



## Are You Smarter Than...

It's time to brush up on your trivia and gather your smartest friends as we enjoy the fun and friendly rivalry of a trivia

contest. We are bringing back Quiz Master Simon from Simon Time Trivia to host what has become an annual Newcomers' event. Simon, who appears regularly on Florida radio and TV programs, has emceed trivia competitions at restaurants, social gatherings, and corporate team building events for over 11 years. Members will have an opportunity to "put their useless knowledge to use" in several trivia games—with prizes given to the top scorers.



### 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 January 11, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.**

### LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING January 18, 2023

Cocina 214  
151 E. Welbourne Ave.  
Winter Park, Florida 32789  
**Gather at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Noon**

## January Menu

This month, we will be going to a new venue, Cocina 214 in Winter Park. The idea for opening Cocina 214 developed when two of the owners from Texas missed the Tex-Mex and Mexican food they had grown up eating. They created a menu which combines bold flavors with the freshest local ingredients to create exceptional Tex-Mex – all served in a vibrant, elegant setting. The restaurant name is a combination of the Spanish word for kitchen, "cocina," and the Dallas area code, "214." For our luncheon, they will be serving a Chicken Fajita Buffet.

### BUFFET

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Chicken Fajitas | Guacamole      |
| Mexican Rice    | Sour Cream     |
| Refried Beans   | Pico De Gallo  |
| Flour Tortillas | Corn Tortillas |

### DESSERT

Churros

### BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee  
Iced and Hot Tea

**LUNCHEON COST: \$30**



### Directions to Cocina 214

151 E. Welbourne Avenue  
Winter Park, Florida 32789  
Phone: 407-790-7997

Cocina 214 is one block off South Park Ave. (opposite the park) at the intersection of Welbourne Ave. and S. Central St.

Welbourne Ave. is the street between Ocean Blue Galleries and Be On Park Fine Jewelry.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ladies,  
January is a time to look to the future and a time to find new opportunities to participate and serve.

As we look forward in our calendar, we will find some of our favorite luncheon programs:

- January - Simon Time Trivia
- February - Silent Arts and Crafts Auction
- March - Bingo
- April - Fashion Show and election of officers

Our search team is gearing up to set the slate for our Election of Officers and to fill various board and committee positions. Search team members will be reaching out to talk to each Newcomers member to discuss different opportunities that are open to you. While we do need ladies to fill officer and committee chair positions, we also need ladies to be part of those committees to help carry out each function – from assisting in the planning of a luncheon program, preparing birthday bouquets, designing table centerpieces, to finding an event for Inside the Arts. So, when a team member calls, give them a chance to tell you about the many ways you can be involved and ask them lots of questions to help you best determine which role fits you.



Wishing you a Happy New Year,

*Sue*



## Newcomers Guest Policy

There has been some confusion recently regarding guest attendance at our luncheons and our events. Our board recently voted to clarify our guest policy as follows:

A guest is any prospective member of the club who **has never before** been a member. Guests may attend two events of their choice. After that, they must join the club before attending any additional events. If a person has already been a member, they cannot come to a luncheon or interest group meeting without rejoining the club and paying the full-year cost of current annual dues. The only exception is for visitors and former members who have moved out of the Central Florida area. They are welcome to join us without restrictions (per the visitor policy outlined in our by-laws and published in our Directory).

Two of our most popular club events--the Fashion Show and Game Day--are now officially exempt from any limitations on attendance. Everyone (including past members) is welcome to attend either or both of these events as often as they like. Attendance at these events **will not count** toward a guest's lifetime (not annual) two-event limit.

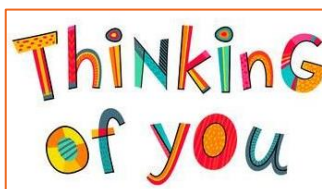
Please contact Newcomers' President Sue Horn if you have any questions about the club's guest policy.



## UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



- February 15 Silent Arts and Crafts Auction  
Hilton Orlando-Altamonte Springs
- March 20 Bingo  
Rio Pinar Country Club
- April 18 Fashion Show  
Heathrow Country Club



## 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.

**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!

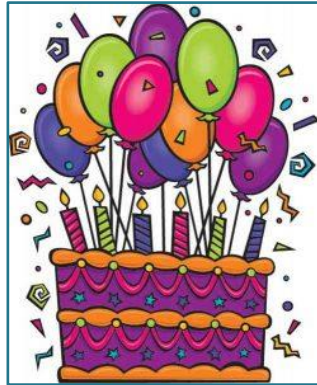
Please continue collecting the pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House and bring them to the next luncheon.





# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Barbara Moore
- 2 Linda Hargreaves
- 4 Christine Lewis
- 9 Theresa Davie
- 11 Sue Horn
- 12 Rosemary Kubanet
- 16 Veline Ball
- 25 Claudia Hughey
- 27 Terry Becker
- 29 Estelle Simandl



## MEMBERSHIP

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

**Current Membership: 113**



## CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB

Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205  
[psritchie@gmail.com](mailto:psritchie@gmail.com)

**Friday, January 5**

The kickoff meeting of the Crochet/Knitting Group will be held at Dunkin' in Oviedo (the one in front of Lowe's on Red Bug Lake Rd.) on Friday, January 5 at 1:30 p.m. Paula looks forward to getting together and learning everyone's skill level. The plan is to meet monthly on the first Friday of the month. Please let Paula know if you will be attending the meeting.

## CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

**Tuesday, January 30**



**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 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

Ways & Means will be hosting a Silent Arts and Crafts Auction in February at the Hilton Orlando-Altamonte Springs. For this luncheon, we are asking our club members to donate framed or matted works of art, prints, posters, hand-crafted items, picture frames, and sculptures which you can bring in on the date of luncheon--February 15, 2024. This will be a great opportunity to change out some of your existing pieces and replace them with works of art donated or created by other members. Plus, you can show off your artistic talents by donating hand-made crafts from baby blankets and greeting cards to wreaths and wall-hangings. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please contact Linda or Ronnie and arrange to give us your items. Thanks for supporting our February fundraiser!



## REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson  
[barbara@tuson.us](mailto:barbara@tuson.us)

Thanks to all our wonderful members, at our December luncheon we collected \$405 in gift cards and \$228 in cash for Cards for a Cause. Katherine Brown, Director of Communications and Special Events for Seniors First, was on hand to receive our donation which will be given as Christmas gifts to seniors in their program. Katherine explained how her organization is helping to meet a variety of needs for senior citizens in our local community by describing the day in the life of a woman whom they were able to assist.

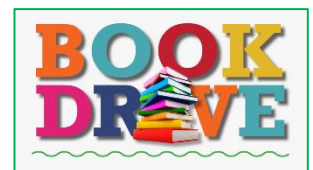
## JANUARY

Remember we will be collecting socks at our **January** meeting. The socks will be donated to homeless shelters and rescue missions in the area. Socks and underwear are some of the most needed items in these unfortunate situations.



## MARCH

Also, keep your eyes open for children's books. March is National Reading Month, and we will be collecting books to donate to A Gift for Teaching. I have been buying some of the books my children enjoyed when they were younger. Their favorite books included *Are You My Mother* by P.D. Eastman and *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin and John Archambault.



Thank you all for your enthusiasm and willingness to help with these projects. – Barb



## INSIDE THE ARTS

Chair: Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804  
[Sheri@imadyer.com](mailto:Sheri@imadyer.com)

### JANUARY EVENT

**What:** Breaking Up is Hard to Do  
**When:** Friday, January 19 at 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Winter Park Playhouse  
**Cost:** \$23



**Dinner following:** Fiddler's Green  
544 W. Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park  
**Sign Up Deadline:** January 4, 2024

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. The show features 20 of Sedaka's most popular songs including "Laughter in the Rain" and the chart-topping title song.

### FEBRUARY EVENT

**What:** 14th Annual Greek Tables Extraordinaire  
**Where:** Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
1217 Trinity Woods Lane, Maitland, FL 32751  
**Date:** Friday, February 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon  
**Cost:** Each person pays their own entry at the door \$10  
**Lunch Following:** Houndstooth Café  
160 Independence Lane Suite A, Maitland

Tables Extraordinaire is a unique event that showcases exquisite table settings and offers scrumptious Greek culinary delights. With opportunities to bid on auction items, purchase unique artwork, and buy delicious desserts, this event has something for everyone. The proceeds raised from Tables Extraordinaire benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida, Inc., and other local charities.

### 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.



### 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 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 New Year's Eve or January 14. Please see page 5 for all of the details.

## COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



The weather cooperated in December, and we had a delightful lunch on the veranda of The Tap Room at Dubsdread. If I counted correctly, last year we made 91 recipes with a variety of themes. Some favorites were pina colada muffins with a pipette of rum on the top, garden art focaccia, sheet pan recipes, various salads, Ritz cracker salted Carmel ice box cake and pumpkin latte in a crockpot for a crowd.

The New Year brings new themes and new members! January's theme is Celebrity Recipes. Look for recipes by famous people, NOT famous cooks/chefs. We will gather on January 11 at the home of Patti Zedo to taste test our recipes.

To participate in January, please submit two recipes that fit our theme and 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. Ensure your participation by emailing or texting your recipe to Vicki by January 4. Come to Cooking Club on January 11 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed, 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 12 this month.



## HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

A discussion of two books, both titled *A December Memory*, along with a festive meal was a great way to celebrate the holidays with our book club friends. We enjoyed lunch at The Vineyard Wine Company in Lake Mary. Our first book, by Richard Paul Evans, dealt with grief in many ways, but also brought to mind many fond childhood memories. Members were surprised by the second book which was written by Truman Capote. It was hard to believe that the same author who wrote *In Cold Blood* could write such a heartwarming Christmas story.

This meeting also gave us the opportunity to evaluate the books we have read over the past year. The top four, not in any particular order were:

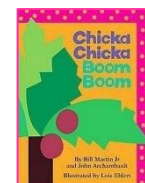
*The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki  
*Still Life* by Louise Penny  
*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus  
*The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

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 January when we will be discussing *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. To join us, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.

## Don't Forget!

**JANUARY:** Outreach will be collecting socks for the homeless.

**MARCH:** Children's books will be collected as part of A Gift for Teaching's Ready to Read Book Drive.





**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: January 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

JAN *The First Ladies*  
by Marie Benedict

FEB *The Kitchen House*  
by Kathleen Grissom

### CHICK FLICKS

**Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420**

When: Tuesday – January 30

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  
**December events on  
our Facebook page or  
our website.**

[www.newcomerscfl.org](http://www.newcomerscfl.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/NewcomersofCentralFloridaInc>

## WEDNESDAYS

### SCRABBLE

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

Scrabble is currently on hold.

### 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: 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](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 – January 11  
12 noon

Where: Patti Zedo

513 Lake Charm Ct

Oviedo, FL 32765

Theme: Celebrity Recipes

Limit: 12 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,  
January 4 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday,  
January 4, to Vicki Nidzgorski at  
[vanum77@aol.com](mailto:vanum77@aol.com).



CHATTER articles are due by **January 16**. Please email articles to Carol Smith at [smith4cr@gmail.com](mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com)

## FRIDAYS

### CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB



**Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205**  
[psritchie@gmail.com](mailto:psritchie@gmail.com)

Let Paula know if you will be attending.

When: 1<sup>st</sup> 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](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: Each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Except December 24, 31  
and January 14

Where: Cranes Roost Park

Meet by Café Murano

Altamonte Springs

Parking: By AMC Movie Theater