

*There are no Strangers,
Just Friends we haven't met!*



LUNCHEON on December 8 Gather at 11:30 with lunch at noon

Maison
&
Jardin



Phone: 407-862-4410
430 South Wymore
Rd., Altamonte
Springs. Wymore Rd.
is just west of I-4.
Turn South on Wy-
more and the restau-
rant is on the right.

JOHN POLK

Known as the
"Hat Man." John
will entertain us
at the Holiday



Luncheon with Karaoke,
Holiday Songs, Dance
Techniques and a fun time for
all. Be prepared to laugh with
your Newcomers friends.

MENU

Appetizer

Potato and Leek
Bisque with Whipped
Cream and Chives

Entrée—Choose One

**Herb Crusted Roast-
ed Loin of Pork** with
Dijon Mustard Sauce
Chive Whipped Piped
Potatoes and Chef's
Selection of Two
Fresh Vegetables

OR

**Four Cheese and
Grilled Vegetable
Lasagna** with Tomato
Sauce (vegetarian)

Dessert:

Almond Nougat
Creme with Apricot
Sauce

Coffee, tea, iced tea.

**\$23 inclusive
Cash or check**

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PROCEDURES FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Call for reservations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to your last name's initial. Please spell your last name, give your phone number and your choice of entrée. You will receive a phone confirmation within 24 hours—if you do NOT get a confirmation by then, call again. You must be confirmed. Thanks! NO E-MAILS.

A-L Nancy Small 407-359-9144 M-Z Barb Wiseman 407-365-9121

You may pay by CASH or CHECK (made out in advance to Newcomers of Central Florida, Inc.) and pick up your name tag at the Welcome table. Pre-arrange payment for guests.

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON THE MON-
DAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON (Dec. 5). ANY CANCELLATIONS
AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL REIMBURSE THE CLUB.**



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Ladies,

I should be saying "Bon jour." After savoring that wonderful food from Le Coq Au Vin, I feel very French. I was absolutely delighted with everything. Granted, we were a bit cozy but we're all friends so it didn't matter. Judge Lisa Davidson was a magnificent speaker. She was genuine and professional and "a Mom." We could identify with her very easily. She interjected a lot of humor throughout her presentation which helped us deal with some of the extremely sad insights into her private life and the nature of the troubled teenagers she deals with now. I was fascinated with the story of the climb female lawyers and judges have had to make in Florida to pierce the glass ceiling. Her story made me very proud to be a woman.

Tina announced that we are now 171 strong. Her goal of 200 members is not all that far away. It's so nice to see so many new members and it's also very heartening to see former members re-join. I guess we're doing something right. Speaking of new members, Patty Crews and Nancy Allen came out for the Let's Do It kayak trip. It was a tremendous adventure and those of us who paddled are looking forward to going again. My personal thanks to Patty who stayed behind to make sure slow poke me got out of the Mangrove trees okay. Those trees were certainly a chal-

lenge and I got stuck in every single one of them!

Another fun activity was the Inside the Arts group going to Rollins College to see "Little Shop of Horrors." It was a very good, highly entertaining production. Dinner for some of us was at Pannullo's on Park Avenue where we could use our coupons from the Enjoy the City Orlando book. It was good to see Mary Jane out and about again. I received rave reviews from everyone who went on the skyline tour of Orlando with Ronnie. Even ladies who had lived in the area for many years were surprised to learn so much about downtown.

I've been busy baking for the Cookie Exchange. The thought of bringing home six dozen homemade cookies fills me with delight – not to mention with calories too. What the heck! It's holiday time. I'll just have to make a New Year's resolution to get into the gym more in 2012.

I have my outfit all picked out for the Holiday Party on Dec. 4th. I would love to put together some tables of single ladies. We're usually the ones who socialize and dance anyway, so why not?

Last but not least, congratulations to all the winners of lovely prizes: Ann McLean, the free Newcomers luncheon; Judy Babine, a gift card to Ruby Tuesday; Denise Tucker, the gift card for Ruth's Chris Steakhouse; a gift card from Le Coq Au Vin to Shirley Thomas; and our lucky 50/50 winner, Brenda Jones who went home with \$63.50.

See you at Maison & Jardin in December. Joan L

FOCUS ON OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

In keeping alive the spirit of

our 20th Anniversary year celebration, we wish to acknowledge and thank the former presidents for sharing their memories with us. We would not be enjoying the success of the present club without the hard work and dedication of those who served in the past.

Anne McQuiggan: 1997-1998, 2003-2004

Newcomers was a big part in my Florida life. It took me nearly 2 years to find this wonderful organization, and it didn't take me long to get involved. I remember Lynne Snowden asking at a luncheon not long after I joined, if someone would volunteer to be the Luncheon Vice-President.... I put my hand up, and Lynne came over to me and gave me a huge hug. (After being on the nominating committee, I now know why.) I stayed in the organization for 10 years and held many positions. I still have the friends today that I found in my first year in the club. So thank you Newcomers. "Why worry when you can pray."

Lynne Snowden: 1991-1992, 2002-2003, 2007-2008

Over the years, I have served in every Board position at least once, chaired some of the committees and was editor of the newsletter many times. Most of the early years became a blur of wonderful ladies, exciting activities and memorable day trips. When my parents moved to Florida, my Mom joined immediately. Everyone who met and got to know her truly loved her. After she was bedridden with cancer, we had seven months of friends bringing

food and a mound of greeting cards of love and support. We since named our patriotic mascot Netta Newcomer as a tribute to her. One of the innovations from 2007-2008 was the addition of pictures to our newsletter and the Membership Directory. It was so great to have names to go with the pictures of members to help us get to know each other faster. The club was well established by this time, and I was able to concentrate on the social side and made new friends who I cherish to this day as I continue to enjoy all the ladies I have come to know in the club.

SAVE THESE DATES

Jan. 24—Tuesday

6:30 pm

Welcome Social for New Members.

Invitations will be mailed in early January.

Jan. 26—Thursday

Inside the Arts visits the Orange County History Center

BOARD MEETING



Thursday, December 1

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Perkins on West University near Forsyth Rd.



MEMBERSHIP by Tina Parrish

We are 171 strong!

December Birthdays

Kimber	McLaren	1 Dec
Virginia	Galloway	3 Dec
Barbara	Zeyn	4 Dec
Terry	Schuster	5 Dec
Joann	Skoropowski	8 Dec
Cindy	Kowilich	10 Dec
Ardis	Meadows	22 Dec
Sharon	Frumkin	23 Dec
Linda	Gallagher	24 Dec
Barbara	Miles	24 Dec
Ann	White	27 Dec
Rae	Vigilante	28 Dec



**Happy
Birth-
day!!!**

Welcome Our New Members

Kathleen Aurigemma, B'day: 2 Nov, 302 Tavestock Lp. Winter Springs
FL 32708 Phone: 407-327-4134 Cell 407-310-1292
palmross@aol.com Knitting

Linda Hargreaves, B'day: 2 Jan, 1035 Whispering Cv., Casselberry, FL
32707 Phone: 407-695-3944 Cell 407-227-3828
lhrgrvs@earthlink.net Luncheons, Fashion Show, Reservations,
Special Events

Brenda Jepson, B'day: 22 May, 110 Wayland Cir., Longwood, FL 32779
Phone: 407-862-5662 bajepson@msn.com
Cards, Book club, Fashion Show

Maureen McBride, B'day: 25 Aug, 385 Eagle Creek Cir., Lake Mary, FL
32746 Phone: 440-759-4642 Cell 440-759-4642
maureucker@aol.com Helping Hands, Programs, Luncheons,
Hospitality, Special Events

Earlena Sawyer, B'day: 14 May, 5407 Via Appia Way, Sanford FL
32771 Phone: 407-312-8368
Fashion Show

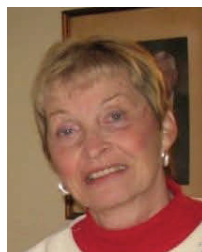
In Memoriam

We have lost a wonderful member of our
Newcomer family with the passing of
Shirley Vining. Shirley volunteered to help
whenever she could to make Newcomers
a better club.

A member, a sister, a friend.

We were blessed to have known her.

Our deepest sympathies to the Vining family.



Shirley Vining
1939—2011

2011-2012 OFFICERS

President	Joan Lenard	407-671-8454
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	Nancy Small	407-359-9144
	Ellen Brighton	703-623-9968
Ways & Means	Solly Haber Sylvia Abolafia	321-972-5521 407-862-5338

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge	Pat McRee	407-359-1228
	Sim Horst	407-678-2961
Bunko Belles	Mary Ward	407-366-3015
Bunko Babes		
Mondays	Sharen Isham	407-380-1676
4th Thurs	Gloria Irwin	407-331-6147
Chick Flicks	Oviedo-Susan Murray	407-375-9417
	WFord- Nevine Snyder	407-381-4408
Hooked on Books	Denise Tucker	407-542-6518
Inside the Arts	Ronnie Telzer	407-365-1580
	Tracy Pappafotis	407-234-8955
Mah Jongg	Mike Frazier	407-365-5251
Pot Luck Dining	Joan Bové	407-971-3911
Let's Do It	Pat Brizel Nancy Ruscitti	407-277-2070 407-366-2213



INTEREST GROUPS

BUNKO GROUPS



Bunko Belles

2nd Wednesday, Dec. 14 11:30 a.m.

Gloria Irwin 407-331-6147

Salad Bunko

Monday, Dec. 12 11:30 a.m.

Sharen Isham 407-380-1676

Bunko Belles

Thursday, Dec. 15 6:30 p.m.

Potluck at Ann Denton's house 407-831-7720

The Treasurer's Report by Brenda Jones



Beginning Balance on 10/1/11	\$8,352.73
Deposits/Credits	3,864.47
Less: Withdrawals/Debits	<u>3,022.68</u>
Ending Balance on 10/31/11	\$9,194.52

MAH JONGG

Mike Frazier 407-365-5251

Monday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring lunch, drink and \$4 in change

We play every Monday at Riverside Community Center in Oviedo. A monthly fee of \$3 or \$4 is required.

RSVP to Mike if you are coming.



Cookie Exchange

And High Tea



Monday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.

Hosted by Christine Porter

1645 Imperial Palm Drive, Apopka

RSVP by Nov. 15 to

johnporter100@yahoo.com

What to do:

- (1) Bake 6 doz. yummy cookies
- (2) Wrap cookies in bundles of three
- (3) Include the recipe in each bundle

Only 3 spots left! Hurry!

Pot Luck Dining Saturday, Dec. 3 Time: 6:30 p.m.



Hostess:

Brenda Jones

677 Oneida Lane

Winter Springs

Phone 407-366-7751 to RSVP. Remember to bring your own bottle!

Outreach



We will still be taking donations for Safe House's "Christmas for Kids." With your generous donations, we buy Christmas presents for the kids and a small gift for the mother. It's such a joy to give to the children! Please open up your hearts and wallets. We'll be coming by the tables for donations. Thanking you in advance for your help.

ORDER YOUR COUPON BOOKS NOW

Thank you for helping us sell Enjoy the City Orlando Coupon Books.

We have only 10 books left! The person who purchases the last book will get a prize.

Please call Sylvia at 407-862-5338 or Solly at 321-972-5521



Hooked on Books

Denise Tucker
407-542-6518

Or e-mail

mrsdenisetucker@aol.com

We meet the third Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Tremont on Red Bug Lake Road



December is CANCELLED.

Jan. 17- Minding Frankie by Maeve Binchy

Feb. 21- This Burning Land by Jennifer Griffin

Mar. 20 – Sing You Home by Jodi Picoult

CHICK FLICKS



Last Tuesday of the month!
We alternate between Oviedo Mall and Waterford Lakes Mall theaters

An e-mail will be sent the weekend before the meeting date. If you do not have e-mail, please call the chairperson to find out the start time and to RSVP. A dinner option is provided, so please RSVP to either or both.

Susan Murray—Oviedo 407-375-9417

Nevine Snyder — Waterford Lakes 407-381-4408

**Waterford Lakes Theater
December 27**

MYSTERY BUS RIDE

SAVE FEBRUARY 25, 2012

TIME OF DEPARTURE BY 8:30 AM

RETURN 6:00 PM APPROXIMATE

COST \$60 PP ALL-INCLUSIVE

We are planning to ride in comfort on a 50-55 passenger bus. Your destination is a MYSTERY....

The bus is half full! Please let your friends and neighbors know about this fun Newcomers first!

Please call Sylvia at 407-862-5338 or Solly 321-972-5521. All reservations and checks must be in by January 15. Make checks payable to Newcomers of Central Florida, Inc.

No Refunds unless we have a waiting list.

LADIES BRIDGE

Wednesday, December 7.



The Tremont is located next to the Macaroni Grill at 7015 Red Bug Lake Road, phone 407-359-5787.

Make your reservation with either of the Chairs:

Pat McRee
407-359-1228

Sim Horst
407-678-2961

patmcree@bellsouth.net skhorst@embarqmail.com

Correspondence



By Louise Gallagher

Thank you cards sent to Jim & Lynda Kashouty, Tuskawilla Trails and Gina DiNapoli, Hilton/Orlando.

Get well cards were sent to Chris Boffi, Mary Jane Godfrey, Linda Gallagher and Susan Murray

Sympathy cards sent to Diane Olivi and Michael Vining (on the loss of Newcomer Shirley Vining).

If you know of any member going through a difficult time, please let me know.

Louise Gallagher 321-765-4371



Kayaking with Let's Do It!



Getting the all important instructions!



Pat Brizel, Joan Lenard, Patty Crews, Nancy Allen, Sharen Isham, Nancy Ruscitti

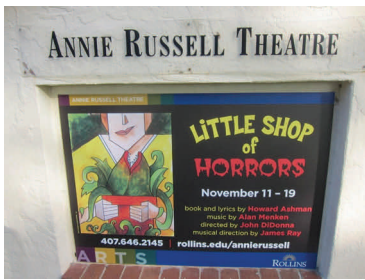


Ready to go!!



New Member Nancy Allen looks like a pro

Little Shop of Horrors



Annie Russell Theatre at Rollins College



Dennis and Nancy Ruscitti, Judy Babine, John Gallagher and Harold Babine surround Linda Gallagher



Seated: Joan Bove, Nancy Ruscitti, Mary Jane Godfrey. Standing: Cathleen Finch and Joan Lenard

**Let's Do It !!
Chocolate
Making**



We will be going to Kilwin's Chocolate & Ice Cream Shop in Winter Park at 122 North Park Ave. Phone: 407-622-6292 .

They will close the shop for us on Monday, Dec. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will be making five kinds of candy to take home. The cost will be \$30 per person. We will make a 1/2 batch of chocolate fudge. This will make 20 slices so each person will get a slice, plus:

1 Caramel apple decorated with topping of our choice
1 Cashew bear claw or pecan snapper with about 1lb of nuts and chocolate

2 Chocolate covered strawberries of our choice
4 Crab claws— toasted coconut covered with caramel and either milk, dark or white chocolate

Deadline Dec. 4— must be paid in full—no refunds. Call Nancy Ruscitti at 407-366-2213 and leave your name and phone. You will receive a confirmation call back.

Make checks payable to Nancy Ruscitti and mail to 3590 Wading Heron Terrace, Oviedo, FL 32766.

Inside the Arts presents...

**Anything Cole!
Winter Park Playhouse
2 p.m. matinee**



Sunday, December 11

Contact: Ronnie Telzer, 407-365-1580

On Sunday, December 11, we are going to see Anything Cole! at the Winter Park Playhouse, with brunch in Winter Park before the 2 p.m. matinee. Restaurant details coming soon. Tickets will be distributed in the theatre lobby before the show. If you didn't order tickets with the group, you can check with Ronnie Telzer and see if tickets are still available.

Thursday, January 26

We are also planning another exciting trip downtown on Thursday, January 26, 2012. This time, we will take a guided tour of the Orange County Regional History Center in Orlando, have lunch at a Wall Street restaurant, and then meet with the center's archivist to learn more about the scrapbook that is part of our club's history. Sign up at the December and January luncheons for this historical trip down memory lane.



Le Coq Au Vin Restaurant



VP Programs Judy Babine with speaker Judge Lisa Davidson



Birthday girls Ann McLean, Ellen Brighton and Joan Ross



Birthday Girl Ann McLean wins a free lunch.



Brenda Jones shows off her winning 50/50 ticket.



Denise Tucker wins Ruth's Chris gift certificate. Hubby Lawrence will be happy!



Shirley Thomas wins Le Coq Au Vin gift card.



Judy Babine won a gift certificate to Ruby Tuesday.



Joann Skoropowski with guest Erika Boucher



Ann McLean, Sharon DeRose with guest JoAnne Bandy



Elaine Garcia, guest of Dee Giessuebel



Wendy Jackson and Cathleen Finch



Hospitality Co-Chair Beulah Ali-Carr with Judge Lisa Davidson



Linda Hargreaves and Diane Olivi



T.K. White, Susan Burrows and Mary Ann Rubini



Historian Kathy McCullar and Pres. Joan Lenard collect for Safe House.



A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has given so generously this year to our charities: the Russell Home for Atypical Children, Safe House, and our Troops. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.






















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See the Chatter in color at www.newcomerscfl.org

December/January 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Board Meeting 	2	3 Pot Luck 
4 Holiday Party 	5 Mah J. Cookie Exchange 	6	7 Bridge 	8 Luncheon 	9	10
11 Inside the Arts Anything Cole 	12 Mah Jongg/Bunko Chocolate 	13	14 Bunko 	15 Bunko 	16	17
18	19 Mah Jongg 	20 Hanukkah 	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas 	26 Mah Jongg Kwanza 	27 Chick Flicks 	28	29	30	31 
	Jan 2 Mah Jongg 	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5 Board 	Jan 6	Jan 7 Pot Luck 