

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



Hooray! It's Bingo time again. Let's enjoy an afternoon of fun playing one of your favorite games. After picking up your badge at the registration table, please have \$3 in cash available to purchase

a Bingo shutter card or \$5 for two shutter cards. (Exact change is greatly appreciated.) There will be a limit of two shutter cards per person in order to accommodate everyone who wants to play. We will have our general meeting and lunch, and then play a few games for prizes and a cash jackpot. Come join us at the Rio Pinar Country Club and make March 21 your lucky day for food, friendship, and fun.



LUNCHEON RESERVATION PROCEDURE

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 March 14, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

CANCELLATION AND WAITLIST

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 owed 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.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING March 21, 2024

Rio Pinar Clubhouse
8600 El Prado Ave.
Orlando, FL 32825

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

March Menu

Your Newcomers' board has been working to find new venues for our monthly luncheons. This month we will be dining at the Pine and Oak Tavern located in the historic Rio Pinar Clubhouse.

CHOICE OF FLATBREAD

Roasted Mushroom & Burrata Flatbread

Pesto, caramelized onion, arugula,
truffle honey balsamic

Mexican Pizza Flatbread

Blackened chicken, Monterey jack cheese, salsa roja,
salsa verde, lettuce, tomato, jalapeño, tajin crema

Blue Crab Flatbread

Alfredo, spinach, tomato, herb feta, old bay aioli

DESSERT

MINI BROOKIE: brownie batter, cookie dough,
marshmallows, chocolate drizzle

BEVERAGES

Coke Products
Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$30

Directions to Rio Pinar Clubhouse

8600 El Prado Ave., Orlando, FL 32825



From FL-417 Toll South:

Take exit 30 toward Curry Ford Rd. Turn right onto Curry Ford Rd. Turn right onto S. Chickasaw Trail. Turn right onto El Prado Ave. Destination will be on the right.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ladies,
This month we will be checking out a new venue for our luncheon – The Pine and Oak Tavern located in the Rio Pinar Clubhouse. I hope you will join us for Bingo and a new experience.

You may recall that last month I promised to highlight the Board positions in the Club, and we started with the position of President. This month I'd like to move to the position of First Vice President and Program Chair. This position is currently open, and we need a volunteer for next year (June 2024 through May 2025).

The First Vice President and Program Chair has three basic duties:

- 1) Arrange programs for the monthly Business/Luncheon meetings.
- 2) Form and oversee the committee for the annual installation of Officers.
- 3) Step in for the President in her absence. This would include chairing the Monthly Business/Luncheon meeting, Board meeting and any other functions that were necessary.

This means that the primary responsibility of the First Vice President and Program Chair is planning the programs or themes for the monthly luncheon meetings. Think of the position as a sort of Production Manager where you would scout talent and book the entertainment or speaker that you decided on for our luncheon.

This is not as daunting as it might seem because our traditions have already set about half of the programs. The Fashion Show has its own coordinator, and our two annual fundraisers are put on by Ways & Means. Typically, June and July are themed with no formal program. August is Bingo month and Simon, our trivia guy, is on hand for January.

If this sounds interesting to you, please contact me or Diana Engling, as we are putting together our slate of officers for next year right now.

Next month we'll talk about the position of Second Vice President and Luncheon Chair.

Mark your calendars for the April luncheon which will feature our annual Fashion Show. Make your reservations early!

See you there!

Sue



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.

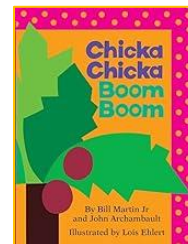
UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



- April 18 Fashion Show
Heathrow Country Club
- May 16 Installation of Officers
Macaroni Grill - Oviedo

Don't Forget!

Children's books will be collected at the March luncheon as part of A Gift for Teaching's Ready to Read Book Drive.



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 or text/call her at 407-616-8891.

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.



March Birthdays



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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Sharon DeRose | 15 Pauline Anderson |
| 2 Lona Love | 20 Bunny Hayden |
| 5 Maryellen McCullagh | 27 Sandie Blount |
| 7 Linda Selby | 29 Brenda H. Jones |
| 8 Diana Engling | 30 Helen Hoppmann |
| 11 Maria Clonch | 31 Sherry McFarland |



INSIDE THE ARTS

Chair: Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804
Sheri@imadyer.com

MARCH 13 4 p.m.

What: Trinity Preparatory School:
A Cappella Showcase

Where: Trinity Preparatory Auditorium
5700 Trinity Prep Lane,
Winter Park, 32792

Date: Wednesday, March 13 at 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10, Buy your ticket (Row E or F)
online at [TeachTix: Trinity Preparatory School - A Cappella Showcase](https://www.teachtix.com/showcase/Trinity-Preparatory-School-A-Cappella-Showcase)



Dinner Following: Texas Roadhouse
2859 Clayton Crossing Way, Oviedo 32765

Join us for this musical showcase featuring select choirs and the vocal society. For this outing, each member will buy their own seat online in Row E or Row F for \$10. Then email Sheri Dyer and tell her your seat number and Sheri will keep a list of those attending. If you want to know who has signed up and their seat...just email Sheri.

MARCH 23 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.



What: UpTown Art Expo
Where: Cranes Roost Park
Altamonte Springs
Date: Saturday, March 23
from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Cost: Free
Meet for lunch at 3 p.m. at Café Murano,
309 Cranes Roost Blvd.

Sign up: email Sheri Dyer at Sheri@imadyer.com

Please email Sheri so that she knows who plans to attend and have lunch. The list of attendees will be available if you are interested in carpooling to the event. Parking is available at the Altamonte Mall.

MEMBERSHIP



Chair: Diana Engling 407-256-3592
englingd@yahoo.com

Current Membership: 115

WAYS & MEANS



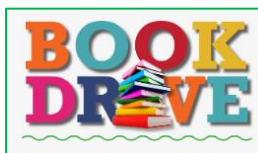
Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher 407-592-9573
Ronnie Telzer 407-577-7401

We had an eye-catching assortment of arts and crafts available for bids at our February 15 luncheon. Items ranged from floral arrangements and lithographs to original watercolors and hand-made earrings. Members brought in a total of 48 items that were offered for sale via silent auction bids. Twenty-nine of these items sold at the luncheon with final bids ranging from \$10 to \$45. These silent auction bids generated \$466. Flat-rate tables (with items priced for quick sale at \$1-\$5) also accounted for \$137 in sales.

We'd like to thank all the generous and talented donors who made this event such an outstanding fundraiser and enjoyable shopping experience. All told, this arts and crafts sale raised \$603 for the club. We'd like to thank the many buyers who purchased the arts and craft items (especially top spenders Tina Parrish, Tonia Thoms, Barbara Kalicki and Julie Jaeb)—and the club members who helped make the event run smoothly. The money raised from Ways & Means activities is used to help fund club operations. Any unsold works of art that were not returned to club members will be donated to a local charity thrift shop by Outreach Chair Barbara Tuson. We thank you all for your continuing support.

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson
barbara@tuson.us



March is National Reading Month, and we will be collecting new books to donate to A Gift for Teaching. Here is link with some ideas for good children's books covering ages one to twelve:

<https://reedsy.com/discovery/blog/best-childrens-books>



At a Gift for Teaching, we believe the simplest things can transform a child's life, including a book to discover a world beyond the classroom walls.



COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

Thanks to our fabulous hostess, Michele Marino, we had another great meeting in February. The theme for February should have been "Mishaps" instead of "Copycat," with all the "mishaps" so many of us had in the preparation or carrying of our dishes. Our retelling of our mishaps resulted in much laughter! Some of the recipes we sampled were Just Like Wendy's Chili, casseroles from Cracker Barrel, Carrabba's Rigatoni Martino, Hudson's Department Store Maurice Salad, Starbucks' Coffee Cake, See's Fudge and Twinkies! We have such a great group! Our newest member, Pat, confessed she doesn't really cook anymore, but she enjoys our group so much, she's making a cooking comeback.

On March 14, we will meet at Brenda Jones' home. The theme is Mardi Gras. Just Google Mardi Gras recipes, and you will find dozens of recipes. To add to this fun theme, please wear Mardi Gras colors, green, purple, gold or royal blue. Laissez le bon temps rouler!

To participate in March, 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 for our theme. Recipes must be submitted by email or text to Vicki by March 7. Please be aware we may reach our maximum participation number prior to March 7.

Come to Cooking Club on March 14 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed, and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. Please bring a disposable dish if you would like to take home any of the leftovers. If you enjoy trying new recipes, sampling new foods, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Participation is limited to 14 this month.



CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

No Chick Flicks for March.



Pop Tabs - Soda Cans and More!

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

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478
smith4cr@gmail.com



Well-intentioned secrets cause irreparable harm was our five-word description of *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. It seemed that almost every character (and there were many), was keeping secrets. February's meeting also found us discussing the difference between indentured servants and slaves and the hierarchy that existed on this Virginia plantation decades before the Civil War. The best part of our discussion centered around the importance of family.

Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions. Join us in March when we will be discussing the locked room mystery, *The Paris Apartment*, by Lucy Foley. To join us, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.



CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB

Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205
psritchie@gmail.com

Friday, March 1 & 15

The Crochet/Knitting Group had so much fun that we decided to meet twice a month. We will continue to meet at Dunkin' in Oviedo (the one in front of Lowe's on Red Bug Lake Rd.) on the first **and** third Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Paula looks forward to getting together and learning everyone's skill level. Please let Paula know if you will be attending the meeting.

WALKING CLUB

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420
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 March 17, 24 or 31. Please see page 5 for all of the details.



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of Central Florida, Inc.



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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

When: March 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

MAR *The Paris Apartment*
by Lucy Foley

APR *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 Years Old*
by Hendrik Groen

MAY *Tom Lake*
by Ann Patchett

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Chick Flicks will not meet in March.

Please join us at our next
event on April 23.



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

www.newcomerscfl.org

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

WEDNESDAYS

SCRABBLE

Sheri Dyer Sheri@imadyer.com

Scrabble is currently on hold.

LADIES BRIDGE – 4th Wednesday

Sue Horn 303-807-4088

When: 4th 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

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 Sue Horn.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2nd Thursday – March 14
12 noon

Where: Brenda Jones

677 Oneida Lane

Winter Springs 32708

Theme: Mardi Gras

Limit: 14 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,
March 7 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday,
March 7, to Vicki Nidzgorski at
vanum77@aol.com.



CHATTER articles are
due by **March 16**.
Please email articles
to Carol Smith at
smith4cr@gmail.com

FRIDAYS

CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB



Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205
psritchie@gmail.com

Let Paula know if you will be attending.
When: 1st and 3rd 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

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 Diana, 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

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 for March 17, 24 and 31

Where: Cranes Roost Park
Meet by Café Murano
Altamonte Springs
Parking: By AMC Movie Theater