the first **and** third Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Paula looks forward to getting together and learning everyone's skill level. Please let Paula know if you will be attending the meeting.

WALKING CLUB

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420 tfuston@aol.com

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

We will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We will not be walking on May 12 and 26. Please see page 5 for the details.



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

When: 2nd Tuesday – May 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

MAY Tom Lake

by Ann Patchett

JUN The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

by James McBride

JUL Looking for Salvation at the Dairy

Queen

by Susan Gregg Gilmore

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

When: Tuesday, May 21

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.



See pictures from our April events on our Facebook page or our website. www.newcomerscfl.org

https://www.facebook.com/Newcomers

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WEDNESDAYS

SCRABBLE

Scrabble is currently on hold. If you are interested in restarting this group, contact Sue Horn at 303-807-4088.

LADIES BRIDGE – 4th Wednesday

Sue Horn 303-807-4088

When: 4th 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

When: 1st 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: 2nd Thursday – May 9

12 noon

Where: Helen Hoppmann

1719 Tealbriar Ave. Oviedo 32765

Theme: Tried and True

Limit: 15 participants

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

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday, May 2, to Vicki Nidzgorski at vanum77@aol.com.



CHATTER articles are due by May 16.
Please email articles to Carol Smith at smith4cr@gmail.com

FRIDAYS

CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB



Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205

psritchie@gmail.com

Let Paula know if you will be attending.

When: 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin' (in front of Lowe's) 3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

DICEY BUNKETTES

Diana Engling

englingd@yahoo.com

When: 2nd 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

When: 3rd 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: Each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Except for May 12 and May 26

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