NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.

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Purse Auction

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day and spend a little green to support the club at our March luncheon and Purse Auction. In addition to purses, we will have new and gently used

evening bags, designer handbags, tote bags, wallets, backpacks, luggage, wine bags, shopping bags, briefcases, key chains, and other items priced as low as \$1.

Just bring in the items you wish to donate on the day of the luncheon. If it's a low-cost item, you can add it to the \$1, \$3 or \$5 flat-rate tables where it will be available for immediate purchase when the sales floor opens. No paperwork required! Any unsold items will be given to Outreach for donation to a local thrift store.

If you wish to donate a higher value item worth \$10 or more, please pick up and fill out a description sheet (with tag and tag number) from Ways & Means when you arrive. Then place the tagged item and bidding sheet on one of the silent auction bidding tables. All silent auction items should have a minimum opening bid of \$10 or more and can be returned to vou if you check "return to donor if unsold" on the form.

Make sure to bring cash (or checks) and small bills with you so you can make purchases quickly and easily during the luncheon shopping hours. We thank you for your donations and ongoing support of our Ways & Means fundraising programs.

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 MARCH 10, 2022, THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.

ANYONE WHO CANCELS AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL **REIMBURSE THE CLUB. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.**

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING March 17, 2022

550 Timacuan Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32746

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

March Menu

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Corned Beef and Cabbage with Potatoes and Carrots

Lemon Basil Chicken with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley

> Vegetarian Pasta with Vegetables available upon request

SALAD AND SIDES

Mixed Green Salad with Blue Cheese or Balsamic Vinaigrette

Rolls with Sweet Cream Butter

DESSERT

Chef's Choice

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25

Directions to Timacuan Country Club:



Note: YOU **MUST** ENTER FROM RINEHART RD. Your GPS may try to take you to the back entrance which is for residents only.

- From I-4: Take exit 101A go east on HE Thomas Parkway (SR 46A) Turn right onto Rinehart Rd. Turn left onto Timacuan Blvd. The Country Club will be on your right.
- From FL-417: Take exit 54 Rinehart Rd. Turn left onto Rinehart Rd. Turn left onto Timacuan Blvd. The Country Club will be on your right.

If you need a golf cart for assistance from the parking lot to the door, you must tell reservations when you call.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ladies,

February's Board Meeting continued with discussions focusing on our luncheons and activities for the next few months. The challenge we face is to come up with dining venues and

activities within our budget while dealing with increasing expenses in all areas.

Now this month's luncheon may be on the luckiest day of the year, St. Patrick's Day. Do you feel lucky? Plan to wear **green** at the luncheon. The St. Patrick's Day tradition was popularized by Irish immigrants in the United States who believed that wearing **green made them invisible to leprechauns**—the classic fairy creatures who pinch anyone they can see. Remember to wear **green** so you won't get pinched at the luncheon. In your **green** attire or accessories, you will be invisible to the leprechauns but very visible to all your friends.

Our Ways & Means team has a special purse auction planned as our program this month. (See program details on page one of this issue for detailed instructions on what to bring and how the sale will work.) Be sure to get your reservation in for the March luncheon for a chance to support club activities by purchasing some beautiful new or gently used items!

We miss seeing many of you and hope to achieve significant attendance increases in the near future.

I look forward to greeting you in person soon. Be safe and be well!

Betty Little

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH



Outreach Chairs: Dru Juhl and Barbara Kalicki

The month of March we will be donating to The Russell Home for Atypical Children, the only private non-profit facility for severely disabled children in Central Florida. Specialized care is provided around the clock, with love in a home-like atmosphere. Many of the home's residents are cared for through adulthood. The Russell Home has been in continuous operation for over 60 years without any government assistance, depending solely on donations.

We will be collecting supplies and monetary donations, whichever is most convenient. A list of supplies can be found on The Russell Home website: <u>https://russellhome.org/needs/</u> Anything you are able to contribute will be greatly appreciated! Thank you in advance for your usual generosity!

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- April 21 Spring Closet Fashion Show Heathrow Country Club
- May 19 Installation of Officers TBD



Inside the Arts

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

Saturday, March 26, 9:45 a.m.

What: Uptown Art Expo:

9th Annual Celebration of Art & Music Where: Crane's Roost Park, Altamonte Springs Cost: Free Admission and Free Parking Deposit: \$10 to hold your lunch spot at Café Murano Registration deadline: Thursday, March 17

Explore the Uptown Art Expo in Altamonte Springs with optional lunch at Cafe Murano. We will meet for a group photo at the show entrance across from the restaurant at 9:45 a.m. If you wish to join us for lunch at Café Murano, a \$10 deposit is required to hold your lunch spot. It is important for us to have an accurate lunch count so that the restaurant will be able to accommodate us without a long wait and so that we can sit together and visit. Your \$10 will be returned to you at lunch.

Please RSVP by March 17 at the luncheon. To sign up, please give cash or a check to Linda Hargreaves made out to Linda Hargreaves at the February or March luncheon. If you prefer, you may mail your deposit to Linda Hargreaves at 1035 Whispering Cove, Casselberry 32707.

Wednesday, April 13, 2 p.m.

What: The Marvelous Wonderettes: Dream On



Where: Winter Park Playhouse Cost: \$37. Payment is due at signup.

Dinner: Armando's in Hannibal Square, Winter Park

(at the corner of New England Ave. and Hannibal Square)

Registration deadline: March 17 (day of March Luncheon)

Off Broadway Musical Comedy! "The Wonderettes are back for their Springfield High 20th Reunion bash! Join the party as the women reminisce about love, life and the changing times and sing their way through over 20 of the greatest girl group hits of the 60s and the classic pop and rock hits of the 70s."

If you want to sign up by mail, send your check to Helen Hoppmann, 1719 Tealbriar Ave., Oviedo, FL 32765. Please make your check out to Helen Hoppmann.





1 Sharon DeRose

- 2 Lona Love
- 6 Anita Blackwelder
- 7 Diana Hochstetter
- 7 Linda Selby
- 8 Diana Engling
- 8 Evelyn LaBruto
- 11 Maria Clonch
- 14 Barbara Rasmussen
- Eleanor Moland
 Bunny Hayden

15 Charlotte Becker

March

Bírthdays

- 21 Diane Arserio
- 24 Lucille Bonanno
- 25 Sue Gaddone
- 29 Brenda H. Jones
- 30 Helen Hoppmann
- 31 Sherry McFarland

MEMBERSHIP



Current Membership: 143

New Members

Lorayne Stelling (James)

1161 Pallister Lane Cell: 407-830-1971 Birthday: September 25 Lake Mary, FL 32746 Email: <u>loraynes12@gmail.com</u> Originally from: Westfield, MA

Donna DiLisio-Yonkin (Larry)

149 E 8th St. Cell: 407-927-8727 Birthday: November 14 Chuluota, FL 32766 Email: <u>nanabmas@aol.com</u> Originally from: Hartford, CT

Returning Members

Kathleen McCabe

195 Adler Point Cell: 215-946-5230 Birthday: May 16 Oviedo, FL 32765 Email: <u>krem145@gmail.com</u> Originally from: Pennsylvania



YOUR HELP IS GREATLY 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.

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420



Thanks to Trisha, CHICK FLICKS will resume on Tuesday, March 29.

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 meet at the Oviedo Regal Mall Cinemas 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!

Please RSVP so that Trisha has a count for BJ's Restaurant.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



Cooking Club met in February, hosted by Dru Juhl, where we "Dined like Presidents." We taste tested favorite recipes of past Presidents including "Plains Special" Cheese Ring, savory Monkey Bread and Apple Pork Pie. On March 10, Cooking Club will meet at the home of Christine Shapin. Our theme is "The Luck of the Irish Green." All prepared dishes must be **naturally green**. If you enjoy trying new recipes and having good conversations with a small group, please consider joining us.

To participate in March, 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 Thursday, March 3. Come to Cooking Club on March 10 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 lucky green recipes. Participants limited to 10.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

At the February Book Club meeting, members agreed that our book, *The Offing* by Benjamin Myers was a more challenging read due to the poetic writing style and the unfamiliar English culture of the 1940s. As we read the print copy of the book, we also realized that we appreciate how easy it is to look up words on eBooks.

Hooked on Books Book Club is a wonderful place to make friends and have interesting discussions over a cup of coffee and a donut. Join us in March when we will be discussing *Maude* by Donna Foley Mabry. 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 – March 8 1:30 p.m. Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

MAR *Maude* by Donna Foley Mabry

- APR *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
- MAY Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty
- JUNE Eight Hundred Grapes by Laura Dave

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420 <u>tfuston@aol.com</u>

When: Tuesday – March 29 Where: Oviedo Regal Mall Cinemas

Members will receive an email to inform them of the Movie Title and Meeting Time the weekend before the screening.

Please RSVP to Trisha.

CHATTER ARTICLES



Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith at <u>smith4cr@gmail.com</u> by March 16.

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

Please RSVP to Betty Little.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2nd Thursday – March 10 12 p.m.

Where: Christine Shapin's home 1543 Braewick St. Winter Springs 32708

- Theme: The Luck of the Irish Green
- Limit: 10 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday, March 3 at 813-395-3611

Recipe name must be submitted by Thursday, March 3, 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 Tuskawilla 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.

I'd Rather Be (*) 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 February events on our Facebook page or our website.



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