



Arts and Crafts Silent Auction



Come join us February 15 for a gala Arts and Crafts luncheon and silent auction fundraiser. You'll have a chance to bid on a wide variety of framed and matted works of art, prints, posters, crafts, cards, picture frames and sculptures donated or created by club members. There will also be a flat-rate bargain table. This will be a great opportunity to change out some of your existing pieces and replace them with works of art and crafts donated by other club members. So check your hallways, rooms and closets for unwanted items--or perhaps create something new just for the auction to showcase your unique talent!



If you have items to donate, please bring them in on the day of the luncheon. Fill out a separate donor form for each item, set your minimum bid, and let us know if you would like any unsold items returned to you. Donations in all price ranges are welcome. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charitable thrift store--a win-win for everyone. Remember to bring a check or cash to pay for any winning auction bids. All proceeds benefit Ways & Means which helps support club operations. Also contact Linda Gallagher or Ronnie Telzer if you have something to donate and cannot attend the February luncheon. Thank you for your support!

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 February 8, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING February 15, 2024

Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs
350 S. Northlake Blvd.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

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

February Menu

ENTRÉE

Chicken Piccata:
Lightly Battered Sautéed Chicken Breast
with Lemon Caper Sauce
Vegetarian Meal: Chef's Choice

SIDES

Hilton House Salad:
Mixed Greens Topped with Pear Tomatoes & Shredded
Carrots and Served with Peppercorn Ranch or
Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Chef's Selection of Fresh Vegetables
Freshly Baked Bread with Sweet Cream Butter

DESSERT

Newcomers' Cake

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$30

Directions to Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs

350 S. 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., go about 1/2 mile and see the Hilton on your right.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ladies,
 As you may have noticed, I often use this space to encourage our members to join the Executive Board in support of their club. I've also spent several articles extolling the incredible jobs that our Board members do. At this time, I would like to use this column to honor our Board members and encourage new participation on the Board by highlighting the different board positions. You can find the specific duties of each position in the by-laws. These articles will focus on the activities necessary to accomplish those duties. This month, the spotlight is on the position of President.

The position of President is primarily one of oversight, organization and vision. It is the responsibility of the President to ensure that we have an overall plan that will meet club obligations. That plan includes coordination of activities, execution of duties, such as the annual budget, election of officers and transfer of leadership. Please note that the President doesn't DO all these things. Each Board member assumes their share of the responsibilities, and the President ensures that all those pieces come together to accomplish our goals. In addition to these main duties, the President puts out reminders for activities and other needed communication to club members. I encourage anyone interested in the position of President to contact me at 303-807-4088 or swfhorn@aol.com.



Next month's column will focus on the position of Vice President-Programs. I look forward to seeing you at the Arts and Crafts Silent Auction.

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.

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



March 21 Bingo
 Rio Pinar Country Club
 April 18 Fashion Show
 Heathrow Country Club

OVER 18 POUNDS of POP TABS!



Barb Tuson, our Outreach Chair, took over 18 pounds – yes, *pounds* – of pop tabs that you have donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Please continue collecting the pop tabs and bring them to the next luncheon.



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.

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.

Happy Valentine's Day



February Birthdays

- 4 Debbie Arblaster
- 4 Belinda Wadas
- 8 Carmen Bizjack
- 10 Sheri Dyer
- 17 Vicki Nidzgorski
- 18 Christine Shapin
- 20 T. Kay White
- 22 Nancy Bond
- 23 Barbara Kalicki
- 23 Susan Murray



MEMBERSHIP

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

Current Membership: 115

Please add these members in your newest directory:

New Members

Nancy Bond

675 Oneida Lane
Cell: 407-645-1706

Winter Springs, FL 32708
Email: silverbond.nb@gmail.com

Margareth Lauer

3777 Heirloom Rose Place
772-321-1105

Oviedo, FL 32766
Email: norski20@outlook.com



CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Tuesday, February 27

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 407-577-7401

Please Join Us

**Silent Arts and Crafts Auction
February 15 Luncheon
Hilton Orlando-Altamonte Springs**

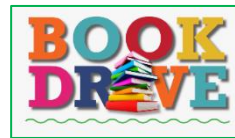
Please bring your donations for the Arts and Crafts Auction to the luncheon. You will need to fill out a donation form for each item you donate. This form can be found on page 6 of the *Chatter*. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please contact Linda or Ronnie and arrange to give us your items. Thanks for supporting our February fundraiser!



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson
barbara@tuson.us

I want to thank everyone for their generous donations of socks for our *Knock Your Socks Off* campaign. We collected 168 pairs of men's socks, 239 pairs of women's socks and 427 pairs of children's socks for a total of **834** pairs of socks. I will be delivering them to Safe House of Seminole, Orlando Union Rescue Mission, Covenant House, and One Heart for Women and Children.



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>

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

CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB

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



Friday, February 2

The Crochet/Knitting Group got off to a good start with six ladies at our January meeting. We will continue to meet at Dunkin' in Oviedo (the one in front of Lowe's on Red Bug Lake Rd.) on the first 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.



INSIDE THE ARTS

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

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.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

did exactly what a good historical fiction book should do — it had us turning to Google to learn more about Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune. Brenda Jones provided a great five-word description of the book: Interracial Friendship That Changed America.



The manager of Dunkin' surprised our group with samples of their featured Red Velvet donut. Coffee (tea), donuts, and an interesting book discussion — what a great way to start the new year!

Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions. Join us in February 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.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



In January, we gathered at Patti Zedo's to taste test our Celebrity Recipes. Patti was the "hostess with the mostess!" She even provided wet wipes to clean us up after our chicken wings! Betty White's Chicken Wings were a hit. Brenda advised that you should add an extra 30 minutes to the recipe to clean the sheet pan! The wings would be good for a Super Bowl party. We welcomed new member Pat Neal and her Trisha Yearwood Slow Cooker Macaroni and Cheese, another winning recipe. Katherine Hepburn's Brownies and William Shatner's Cappuccino Muffins were a little too dry for us. We had so much fun, we forgot to take photos!

On February 8 we will meet at Michele Marino's. The theme will be Copycat Recipes. Think restaurant recipes that have been copied, like Olive Garden Gnocchi soup, Neiman Marcus cookies, Starbucks Lemon Bread, etc.

To participate in February, 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. Ensure your participation by emailing or texting your recipe to Vicki by February 1.

Come to Cooking Club on February 8 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.



WALKING CLUB

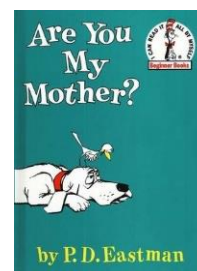
Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420
tfuston@aol.com

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 February 11. Please see page 5 for all of the details.

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.





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

When: February 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'
3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

FEB *The Kitchen House*
by Kathleen Grissom

MAR *The Paris Apartment*
by Lucy Foley

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

When: Tuesday, February 27

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
January 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 – February 8
12 noon

Where: Michele Marino
409 Park Lake Dr.,
Winter Springs 32708
Gated community

Theme: Copycat Recipes

Limit: 12 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,
February 1 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday,
February 1, to Vicki Nidzgorski at
[vanum77@aol.com](mailto:v anum77@aol.com).



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

FRIDAYS

CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB

New!

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

Let Paula know if you will be attending.

When: 1st 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

New!

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420
Call Trisha to RSVP

When: Each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Except February 11

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



Arts and Crafts Silent Auction Bidding Form 2024

Item Name: _____

Approximate Value (if known): _____

Brief Description (for identification and informational purposes):

Donated By: _____

Please check here if you want your donated item returned to you in the event that there are no bidders. Otherwise, any unsold items will be donated to Outreach to benefit a local charity thrift shop.

Minimum Opening Bid: _____

Bid Amount:

Bidder Name:

- 1. _____ Name: _____
- 2. _____ Name: _____
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- 14. _____ Name: _____
- 15. _____ Name: _____

(Please use reverse sheet for additional bids if necessary)