



BINGO!

Ladies, it's time to warm up those vocal cords so you can shout it loud and proud: "BINGO!"

March is the month for one of our club's favorite luncheon activities. It's the game that requires focus, careful listening and hand-eye coordination as you slide your Bingo card windows to unveil winning numbers in vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines. Based on attendance, we will have either one or two Bingo cards available for purchase at \$3 each or \$5 for two. Gift card prizes will be awarded to those lucky enough to "march" to the winner's circle (pun intended). There will also be a cash prize for the full-card Bingo winner. Hopefully St. Patrick will intervene, and the luck of the Irish will kick in for you.

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

LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

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.



Call Paula Ritchie at 407-222-5205 to cancel or to be put on a waitlist.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

March 20, 2025

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

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

March Menu

ENTRÉE

CONRAD CHICKEN BREAST
Oven Roasted Chicken Breast
with Rosemary and Garlic

SIDES

HILTON HOUSE SALAD
Mixed Greens with Pear Tomatoes and Shredded Carrots
Served with a Selection of 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 Orlando Hilton – 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 the Hilton 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

Greetings Ladies,

Welcome to spring in Florida! One day the temperature is 52 in the morning, and the next day it reaches 82 by the afternoon. It is also the time that your

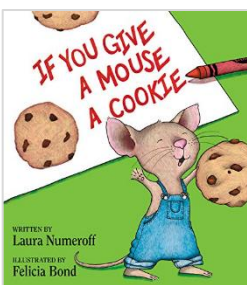
Board is scheduling lots of programs and events--all detailed in your *Chatter*. Please check out the upcoming luncheon programs (March Bingo, April Fashion Show, May installation of new officers, etc.). Then take a look at the many options you have for upcoming Inside the Arts activities. Don't miss our upcoming charitable events that support our community.

Your Board continues to look for new and "favorite repeat" programs and event locations for you. Do you have some ideas for new programs or events? Let us know! Better yet, join one of the Board committees for next year. We shared the proposed 2025-2026 slate of officers at our recent luncheon and will be voting on it at the April luncheon. Call me or call any Board member!

The more people who are involved, the better our options will be!

Please join me at our next luncheon at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs for some rounds of Bingo. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sue



Don't Forget!

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



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

April 17 Dillard's Fashion Show
Heathrow Country Club

May 15 Installation of Officers
Macaroni Grill - Oviedo



March Birthdays

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

LUNCHEON WINNERS



The 50-50 jackpot went over \$100 which means that two lucky winners split the prize. The February luncheon winners were Loraine Nelson and Lynda Visco who each won \$52 in the

50-50 drawing. Pauline Anderson was the recipient of the free luncheon certificate.

HELP NEEDED

Corresponding Secretary
Maryellen McCullagh
Text: 407-461-0362

Secretary Maryellen McCullagh requests your help. Please text Maryellen 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 recognized if Maryellen is made aware of them. You can text her at 407-461-0362.



HELPING HANDS

Co-Chairs: Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420
Toni Thoms 217-620-7745



Need help at a Newcomers' luncheon? Please give Trisha or Toni a phone call and let them know how they may assist you.



MEMBERSHIP

Interim Chair: Brenda Jones
407-435-3026 bjones47@cfl.rr.com

Current Membership 118

PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES
IN YOUR NEWEST DIRECTORY

NEW ADDRESS

Joan Lenard

219 Stratford Dr. Winter Springs, FL 32708

Nancy Rocco

2701 Howell Branch Rd., #157 Winter Park, FL 32792

RETURNING MEMBER

Nancy Small (Jay)

925 Yale Street Orlando, FL 32804
Home: 407-203-8449 Cell: 407-810-3888
Birthday: Jan-7 Email: smallnancy925@gmail.com

NEW MEMBER:

Yvonne Bell

4329 Steed Terrace Winter Park, FL 32792
Home: 407-677-7622 Cell: 407-782-6561
Birthday: Dec 3 Email: yvieb43@aol.com
Originally from: Jamaica

Wendy Curry

990 Big Oaks Drive Oviedo, FL 32765
Cell: 407-468-7707 Email: wendy.curry@gmail.com
Birthday: Dec 23 Originally From: St. Petersburg, FL

Grace Hyde

3856 Golden Meadow Ct. Oviedo, FL 32765
Home: 407-359-1661 Cell: 321-203-8510
Birthday: July 2 Email: gracephyde@yahoo.com
Originally from: Jamaica

Rosanne LaBarge (Jim)

1024 Silcox Branch Cir. Oviedo, FL 32765
Cell: 407-415-7250 Email: roxy1024@gmail.com
Birthday: Nov 26 Originally from: Yonkers, NY

Anne Wightman (Rick)

3344 Lukas Cove Orlando, FL 32820
Cell: 407-620-8181 Email: beachieone@aol.com
Birthday: Nov 2 Originally From: Philadelphia, PA



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

See page 4 for another way to help Ronald McDonald House.



Exciting News Game Day Is Back!

Our chairperson, Ellen Bronikowski, is busy working on plans to make our March 31 Game Day the best one yet. For more information, please see page 5.



INSIDE THE ARTS

Ronnie Telzer (407) 577-7401
Linda Gallagher (407) 592-9573

Friday, March 14, 2025, 2 p.m.

Gigolo

(The Cole Porter Musical Review)

Winter Park Playhouse
711 N. Orange Ave., Winter Park

Check with Ronnie for waitlist availability.

Dinner after the show at The Pinery,
295 NE Ivanhoe Blvd., Suite A, Orlando



Sunday, April 13 tea at Gallery 32789 is currently sold out. Our reservation time has been changed to 11 a.m. with arrival at 10:45 a.m. if you wish to view the gallery art. The address is: 515 North Park Avenue, Suite 114, Winter Park.

There may be an optional visit to the Morse Museum at 1 p.m. after the tea. If you wish to go to the Morse (with or without attending the tea), please sign up with Ronnie or Linda. Senior admission is \$5.

Friday, May 9, 2025
2 p.m.

Route 66



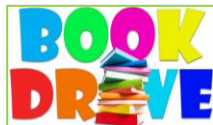
The last show of the season is *Route 66* on May 9 at 2 p.m. at the Winter Park Playhouse, which will then close for renovations for a year. Check with Ronnie for \$23 ticket availability. Winter Park Playhouse shows will be held at the Mandell Theater inside the Orlando Shakes complex starting in August 2025.



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson barbara@tuson.us

Keep your eyes open for children's books. March is National Reading Month, and we will be collecting books at the luncheon to donate to A Gift for Teaching.



Here is a link to a good list of children's books which you may use as a guide:

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



MEXICAN TRAIN

Coordinator: Ann White
407-687-4902 auntesther27@yahoo.com

Friday, March 21

Our Mexican Train interest group will meet at Carrabba's in Winter Springs on Friday, March 21. We will begin at 11 a.m. and take a lunch break at around 12:30 p.m. with each person paying for her own lunch. If you would like to play Mexican Train, please RSVP to Ann White by Friday, March 14 by emailing Ann at auntesther27@yahoo.com. For details, please see page 6.

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420



Chick Flicks will NOT be meeting in March.



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. The distance around the lake is about one mile. 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 2 or 30. See page 6 for all of the details.



McDonald's is hosting a Shamrock Shake promotion to support Ronald McDonald House Charity (RMHC) chapters nationwide. From NOW until March 23, \$0.25 from every Shamrock Shake sold at participating McDonald's locations will be donated to local RMHC chapters.



SPICE GIRLS

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611
vanum77@aol.com



In February, Spice Girls celebrated Mardi Gras at Brenda Jones' house. Members kept to the Mardi Gras theme not only with their food but also with their attire, including Christine's beignet shirt to coordinate with the beignets she made. Carol made her version of King Cake, and Patti found the lucky nut in it. The French Quarter Cheese Spread was a hit as well. Michele's Cajun Cobb Salad with Shrimp was another favorite. Of course, you have to have Red Beans and Rice. We also sampled Cajun Pecan Catfish and Pecan Pralines. Look for our February photos on Facebook or the Newcomers website.

On March 13, we will gather at Linda Gallagher's home for the theme of Pi (π) Day which is celebrated on March 14 (3.14). Besides dessert pies, there are many savory pies too including chicken pot pie, spaghetti pie, hamburger pie, etc. In addition, we will need 2-3 salads to round out our meal.

To participate in March, you must submit two new recipes that you have never prepared before to Vicki by email or text—after the Newcomers monthly luncheon on February 20. She will let you know which recipe works best with the existing recipes submitted. Recipes/RSVPs must be submitted by email or text to Vicki by March 6. Please be aware that we may reach our maximum participation number prior to March 6. Participation is limited to 14.

HOOKED ON BOOKS

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



What if you could take a classic book and read it from the

perspective of a different character? That is what Percival Everett did when he wrote his award-winning book *James*, a retelling of Mark Twain's tale of Huckleberry Finn through the eyes of the slave Jim. One member raised the question of whether it is right for an author to make a profit off another author's creation. While the book generated a good discussion, it also gave us a chance to learn more about each other when we answered the question, "Have you ever learned something shocking about your family's history"?

In March, we will be changing genres and reading the mystery/thriller *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston. Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions over coffee and donuts. To join us in March, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 6.



Spring Game Day



When: Monday, March 31, 2025

Where: Lutheran Haven Fellowship Hall
1522 Haven Drive
Oviedo, FL 32765

Check-in Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Game Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lunch Break: 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 due by March 24 (Please make checks out to: Newcomers of Central FL, Inc.)

Includes: Continental Breakfast and Lunch (Catered by Lutheran Haven),
Drinks (Coffee/Tea/Water), Door Prizes

Reservations: Call your individual game chair and give her your \$30 by
Monday, March 24



Games



Bridge: Sue Horn (303) 807-4088

Bunko: Maryellen McCullagh (407) 461-0362

Mah-Jongg: Brenda Jones (407) 435-3026

Mexican Train: JoAnn Bill (407) 921-9991



Or: If you are interested in getting a group together to play another game,
please contact Ellen Bronikowski (732-259-2342) to make arrangements.



**A donation to Libby's Legacy Breast Cancer Foundation
will be made from the proceeds.**



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: 2nd Tuesday – March 11
1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

MAR *First Lie Wins*
by Ashley Elston

APR *Anxious People*
by Fredrik Backman

MAY *Wavewalker: Breaking Free*
by Suzanne Heywood

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

**Chick Flicks will NOT
be meeting in March**



CHATTER articles are
due **March 16**

Please email articles
to Carol Smith at

smith4cr@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

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.

SPICE GIRLS

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2nd Thursday – March 13

12 noon

Where: Linda Gallagher

664 Saranac Dr.

Winter Springs 32708

Theme: π - Pi Day

Limit: 14 participants

RSVP to Vicki by **Thursday,**
March 6, at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by **Thursday,**
March 6, to Vicki Nidzgorski at
vanum77@aol.com.



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

www.newcomerscfl.org

[https://www.facebook.com/Newcomers
ofCentralFloridaInc](https://www.facebook.com/NewcomersofCentralFloridaInc)

FRIDAYS

MEXICAN TRAIN

Ann White 407-687-4902

auntesther27@yahoo.com

When: 3rd Friday – March 21

11 a.m.

Where: Carrabba's Restaurant

5820 Red Bug Lake Rd.

Winter Springs, FL 32708

Lunch: Break for lunch around 12:30.

Pay for your own lunch.

RSVP to Ann by **Friday, March 14** at

auntesther27@yahoo.com

DICEY BUNKETTES

Maryellen McCullagh

407-461-0362

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.

SATURDAYS

COUPLES BUNKO

Mary Ward 407-222-4446

maryward@bellsouth.net

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: 10:30 a.m.

Sundays

(except for March 2 or 30)

Where: Cranes Roost Park

Meet by Café Murano

Parking: By AMC Movie Theater