NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.

There are no strangers, just friends we haven't met!



CHATTER

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The Musical Comedy of Bakey and Betty



January's luncheon will feature a performance by the warmly winning husband and wife duo Bakey and Betty. Their sound is a blend of early jazz,

country, pop standards and vaudeville songs. The unique combination of their comedic charm and musical versatility makes for a lively earful of rarely heard tunes. The high caliber of musicianship from each of them, together with Betty's effervescent personality, has made Bakey and Betty a hit with their audiences. Join us for an afternoon filled with friendship, music, laughter and, of course, a wonderful meal.



Need assistance walking into or out of our luncheon venues? Please tell our Reservations team when you make your reservation. Please **do not** call the venue.

PROCEDURES FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

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 and say your phone number. Please be sure to indicate your choice of entrée unless it is a buffet luncheon. You will receive a phone confirmation. You must be confirmed. Email reservations are not valid.

PLEASE, NO CALLS AFTER 5 P.M.

NO CALLS ON WEEKENDS

A to K Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205 L to Z Marlene Radloff 407-920-3084

You may pay by CASH or CHECK made out in advance to Newcomers of Central Florida, Inc. Pick up your name tag at the welcome table. Please prearrange payment for guests.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON JANUARY 13, 2021, 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 January 20, 2022

The Celeste Hotel 4105 N. Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32826

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

JANUARY MENU

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Grilled Fresh Atlantic Salmon with Champagne Dill Sauce

Chicken Breast Piccata with Creamy Lemon Caper Sauce

Vegetarian Option is available upon request

SALAD AND SIDES

The Celeste Salad

Entrees Served with Chef's Accompaniments

and Fresh Market Vegetables

House Rolls with Butter

DESSERT

Chef's Petite Dessert Selection

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25

Directions to The Celeste Hotel



4105 N. Alafaya Trail Orlando, FL 32826

The Celeste Hotel is on the UCF campus.

From University Blvd.: Head east on University Blvd. Turn left onto Alafaya Trail. The Celeste Hotel will be on your right.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the beginning of 2021, I had high hopes that the coming year was going to be so much better for Newcomers than 2020. As I look back and briefly review

some of the highlights of 2021, I'm very impressed by what we have accomplished after overcoming the challenges of 2020.

Ladies.

Our 2021 luncheon programs began with a trivia competition in January that helped get our brains back in gear. This was followed by social gatherings and games in February and March, a lively Penny Auction in April, a fun Wild West-themed linedancing program in May, a very successful Arts & Crafts silent auction in June that raised \$645, a Surfin' Safari celebration in July, Gift Card Bingo in August, Doo-Wop delights in September, Magic all around in October, some Wine Education with our profitable basket auction (raising \$854) in November, and finally closing out the year with the wonderful holiday sounds of the fabulous Martin Duo. Our Program VPs deserve special recognition for their creativity each month.

There were also many activities outside of our luncheons that were enjoyed by many of our club members thanks to the resourcefulness of our Inside the Arts co-chairs. In addition, I'd like to give a special shout out to our Luncheon VPs for finding great venues every month, and the Ways & Means co-chairs for raising funds for the club so we can continue to keep membership dues and luncheon tickets at affordable rates.

Your Board and Committees have put a lot of time and effort into bringing you joy each month while also supporting charities throughout our community with material donations as well as a monetary gift of \$668 to Ali's Hope. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our *Chatter* Editor and Mailing Assistant who make sure you get your informative monthly newsletter in a timely manner. As you can see, I am attempting to give some special thanks to the Board who work long hours to make sure our luncheons and activities come off smoothly for you, our treasured members. Without these talented and resourceful Board and Committee members, I could not fulfill my responsibilities. My sincere, whole-hearted thanks go out to them and to you, the members, for your generous participation and support.

As 2021 closes with New Year's Eve, please be safe and take no chances that could impact your health or the well-being of the loved ones you hold dear to you. Remember, New Year's Eve is just one evening. I want to see each of you happy and healthy in 2022. Happy New Year to all!

Betty Little

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



- February 17 Simon Time Trivia Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs
- March 17 Purse Auction Timacuan Country Club
- April 21 Fashion show Location TBD



Inside the Arts

Co-Chairs: Linda Hargreaves 407-227-3828 Helen Hoppmann 772-521-5877

Wednesday, January 19, 9:45 a.m.

What: The Morse Museum of American Art Where: 445 North Park Ave., Winter Park Cost: \$5 Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 4

The Morse Museum is nationally known for its vast collection of objects and architectural elements from Louis Comfort Tiffany. The Museum's holdings also include American art pottery, late 19th– and early 20th–century American paintings, graphics and decorative art. Complimentary audio tours of the collection are accessible via cell phone. Following our museum visit, we will enjoy lunch at Boca, located across the street at 388 N. Park Ave.

To sign up, please send cash or a check to Linda Hargreaves made out to Linda Hargreaves at 1035 Whispering Cove, Casselberry 32707.

Please be aware that masks may be required by the museum.

NOTE: Parking is available directly behind the museum. Additional free parking is available on the first, fourth and fifth floors of Park Place garage on Canton Ave., across from the museum. We DO NOT have to relocate our parked cars when we go to lunch. Just save your ticket/receipt from the museum.

Wednesday, February 16, 2 p.m.

What: *The Fantasticks* Cost: \$37 Where: Orlando Shakes, 812 E. Rollins St., Orlando Registration deadline: Tuesday, **January 4**

"You are invited to a world of moonlight and magic in a coming of age story about the peaks and valleys of young love." Join us to see *The Fantasticks*, book and lyrics written by Tom Jones. The Orlando Shakes presentation will feature Broadway legend Davis Gaines as the narrator El Gallo.

Following the performance, we will dine at The Cheesecake Factory in Winter Park located at 520 N. Orlando Ave. (NOT the Olive Garden as previously stated)

To sign up, contact Helen. Send a check to Helen Hoppmann made out to Helen Hoppmann. Seating is limited, and payment must be made to secure your spot.



January Birthdays



- Barbara Moore 1
- 2 Linda Hargreaves 11 Sue Horn
- 12 **Rosemary Kubanet**
- 14 Pat McRee
- 16 Veline Ball
- 17 Jo-Ann Jaeger
- 23 Barbara Rustigian
- 23 Christine Walsh
- 25 Claudia Hughey
- Terry Becker 27
- 29 Estelle Simandl
- 30 Solly Haber

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Brenda Jones 407-366-7751

Current Membership: 139

New Members

Lynda Salamon

515 Terrace Spring Drive Orlando, FL 32828 Cell: 410-507-3017 Birthday: August 3

Email: lyndasalamon@hotmail.com Originally from: Arnold, MD

Membership Changes

(Please make these changes in your newest directory)

Tina Parrish: Cell number only: 757-777-6861 Delete home number

Joan Lenard: New address and email

1532 Eagle Nest Circle Winter Springs, FL 32708 Cell: 732-330-5319 Email: jlenard1@aol.com Delete home phone number



Your Help Is Needed and Appreciated!

Corresponding Secretary Vicki Nidzgorski requests your help. Please contact Vicki 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. You can contact her by email at vanum77@aol.com or text/call her at 813-395-3611.

Reaching Out With Outreach



Outreach Chairs: Dru Juhl and Barbara Kalicki

Please continue collecting the can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you for all who have contributed to Outreach!

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



Cooking Club took a break from the kitchen and enjoyed a lovely luncheon at The Tap

Room at Dubsdread in December. Enjoy our photos on the NCF Facebook page. On January 13, we will meet at Brenda Jones' home. Our theme is "Figure Friendly Foods," healthy dishes/recipes that include NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION. If you enjoy trying new recipes and having good conversations with a small group, please consider joining us.

To participate in January, contact Vicki by text/email/phone with TWO recipes that you have not made before, which you are willing to prepare for our theme. Vicki will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare. Ensure your participation by emailing or texting the recipe to Vicki by January 6. Come to Cooking Club with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed, and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. Plan to enjoy taste testing and discussing our "Figure Friendly Foods" recipes. Participants limited to 12.



WAYS & MEANS

Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher **Ronnie Telzer**

Our March 17 luncheon will feature a

Purse Auction designed to benefit Ways & Means fundraising. If you have new or gently used purses that you'd like to donate, please bring them in so others may have an opportunity to bid on them. Tote bags, evening bags, designer handbags, wallets, wine bags, shopping bags, briefcases, backpacks, luggage, and even key chains and luggage tags are welcome. The better items will be sold via silent auction bidding sheets. Inexpensive items will be available for purchase on our flat-rate sales tables.

So please check out your closets for unwanted purses and accessories, and bring them in on the day of the luncheon. If you are unable to attend the March 17 luncheon on St. Patrick's Day, give your items to Linda or Ronnie. Thanks for your help with our spring fundraiser. And don't forget to bring cash or checks to pay for your purchases!

It's a New Year - Try Something New

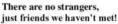


The Newcomers' Book Club is a great place to meet new people and have lively, stimulating book discussions over a cup of coffee and a donut. The book for January, The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave, won the Goodreads 2021 Mystery & Thriller award. The group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Dunkin' on Red Bug Lake Rd. See page 4 for more details.



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MONDAYS

MAH JONGG

Loretta Kowalski 407-405-2446

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

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

TUESDAYS

HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

- When: 2nd Tuesday January 11 1:30 p.m. Where: Dunkin'
 - 3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo
- JAN *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave
- FEB *The Offing* by Ben Myers
- MAR Maude by Donna Foley Mabry
- APR *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

CHICK FLICKS

ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



COORDINATOR NEEDED

If you are interested, please contact Betty Little at 407-719-3066 or brlittle7@gmail.com.



CHATTER ARTICLES Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith by January 16. Send articles

to <u>smith4cr@gmail.com</u>.

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE - 4th Wednesday

Sue Horn 303-807-4088

When: 4th Wednesday 11 a.m. - 3 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 listed above.

THURSDAYS

BOARD MEETING

Betty Little 407-719-3066 brlittle7@gmail.com

When: 1st Thursday of the month 10 a.m. – Noon

Where: Perkins Winter Springs 701 E. State Rd. 434 Winter Springs, FL 32708 Phone: 407-542-7976

Please RSVP to Betty Little.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

- When: 2nd Thursday January 13 12 p.m.
- Where: Brenda Jones' home 677 Oneida Lane Winter Springs, FL 32708
- Theme: Figure Friendly Foods
- Limit: 12 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday, December 6 at 813-395-3611

Recipe name must be submitted by Thursday, January 6, to Vicki Nidzgorski at <u>vanum77@aol.com</u>.

FRIDAYS

BUNKO - Dicey Bunkettes

Lona Love sunsh132@bellsouth.net

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 Tuscawilla Rds. If you are interested in joining the group, please email Lona, putting BUNKO in the subject line.

SATURDAYS

COUPLES BUNKO

Gail Boudreaux 407-678-3341 flcajun2@cfl.rr.com

When: 3rd 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.

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 Playing Bridge

ON-LINE LADIES BRIDGE

Several of the bridge

players have been playing on-line bridge using <u>trickster.com</u>. If you are interested in trying it, Sue Horn would be happy to help you get on the app and see how it works. You can contact Sue at:

Cell: 303-807-4088

See pictures from our December events on our Facebook page or our website.



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