



Our January 21 luncheon will feature a trivia competition hosted by Quiz Master Simon from Simon Time Trivia. 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.

"Last year's trivia competition proved to be so much fun for our members that we decided to bring Simon back for another round of friendly competition," said Co-VP-Programs Caroline Dawson.

For safety's sake, be sure to bring your own pen/pencil and paper if you plan to participate.

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.

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 14, 2021, THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE
LUNCHEON.**

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

Special Needs at Luncheons

For those who have difficulty walking into or out of our luncheon venues, or need help carrying your food plates at a buffet, please tell our Reservations team when you make your reservation. They will contact our Helping Hands team to assist you. Please **do not** call the venue.



LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

January 21, 2021

Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs
350 Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
Simon Time Trivia

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

Please be assured that COVID-19 safety protocols including proper distancing at tables and server precautions will be in place at the luncheon.

JANUARY MENU

ENTREES

Grilled Marinated Chicken Breast
with Roasted Tomato Orzo and Garden Vegetables

Southwestern Roasted Pork Loin
Topped with Caramelized Onions

Vegetarian: Farfalle Pasta Primavera
with Eggplant, Zucchini, Squash, Tomatoes and Peppers

SALAD AND SIDES

Mixed Garden Greens
Balsamic Vinaigrette or Buttermilk Ranch Dressing

Warm Rolls with Butter

DESSERT

Sheet Cake

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25

Directions to Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs

350 Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

- From I-4, take exit 92, go east on SR 436 to Northlake Blvd. Turn right onto Northlake Blvd. (1st street after I-4 exit) for approximately 1/2 mile. The Hilton hotel is on your right.
- From Oviedo or Winter Springs, take SR 436 to Northlake Blvd. Turn left onto Northlake Blvd., The Hilton hotel is approximately 1/2 mile on your right.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Ladies,
We had a very busy and productive December 2020. We had our first face-to-face Board Meeting poolside in my backyard. This meeting helped solidify plans for our December events.

Inside the Arts sponsored a "Coffee and Chat" gathering at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs on December 2. It was so nice to get together with people we had not seen in months. Lukas Nursery's Jan Tynes gave a very informative talk on planting herbs and plants that work well in Florida. Check the website under "Inside the Arts" for photos of this event.

Our December 10 holiday luncheon was also the first face-to-face meeting with the new administration and proved to be very successful. Timacuan Golf and Country Club continued its tradition of providing exceptional service and food. The Blue Hawaii Christmas show by Elvis tribute artist Peter Alden offered a much-needed escape from the current daily news and put us all in a festive mood. There were 13 holiday baskets, wreaths and other items that were auctioned off to provide additional operating funds for the club. In total, this auction raised \$450 for Ways & Means--a very impressive amount! Thank you to everyone who participated either as a donor or a bidder. I received a lovely expression of thanks with the beautiful gifted poinsettia that filled my heart. You are a gracious club.

New Year's Eve is on its way. Please be safe and take no chances that would impact your health. It's only one evening. I want to see each of you in 2021 which promises to be a better year. Happy 2021 to all!

Betty Little

MISSING BANNER



We're on the lookout for the Newcomers' banner used at events. Please check to see if you are housing the banner and advise Betty Little. Here's a photo of one of the times it was proudly displayed.



WAYS & MEANS

Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher
Ronnie Telzer



Thank you for helping Ways & Means raise an impressive \$450 from the sale of donated holiday gift baskets, wreaths and other merchandise at the December luncheon. The Gift Card Christmas Tree, donated by the Cooking Club, attracted ten bids and brought in \$90 for the club--the highest bid received for any of the 13 available items. In total, there were seven baskets, two wreaths, and four miscellaneous donations. Every item donated was sold!

First, we'd like to thank the members, guests and interest groups who donated the beautiful and festive items for the silent auction:

Book Club, Cooking Club, Chick Flicks/Margie Rick, Susan DeTemple, Trisha Fuston, Linda Gallagher, Janine Johnson, Jojo Keller, Betty Little, Lona Love, Tina Parrish, Sharon Prescott and Ronnie Telzer.



December luncheon basket auction

Second, we'd like to give special kudos to our winning auction bidders listed here with the names of the items they won: Barb Kalicki-- "Be Safe" and "Christmas Goodies"; Jojo Keller-- "Gingerbread Joy," "Gift Card Christmas Tree," and "Baking Basket"; Myrna Page--"Christmas Time"; Deborah Natcher--"Reader's Delight"; Betty Little--"Happy New Year" and "White/Gold Christmas Wreath"; Bunny Hayden--"Let's Do Lunch"; Tina Parrish--"Handmade Holiday Treasures"; Vicki Nidzgorski--"Red/Green Christmas Wreath"; and Dru Juhl--"At the Movies."

If you didn't make it to the December luncheon--don't worry. We plan to hold another basket auction in the next few months.



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chairs: Dru Juhl & Barbara Kalicki

Thank you so much for the non-perishable food items donated at our December luncheon. There is such an overwhelming need this year, and you came through as usual! The food was very happily received by The Sharing Center in Longwood.

Please continue collecting the can tabs for Ronald McDonald House and bring them to any luncheon.

For January, we will be collecting personal (travel size) care items such as: soap, lotions, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Whatever you can give is appreciated!

Thank you again for all your generosity.

Dru Juhl and Barbara Kalicki



January Birthdays



- 1 Barbara Moore
- 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
- 27 Terry Becker
- 30 Solly Haber

INSIDE THE ARTS



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

Congo River Golf

When: Wednesday, January 13

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: 12193 East Colonial Dr., Orlando

Join your friends for a fun morning of miniature golf. We can safely socialize outdoors and feel safe from the virus. Please bring a mask. While no reservation is required, it would be helpful for us to have an idea of how many ladies to expect. Text or email Linda or Helen, and they will send you a response.

NOTE: The back nine has stairs to climb! If you choose, play the front nine twice with different holes to score.

Save the Date

When: Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Event: Blue Springs State Park to see the manatees

Cost: \$6 entrance fee

What to bring: bag lunch and a chair

See next month's *Chatter* for more information.



Ladies, I Need Your Help!

Thank you to all those who have let a Board member know of a member who could use a card from our group! I appreciate the help as I am not always aware of members who are ill, had surgery, lost a loved one or just need some encouragement. In addition, the Board voted this past August to send out Birthday cards to our members during this Pandemic. We hope you have or will enjoy your Birthday card.

You can email me at vanum77@aol.com or call/text me at 813-395-3611.

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Nidzgorski

MEMBERSHIP



Chair: Brenda Jones 407-366-7751

Current Membership: 123

Please make these changes in your newest directory.

New Address:

Mike Frazier: 44936 Shore Drive
 Tall Timbers, MD 20690
 Phone: 240-317-5255

COOKING CLUB



Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

Cooking Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday, January 14 at noon. Our theme this month is "Bake Off." Get your frustrations out, pound some bread dough! January should be cool enough to turn those ovens on. We are returning to our original format of making a recipe you have never made before. Therefore, you MUST make your recipe PRIOR to our Zoom meeting. Try it out on your household or your neighbors and get their feedback. As in the past, please RSVP to me (Vicki) by January 7 with one or two recipes you are willing to prepare. I will confirm one of your recipes and your participation. Due to Zoom time constraints, participation has to be limited to 8-10.



December Cooking Club lunch at Marlow's Tavern

HOOKED ON BOOKS



The book club met in December via Zoom to discuss *The Midwife's Confession* by Diane Chamberlain. This story of deep and abiding friendships between women, along with secrets and betrayals, led to quite an interesting conversation.

The Zoom format will continue to be used for our January meeting on Tuesday, January 14, at 1:30, when the book *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith will be discussed. This award winning book was described as "an iconic Florida book that has resonated with generations of Floridians in helping people understand the history of this remarkable state." To join the meeting, please contact Carol Smith at smith4cr@gmail.com by Thursday, January 7, in order to receive the Zoom invitation and a copy of the discussion questions.



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

Marge Ahearn 407-834-5625

Mah Jongg is currently on hold.

TUESDAYS

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Joan Bové 407-971-3911

nurseynurs@icloud.com

When: Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Currently meeting via Zoom

Email Carol Smith by
January 7 to receive a
meeting invitation:
smith4cr@gmail.com

JAN *A Land Remembered*
by Patrick Smith

FEB *In An Instant*
by Suzanne Redfearn

MAR *The Vanishing Half*
by Brit Bennett

APR *Apeirogon*
by Colum McCann

CHICK FLICKS

Margie Rick 732-763-5277

mrick1953@gmail.com

Chick Flicks is currently on hold.

CHATTER ARTICLES

Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol
Smith by the 16th of the month. Send
articles to smith4cr@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE - 1st Wednesday

Sue Horn

Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088

LADIES BRIDGE - 4th Wednesday

Pat McRee

407-359-1228 patmcree@bellsouth.net

*Both bridge groups are currently on
hold.*

ON-LINE LADIES BRIDGE



Several of the bridge players have been
playing on-line bridge using trickster.com
while we can't play in person. 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:
Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088

THURSDAYS

BOARD MEETING

Betty Little 407-719-3066

brlittle7@gmail.com

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

Where: TBD

Please RSVP to Betty Little.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2nd Thursday - January 14
11:30 a.m.

Where: Zoom

Theme: Bake Off

Limit: 8-10 participants

Recipe submissions and RSVP for the
Zoom meeting on January 14 should be
submitted to Vicki Nidzgorski
at vanum77@aol.com by January 7.

See more
pictures of our
December events
on our website:



www.newcomerscfl.org

FRIDAYS

BUNKO - Dacey Bunkettes

Lona Love sunsh132@bellsouth.net

We hope to be able to meet again soon.

When: 2nd 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: 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.

**Please be aware that
some Newcomers
activities are currently
on hold due to the
COVID-19 concerns.**

**Contact the group
leader for more
information.**