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LUNCHEON on January 19 Gather at 11:30 with lunch at noon



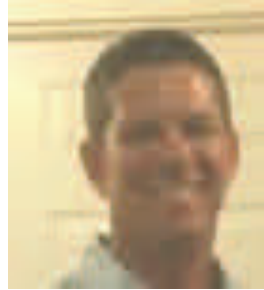
Stoneybrook Golf
Club

2900 Northampton
Ave., Orlando
Phone: 407-384-6888

Directions:

Go south on Alafaya
Trail. Stoneybrook is
past both the Water-
ford Lakes and East-
wood communities.

JOHN
POLK



***Come and
celebrate the beginning of 2012
at our New Year's Party. John
Polk will bring us KARAOKE,
dance, laughter and fun. John is
known as the "Hat Man" and
entertains throughout Florida.***

***This is a continuation of our
20th year anniversary!***

MENU

Entrée—Choose One

Braised Beef Tips with
red bliss mashed potatoes
and green beans al-
mondine. Salad appetizer

OR

Baked Mahi Mahi with
citrus wine & dill sauce,
with vegetable rice pilaf &
vegetable of the day.
Salad appetizer

OR

Tuscan Chicken Salad:
artisan greens with grilled
chicken, roasted red pep-
per, carrot ribbons, herbed
croutons, artichoke hearts,
European cucumber, red
onions and roma tomato.
Hearty tomato vegetable
and rice soup appetizer

Dessert:

Molten Lava Cake with
fresh whipped cream &
berry garnish

**Coffee, tea, iced tea, soft
drinks, or lemonade.
Rolls and butter.**

**\$23 inclusive
Cash or check**

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PROCEDURES FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Call for reservations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. according to your last name's initial. Please spell your last name, give your phone number and your choice of entrée. You will receive a phone confirmation within 24 hours—if you do NOT get a confirmation by then, call again. You must be confirmed. Thanks! **NO E-MAILS.**

A-L Nancy Small 407-359-9144 M-Z Barb Wiseman 407-365-9121

You may pay by **CASH** or **CHECK** (made out in advance to Newcomers of Central Florida, Inc.) and pick up your name tag at the Welcome table. Pre-arrange payment for guests.

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M. ON THE MON-
DAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON (Jan. 16). ANY CANCELLATIONS
AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL REIMBURSE THE CLUB.**



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hi Ladies,

I hope you're all enjoying the holidays in a more relaxed way than I. When I came back to Florida after Thanksgiving, I hit the ground running. I've had a major activity every day and at times, was double booked. That continues until the 18th of December and then suddenly everything stops. How weird! I'll appreciate the break because my family arrives shortly after for Christmas in Florida this year so the holidays will be very special for me.

One of the highlights of all this activity was the Cookie Exchange and High Tea presented and organized by Christine and John Porter. All of us who attended were in awe of what these two wonderful and creative people had done. The whole afternoon was magnificent, and I want to be number one on the list to attend if they offer it again next year. Thank you John and Christine.

Our Christmas party was not meant to be. Through no fault of Newcomers, it had to be cancelled. Thank you Susan and Judy for all your efforts to get the party up and running. You certainly did everything you could on your end.

I must say our December luncheon was certainly among the top ten fabulous luncheons. We had an outstanding turn-out of 71 members. The ladies who make up the group Hot Co-

coa were phenomenal. They presented a great variety of songs and marvelous voices that entertained us all. They led us in a sing-along, and even some dancing could be seen on one side of the room. Hmmm. Maison & Jardin was wonderful as usual. The service and food were top-notch. There was a lot of activity with our drawings and the special Tea Cup raffle. Rosemary Kubanet won the free luncheon. Solly Haber got a \$10 gift card. Louise Gallagher won the gift certificate to Le Coq au Vin. Sharon DeRose won a bottle of wine and Cathleen Finch won the 50/50 drawing of \$89. Lucky winners in the Tea Cup Raffle included Linda Gallagher, Mary Jane Godfrey, Joan Bové, and Lorraine Barnett.

See you at Stoneybrook Country Club in January.
Joan L

FOCUS ON OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

In keeping alive the spirit of our 20th anniversary year celebration, we wish to acknowledge and thank the former presidents for sharing their memories with us. We would not be enjoying the success of the present club without the hard work and dedication of those who served in the past.

Joan Bové: 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2009-2010, 2010-2011

After working as a registered nurse for so many, many, many (I lost count) years, I retired. Since my husband was retired, we decided with trepidation to relocate to sunny Florida to be with our daughter and her family.

It wasn't easy leaving New York and all my close friends, not to mention all the Broadway shows that I dearly loved. The first year here was really

hard for me. I was lost and not knowing anyone, I thought I had made a mistake moving here. Then I met a woman who suggested I call the Newcomers group of ladies. I did and was started on a path that brought me to this writing.

My introduction to the Newcomers of Central Florida was a delightful experience. I was made to feel at home: the members could not have been friendlier. At first I attended luncheons and met several ladies that I am happy to say are now my good friends. Little by little I began to join the various activities. The more activities I joined, the more friends I made. They taught me Mah Jongg, Bunco, and Euchre. I did Inside the Arts, Ballooning, Sky Diving, Book Club, Pot Luck and many more things I never did in my other life.

Over the years, I have involved myself with many good friends and never looked back. I still have friends in New York but I don't ever want to go back. I love being active with the Newcomers and hope to be involved for many years to come.

In closing, I want you to know that many of you are the sisters I never had.

Linda Selby: 2004-2005

After moving to Florida in February of 1995, reluctantly leaving many friends in Atlanta, I attended a luncheon with NCF. The first thing I learned in this precarious situation was that the club needed a treasurer. My immediate reaction, having been in a Newcomers' club in Atlanta, was to RUN. But their calmer heads prevailed, and knowing that I would

have access to lots of new people and friends, I accepted. I have many wonderful memories of the past 15 years and especially of my year as President, 2004-05. The acquaintances and friends I made are too numerous to list. All the ladies on the board were industrious and talented. One of my fondest memories is Linda Fessel reading her minutes of meetings. I wish I could share all of them with you. She could be a comedic writer. She described the book "Purple Hat Gang" as Red Hatters for Adolescents. When one member brought her granddaughter to a luncheon, Linda reported that the little girl showed unusual wisdom for one so young and completely ignored the proceedings and played with her toys. During my tenure, we had several untimely events including speaker cancellations, lost Powerpoint presentations, denied use of a restaurant's piano. I could go on but the height of insult was when Hurricane Charlie sneaked in on us in August 2004 and cancelled our luncheon at Straub's restaurant. Most Floridians couldn't remember a hurricane moving so far inland! But our new adventures were rewarding: Limoncello, Crazy Buffet and my favorite, Fort Christmas Historical Park. We learned about the Florida Crackers and toured the fort -- a lovely March outing with great friends. Thanks for all the memories.

BOARD MEETING



Thursday, January 5

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Perkins on West University near Forsyth Rd.



MEMBERSHIP by Tina Parrish

We are 173 strong!

January Birthdays

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------|
| Linda | Hargreaves | 2 Jan |
| Beulah | Ali-Carr | 4 Jan |
| Nancy | Small | 7 Jan |
| Pat | Shaughnessy | 9 Jan |
| Rosemary | Kubanet | 12 Jan |
| Pat | McRee | 14 Jan |
| Dietgard "DiDi" | Schenker | 14 Jan |
| Judy | Babine | 18 Jan |
| Georgeann | Clemons | 19 Jan |
| Cyndi | Kraus | 19 Jan |
| Claudia | Hughey | 25 Jan |
| Terry | Becker | 27 Jan |
| Solly | Haber | 30 Jan |



**Happy
Birthday!!!**

Welcome Our New Members!

Susan Burrows, B'day: 27 Aug, 11474 Swift Water Cir.,
Orlando, FL, 32817 Phone: 407-273-0532 Cell
407-718-9355 E-mail: susanon17@yahoo.com

Muriel Laumark, B'day: 9 May, 1624 Mercer's Fernery Rd.,
Deland, FL, 32720 Phone: 386-738-3908
Interests: Special Events, local trips, plays, movies,
pot lucks

MaryAnn Rubini, B'day: 30 Aug, 649 Tapatio Ln.,
Kissimmee, FL 34759 Cell 407-406-4361
E-mail: mmm649@hotmail.com

Linda Bilderback, B'day: 14 May, 515 Sand Wedge Lp.,
Apopka FL, 32712 Phone: 407-814-3327
Cell 707-349-2112 E-mail: JimLinda@930gmail.com
Interests: Helping Hands, Luncheons, Reservations,
Special Events

Norma LeBedz, B'day: 3 Mar., 360 Golf Brook Cir.,
Apt. 104, Longwood, FL 32779
Phone: 321-422-0682 Cell 904-540-7165
E-mail: norma.jeanl@yahoo.com
Interests: Helping Hands, Special Events

2011-2012 OFFICERS

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| President | Joan Lenard | 407-671-8454 |
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| Treasurer | Brenda Jones | 407-366-7751 |
| Parliamentarian | Sharon Frumkin | 321-765-4804 |

COMMITTEES

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
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| | Martha Cirrotti | 407-366-3673 |
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| | Nancy Small | 407-359-9144 |
| | Ellen Brighton | 703-623-9968 |
| Ways & Means | Solly Haber Sylvia Abolafia | 321-972-5521 407-862-5338 |

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bridge | Pat McRee | 407-359-1228 |
| | Sim Horst | 407-678-2961 |
| Bunko Belles | Mary Ward | 407-366-3015 |
| Bunko Babes | | |
| Mondays | Sharen Isham | 407-380-1676 |
| 4th Thurs | Gloria Irwin | 407-331-6147 |
| 2nd Thurs | Tina Parrish | 407-359-1497 |
| Chick Flicks | Oviedo-Susan Murray | 407-375-9417 |
| | WFord- Nevine Snyder | 407-381-4408 |
| | | |
| Hooked on Books | Denise Tucker | 407-542-6518 |
| Inside the Arts | Ronnie Telzer | 407-365-1580 |
| | Tracy Pappafotis | 407-234-8955 |
| Mah Jongg | Mike Frazier | 407-365-5251 |
| Pot Luck Dining | Joan Bové | 407-971-3911 |
| Let's Do It | Pat Brizel Nancy Ruscitti | 407-277-2070 407-366-2213 |



INTEREST GROUPS

BUNKO GROUPS



Bunko Belles
2nd Wednesday, Jan. 11 **11:30 a.m.**
Judy Babine **321-972-8510**

Salad Bunko
3rd Monday, Jan. 16 **noon**
Anne Lowe **407-737-6858**

Bunko Belles
4th Thursday, Jan. 26 **6:30 p.m.**
Gloria Irwin **407-331-6147**

Bunko
2nd Thursday, Jan. 12 **noon**
Tina Parrish **407-359-1497**



MAH JONGG

Joan Bové 407-971-3911



Monday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Bring lunch, drink and \$4 in change.
 We play every Monday at Riverside Communi-
 ty Center in Oviedo. A monthly fee of \$3 or
 \$4 is required. No play on 1/2 and 1/16.

ORDER YOUR COUPON BOOKS NOW

Thank you for helping us sell Enjoy the
 City Orlando Coupon Books.

We have only 8 books left! The person
 who purchases the last book will get a
 prize.

Please call Sylvia at 407-862-5338 or
 Solly at 321-972-5521

Outreach



Thank you so much for supporting Safe
 House of Seminole County. Your generosity was truly
 appreciated. Look for a report in the February Chat-
 ter of what we provided for the kids. In March, we
 will start a new support program for The Coalition
 for the Homeless...stayed tuned!

Pot Luck Dining

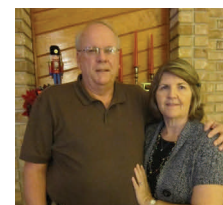
Saturday, Jan. 7

Time: 6:30 p.m.



Hosts:
Wendy and Harry Jackson
 14213 Ludgate Hill Lane
 Orlando, FL 32828
 Phone 407-384-0771 to RSVP. Remember to
 bring your own bottle!

Many thanks to our
 December hosts,
 Don and Brenda Jones



Let's play BUNKO !!



The 2nd Thursday (Jan. 11) at noon Bunko group is re-
 forming. If you would like to play, contact Tina Parrish at
 407-359-1497. No experience necessary!



Hooked on Books

Denise Tucker

407-542-6518

Or e-mail

mrsdenisetucker@aol.com

We meet the third Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Tremont on Red Bug Lake Road



Jan. 17- Minding Frankie by Maeve Binchy
 Feb. 21- This Burning Land by Jennifer Griffin
 Mar. 20 – Sing You Home by Jodi Picoult



CHICK FLICKS

Last Tuesday of the month!
 We alternate between Oviedo Mall and Waterford Lakes Mall theaters

An e-mail will be sent the weekend before the meeting date. If you do not have e-mail, please call the chairperson to find out the start time and to RSVP. A dinner option is provided, so please RSVP to either or both.

Susan Murray—Oviedo 407-375-9417
 Nevine Snyder — Waterford Lakes 407-381-4408

Oviedo Mall
 January 31

MYSTERY BUS RIDE

SAVE FEBRUARY 25, 2012

TIME OF DEPARTURE BY 8:30 AM
 RETURN 6:00 PM APPROXIMATE
 COST \$60 PP ALL-INCLUSIVE

We are planning to ride in comfort on a 28 passenger bus. Your destination is a MYSTERY....

The bus almost full, so sign up now!
 Please let your friends and neighbors know about this fun Newcomers first!

Please call Sylvia at 407-862-5338 or Solly 321-972-5521. All reservations and checks must be in by January 15. Make checks payable to Newcomers of Central Florida, Inc. No refunds unless we have a waiting list.

LADIES BRIDGE

Every fourth Wednesday.
 January 25.

The Tremont is located next to Macaroni Grill at 7015 Red Bug Lake Road, phone 407-359-5787.

Make your reservation with either of the Chairs:

Pat McRee
 407-359-1228

Sim Horst
 407-678-2961

patmcree@bellsouth.net skhorst@embarqmail.com



Correspondence

By Louise Gallagher

Thank You Card: Reimund & Sandy Pitz, Le Coq Au Vin
 Get Well Card: Marcella Adams, Mary Ward, Nellis Bushnell,
 Mike Frazier

Thinking of You Card: Pat Brizel

If you know of any member going through a difficult time, please let me know.

Louise Gallagher 321-765-4371





Cookie Exchange and High Tea



Hosts John and Christine Porter



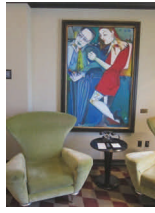
Amazing Desserts!



Inside the Arts Orlando Skyline Tour Featuring the Grand Bohemian Hotel



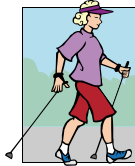
Docent Rose Garlick shows model of downtown



Debby Roberts, gallery director at the Grand Bohemian



Let's Do It !!



Hike It Off

Let's go for a leisurely hike in the Black Hammock Wilderness. We'll meet on Wednesday, January 18th, 9:00 a.m. at the McDonalds at 1605 E. Mitchell Hammock Rd. in Oviedo for coffee. Then we'll go on our hike. This hike is a 4.5 mile loop (we can stop anytime) that is relatively new. It starts with crushed stone, turns into a boardwalk and then narrows to a shaded trail. There is a 0.9 connector from the Econ Barr St. trailhead, but we'll start at the trailhead at the end of Howard Avenue. Pack a picnic lunch and bug spray. Should be lots of fun! Call Nancy Ruscitti 407-366-2213.

Inside the Arts

Orange County Regional History Center, Thursday, January 26, 2012



We will have an opportunity to view the center's permanent collections which showcase 12,000 years of Central Florida history, including a pioneer cracker home and a 1927-era courtroom. Also at the museum in late January are two special traveling exhibits: "The Serious Art of Make Believe from the Archives of the Universal Orlando Resort" and "Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente."

Meeting time: 10-10:15 a.m. at the History Center entrance, 65 East Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801, telephone 407-836-8500. Our guided tour will begin at 10:15 a.m. and end at about 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$6 group rate per person, payable at the first floor front desk. Cash and credit cards accepted.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at a restaurant within walking distance of the museum. You can dine with the group or choose your own place!

Archivist session: 1 p.m.-1:45 p.m.: We will meet with archivist Garret Kremer-Wright promptly at 1 p.m. to view the Newcomers' scrapbook and learn more about the history of our club and the preservation of valuable documents. Meet at the desk on the first floor.

Departure time: No later than 2 p.m.

Parking: Handicapped parking is available behind the museum on Washington Street. A City Parking Garage is located across from the Orlando Public Library at 112 E. Central Blvd., Orlando. Parking there is \$2 per hour.

Accessibility: The History Center is completely accessible with two wheelchairs available for patrons' use.

Deadline: Please sign up by January 20, 2012. E-mail Ronnie@telzer.com, call Ronnie at 407-365-1580 or sign the clip board at the January luncheon.

SAVE THESE DATES!
Arnold Palmer Golf Tournament
at Bay Hill is March 19-25, 2012.



Linda Bilderbeck, guest of Rosemary Kubanet



Liz Payer, Pat Pepler and guest Ann Mayer



New member Maureen McBride with Robin and Kimber McLaren



Guest Pat Bearden, Linda Hargreaves, Diane Olivi, Terry Mulvihill



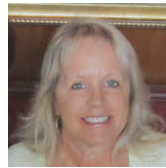
Patty Crews, Susan Murray and guest Norma Lebedz



Sharon DeRose won a bottle of wine and Louise Gallagher won a gift certificate to Le Coq Au Vin.



Solly Haber won a Boston's Fish House gift card and Rosemary Kubanet won the free lunch.



50/50 winner Cathleen Finch had to leave before receiving her \$89 !



Hot Cocoa performed swing tunes and traditional Holiday music.



Standing: Joan Lenard, Gloria Irwin, Judy Babine, Solly Haber, Joan Bove. Seated: Lisa Batcho, Pat Fluno



Patti Campbell, Chris Boffi, Linda Smith, Linda Gallagher



Susan Morrow, Aileen Steed and Betsy Dhuyvetter



Ann Sarnelli and Shirley Thomas



Terry Becker, Sherry McFarland, Pat Brizel and Helen Terefinko



Birthday girls Sharon Frumkin, Linda Gallagher, Kimber McLaren, Joann Skoropowski, Barbara Zeyn and Barbara Miles (seated)



Historians Rosemary Kubanet and Kathy McCullar finally get their pictures taken!



Past Pres. Dru Juhl and Christine Porter who hosted the cookie exchange and tea.

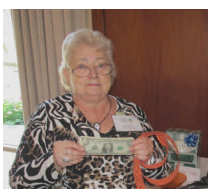


Past Pres. Lynne Snowden and VP Programs Judy Babine



Bridge co-chairs Sim Horst and Pat McRee

The Tea Cup Raffle Winners



Ways and Means Chair Solly Haber selling tickets to the raffle.



Mary Jane Godfrey models the shawl she won.



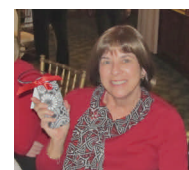
Barbara Zeyn won the three piece luggage set.



Helen Terefinko won the purse.



Joan Bove won the drink dispenser.



Linda Gallagher won the umbrella and a bath set.



Lorraine Barnett won the tea set.

NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.



















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Just Friends we haven't met!*

PO Box 620384 Oviedo, FL 32765-0384

See the Chatter in color at www.newcomerscfl.org

January 2012

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