#### NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ladies, The calendar and the media indicate it's election time in America. Yes, I know we are a social club, but as an

organization of women, it's important for us to exercise our right to vote that was given to us in the 19th Amendment to our Constitution. Please vote!

Our monthly virtual board meeting welcomed our

newest Board Member. Trisha Fuston has taken on the responsibility of Publicity Chairperson. This means Newcomers needs to start planning some exciting events for Trisha to promote to the media. If your group



is doing anything newsworthy for a press release, please forward the information to <u>tfuston@aol.com</u>.

Here is some exciting news. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 10 (the second Thursday of the month). We're in the planning stages for a "Welcome Back" holiday luncheon at Timacuan Country Club, 550 Timacuan Blvd., in Lake Mary. Timacuan is a favored venue for many of you, and I hope you will make this luncheon one of your holiday treats for the year. This event will mark the first time our valued members and guests will gather for a monthly luncheon since February. First and foremost, I personally want you to know we are making sure your health and safety are paramount. These measures will be outlined in the December Chatter.

Check the Inside the Arts section in this newsletter. Co-Chairs Linda Hargreaves and Helen Hoppmann have been working on something special for all of us.

Until we can meet face-to-face/mask-to-mask and social distanced, stay safe and be well.

Betty Líttle

# Coffee and Chat

CHATTER

When: Wednesday, December 2 Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Where: Outside at Central Winds Park Pavilion A



Good news ladies! Inside the Arts has scheduled a *Coffee And Chat* for our first Club function since this pandemic started.

It will be held outside at Central Winds Park, Pavilion A, on Wednesday, December 2 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

We will have a speaker from Lukas Nursery regarding plants for small spaces. There are 9 picnic tables available, or you can bring your own chair. Just so you know, the walk from parking to pavilion is a little hilly. The Parks Dept. is requiring everyone to sign a waiver electronically. We will email this waiver, and you can sign online.

We will be limiting participation to 30 people so that we can social distance. Please text or call either Helen Hoppmann (772-521-5877) or Linda Hargreaves (407-227-3828). We will respond by text so you know your place is reserved. Plan on bringing your own beverage, and don't forget your mask.

This park is located in Winter Springs, off Hwy 434 at 1000 Central Winds Pkwy. After entering park, turn left and continue all the way back to the round-about. Turn left and continue until you see pavilions.

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# November Birthdays

- 1 Shirley Freet
- 1 Debra Pollock
- 2 Linda Smith
- 3 Gail Boudreaux
- 5 Mary Ward
- 8 Gerry Hindes
- 13 Karyll Shaw
- 17 Vicky Brown
- 22 Joan Hansen
- 25 Pat Biechele







#### Ladies, I Need Your Help!

Since we are not gathering together at luncheons or our special interest groups, I am not always aware of members who are ill, had surgery, lost a loved one or just need to know that we care. Please contact me if you know of a member who may need a card. These are tough times, and we all can use some encouragement occasionally. I so appreciate your help! You can email

me at <a href="mailto:vanum77@aol.com">vanum77@aol.com</a> or call/text me at 813-395-3611.

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Nidzgorski

#### INSIDE THE ARTS

Co-Chairs: Linda Hargreaves Helen Hoppmann



#### **Coffee and Chat**

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#### **Reminder:**

**The Orlando Shakespeare Theater** Is offering their next two productions through video on demand at a cost of \$15 per person. For more information, visit their website at <u>www.orlandoshakes.org</u>

Oct. 22-Nov. 1: "Poe: Deep into that Darkness Peering" Dec. 10-20: "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge"



#### 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

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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

#### BOARD ZOOM MEETING

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 10 a.m.

Please RSVP to Betty Little by phone or email.





Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher Ronnie Telzer

Ways & Means is responsible for raising money for club activities and operations. Our 50-50 jackpot ticket sales at luncheons bring in some revenue; the rest comes from special promotions.

Last year's gift basket event was a huge fundraising success, so we are planning to have another silent auction for gift baskets at this year's December holiday luncheon. We're asking club members to put together themed baskets, tins or 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 <u>new</u> items that can be used to create a basket. Popular basket themes include movie night, party time, outdoor fun, holiday joy, mah jongg mavens, toys and games, wine lovers, cooking connoisseurs, dog or cat treats, etc.

This year, please make sure your baskets don't contain perishable items in case the December luncheon is cancelled, and the basket auction is moved to 2021. 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 December 10 luncheon at Timacuan Country Club--or ask us to store and deliver your finished basket for you if you are unable to attend the luncheon. Thanks.

#### REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH



Outreach Chairs: Dru Juhl & Barbara Kalicki

We can all do a little to make a big difference in our community even when we are not meeting! The Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Program is an easy way to help others with no financial impact on your part. Just save the aluminum tabs from all your cans and bring them to our first get-together.







## HOOKED ON BOOKS

Book Club discussed the thriller *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides at their October meeting. It was interesting to hear how the members reacted to the different characters, and when they began to suspect the real culprit.

The Zoom format will continue to be used for our November meeting when the book *The Midwife's Confession by* Diane

Chamberlain will be discussed. This meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, at 1:30 on Zoom. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Carol Smith at <u>smith4cr@gmail.com</u> by Thursday, November 5, in order to receive the Zoom invitation.

## COOKING CLUB



Cooking Club met via Zoom on October 8.

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

We are thankful for Karyll Shaw for working her Zoom magic and for Carol

Smith for her PDF magic. Karyll Shaw chose our theme this month, "Anything But the Turkey." Recipes for drinks, appetizers, salads, sides and desserts were discussed. We also discussed possibly meeting outdoors at a restaurant for our December meeting.

Karyll's recipe for Pumpkin Pecan Pie, from Truffles and Trifles in College Park, is shared for your inspiration and enjoyment. Even though our Thanksgiving celebrations may look different this year, our Cooking Club members wish all Newcomers members a Happy Thanksgiving!

Cooking Club will meet again on November 12 on Zoom. Michele Marino has chosen our theme, "Let's Go Fishing." This is a new theme for us, so I'm excited to see what fish recipes the ladies come up with.

Please send your recipe to all Cooking Club members and RSVP to Vicki at <u>vanum77@aol.com</u>, by November 5, to confirm your participation. Due to Zoom time constraints, participants are limited to 10 so we will have time to discuss each recipe.

Happy Thanksgiving cooking!

If there is any way to make pumpkin pie better, it is to put pecan pie on top—especially when that pecan pie is just a thin layer of sweet, crackly topping, as in this recipe.

## **PUMPKIN PECAN PIE**

From *Truffles & Trifles* in College Park, FL Serves 8

#### For the pie

- 1 fully baked 9-inch pie shell
- 2 cups pumpkin puree (canned pumpkin, not pumpkin pie filling that has spices)
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- ½ tsp. each cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger

- Pinch of salt
- 3 lightly beaten eggs, thoroughly beaten ahead with flat whisk in medium bowl
- 1 Tbs. dark rum or bourbon
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 1. Combine filling ingredients and pour into pre-baked shell. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.
- 2. Turn heat down to 325 degrees and continue to bake until set, about 40 minutes more.
- 3. Pie is ready when a knife blade inserted 1-1/2 inches in from the edge emerges clean.
- 4. The center of the pie may still quiver gently. Place on a rack and let cool completely.

#### For the pecan crunch topping

- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 3 Tbs. melted butter
- 2 Tbs. heavy cream
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup pecan halves (optional)
- 1. Shortly before serving the pie, heat broiler. Combine brown sugar, butter, cream, and chopped nuts and spread over pie.
- 2. Optional: After spreading pecan layer, you can decorate with pecan halves (be sure to nestle them down into the brown sugar mixture).
- Protect crust rim with a ring of foil and place pie about 6 inches below broiler. Keep oven door ajar. Broil, turning frequently, for about 5 minutes or until topping is dark brown and bubbly (watch carefully!). Again, let cool.
- 4. Serve with whipped cream, if desired.



## MONDAYS

#### **MAH JONGG**

#### Marge Ahearn 407-834-5625

When: Mondays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Where: Tremont in Oviedo

Bring lunch, beverage and **\$5** in change. See you there!

#### **CHATTER ARTICLES**

Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith by the third Monday of the month: <u>smith4cr@gmail.com</u>

### TUESDAYS

#### **HOOKED ON BOOKS**

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

When: Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

- Where: Currently meeting via Zoom Email Carol Smith by November 5 to receive meeting invitation: smith4cr@gmail.com
- NOV The German Girl by Armando Lucas Correa
- DEC The Midwife's Confession by Diane Chamberlain
- JAN *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith

#### **CHICK FLICKS**

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

Chick Flicks is currently on hold.

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## WEDNESDAYS

#### LADIES BRIDGE – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday

#### Sue Horn

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Where: Tremont in Oviedo

Call Sue Horn for reservations at Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088

#### LADIES BRIDGE – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

Pat McRee 407-359-1228 patmcree@bellsouth.net

Sim Horst 407-678-2961 skhorst2@gmail.com

When: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Where: Tremont in Oviedo

Make your reservation with either of the Chairs.

### THURSDAYS

#### **BOARD MEETING**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 10 a.m. – Noon

Where: To be determined

Please RSVP to Betty Little by phone or email.

#### **COOKING CLUB**

#### Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month Noon

Where: Currently meeting via Zoom

Theme: Let's Go Fishing

Limit: 8 - 10 participants

Recipe submissions and RSVP for the Zoom meeting on November 12 should be submitted to Vicki Nidzgorski at <u>vanum77@aol.com</u> by November 5. Please be aware that most Newcomers activities are currently cancelled due to the COVID-19 concerns.

## Contact the group leader for more information.

## FRIDAYS

**BUNKO - Dicey Bunkettes** 

Lona Love <a>sunsh132@bellsouth.net</a>

We hope to be able to meet again soon.

When:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month
	10:30 a.m.
Where:	Contact Lona Love for location.

## SATURDAYS

#### **COUPLES BUNKO**

Gail Boudreaux 407-678-3341

flcajun2@cfl.rr.com

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

