



A Girl
Needs Her
Bling!

Baubles, Beads and Brooches!

Get ready to add some sparkle to your life at Newcomers' February Jewelry

Market! This Ways & Means fundraiser will feature a variety of new and gently used necklaces, earrings, pins and bracelets on \$1, \$3 and \$5 flat-rate sales tables. In addition, we'll also have a variety of higher-end jewelry available via silent auction bidding with opening bids starting at \$10 or more. We will gladly accept your jewelry donations before this special event, as well as on the day of the luncheon, but please make sure your items are clean, not damaged and sorted in separate, clear resealable plastic bags. Bring your checkbook or cash for your purchases and plan to spend an exciting afternoon shopping for some beautiful baubles, beads and jewelry gifts while helping to support club operations.



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 Mary 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 Mary Ward 407-222-4446

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 prearrange payment for guests.

Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on February 9, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING February 16, 2023

Heathrow Country Club
1200 Bridgewater Drive
Lake Mary, FL 32746

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

February Menu

ENTRÉE

Grilled Salmon with Dill Champagne Sauce
or

Tuscan Chicken with Sundried Tomatoes, Artichoke Hearts
and Lemon Butter Sauce (gluten free)

or

Chef's Vegetarian Selection

SIDES

Gourmet Cranberry Salad with Mixed Greens, Cranberries,
Blue Cheese, Candied Pecans and Sherry Vinaigrette

Dauphinoise Potato

Fresh Vegetable Medley

Rolls and Butter

DESSERT

Strawberry Cheesecake with Strawberries
and Whipped Cream

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee

Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25

Directions to Heathrow Country Club:

1200 Bridgewater Drive
Lake Mary, FL 32746

- From I-4: Take exit 98 – Lake Mary. Turn west onto Lake Mary Blvd. Turn right onto International Parkway; proceed about ½ mile then turn left onto Bridgewater Drive. Heathrow sign is on the stone wall.
- From FL-417: Drive toward Sanford to the end of 417 and take Heathrow exit 55C. Turn left onto International Parkway and proceed about 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Bridgewater Drive – just after AAA headquarters building on the 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,
Happy 2023! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for another great year.

Your Executive Board is working hard to put together interesting luncheons and entertaining events for 2023. This is also the time of year that we start to put together your club leadership for the upcoming year. We have been fortunate to have a wonderful group of leaders for the past year, and we want to continue to provide an outstanding club for our members. As you know, our leadership/membership period is based on our fiscal year which runs from June 1 to May 31 of the following year. We have appointed a Nominating Committee which will be chaired by Helen Hoppmann. Mary Ward and Patti Zedo have volunteered to work with Helen. Each of you will likely hear from one of these ladies to see if you are interested in serving on the Executive Board for the upcoming year.

I encourage you to consider volunteering for a position on our Executive Board. You can even enlist a friend or club member to serve as Co-chair with you. Many of our current Executive Board members have volunteered to serve another term, so you can count on their expertise and get help and guidance from them. For the 2023-2024 membership year that starts June 1, we have Executive Board openings for VP-Programs (two), VP-Luncheons (two), Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Parliamentarian. For Committee positions, we are also looking for one Chairperson or two Co-chairs for Ways and Means. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Helen, Mary or Patti.

We have begun working on the budget for the next year and realize that we are facing the same price increases for our club that all of us face every day. At this point, the plan is to keep our yearly membership fee at \$25. The club has been subsidizing the cost of luncheons for the past year, and we have had to dip into our reserves to meet this expense. For this reason, the individual luncheon price will need to increase to \$30 to cover the full cost beginning in June 2023.

As always, I appreciate your input and feedback. You are the heart of our organization, and we appreciate your participation and support!

Sue



HELPING HANDS

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

Trisha and Toni are available to provide assistance 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



- March 16 Florida History Writer
Joy Wallace Dickinson
Sanford Patio Grill
- April 20 Fashion Show
Orlando Hilton - Altamonte Springs

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS



Waitlist: If you miss the Thursday luncheon deadline and want to attend, you may call to be added to a waitlist.

Cancellations: If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please call to cancel your reservation. Remember, payment is due if you're 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.

February Birthdays



- 4 Debbie Arblaster
- 10 Sheri Dyer
- 17 Vicki Nidzgorski
- 18 Christine Shapin
- 20 T. Kay White
- 23 Barbara Kalicki
- 23 Susan Murray
- 25 Myrna Page
- 28 Caroline Dawson

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Newcomers has a Facebook page where you can view photos from our events? If your interest group is not pictured, contact Ronnie Telzer at 407-365-1580 for details on how to have your group included.



Did you know that you can find current and back issues of the Chatter as well as pictures on the Newcomers website?

Check out Newcomers online at:

- www.newcomerscfl.org
- <https://www.facebook.com/NewcomersofCentralFloridaInc>



MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Brenda Jones 407-435-3026

Current Membership: 116

Membership changes:

Please make these changes in your newest directory:

Returning Members

Linda Tucker

542 Woodfire Way
Cell: 321-246-1647
Birthday: May 12

Casselberry, FL 32707
Email: Lctucker4@gmail.com
Originally from: Baltimore, MD

New Members

Lauren Kerbelis (Kent)

1619 Tiverton Street
Cell: 706-726-1046
Email: lauren@southerntraveagency.com
Birthday: October 20

Winter Springs, FL 32708
Originally from: Augusta, GA



DICEY BUNKETTES

PLEASE NOTE NEW CONTACT

Diana Engling englingd@yahoo.com

MAH JONGG

PLEASE NOTE NEW CONTACT

Brenda Jones 407-435-3026



HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478

Book Club's latest book, *The Girl in His Shadow* by Audrey Blake, took us back

in time to England in the 1840s, a period when it was illegal for a woman to practice medicine. Christine Shapin rose to the challenge to describe the book in ten words as "The fight to improve medical practices in the 19th century." The main character, Nora's portrayal of a young woman who had a strong desire to become a physician, led to a conversation about working in a field dominated by men. Our discussion also touched on the ethics of acquiring cadavers for autopsies (think grave robbers) and doctors using themselves as guinea pigs for testing new medication as well considering if there are times when it is justified to lie.

Hooked on Books Book Club is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions over a cup of coffee and a donut. Join us in February when we will be discussing *Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale* by Lynda Rutledge. For more details, see page 5.

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

TUESDAY, February 28



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 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!

[Please RSVP so that Trisha has a count for BJ's Restaurant.](#)



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

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



I think the only thing we didn't learn about tea was how to read tea leaves! We had such an informative meeting at Barb Tuson's home in January with delicious tea and accompanying foods. She sent us home with a teacup and a variety of teas to try. On February 9, we are meeting at Vicki Nidzgorski's home. As a play on the movie, *Groundhog Day*, our theme is "Variations of the Blue Plate Special." The menu will be Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Vegetable and Brownies. The idea is to have different recipes of the same dish. As an example, meatloaf can be made with ground turkey, ground beef or a combination of ground beef, pork and veal. All three of these would work for our theme.

To participate in February, text/email/phone Vicki with two recipes for either meatloaf, potatoes, green vegetable or brownies which you are willing to prepare for our theme. Vicki will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare to avoid duplicates. Ensure your participation by emailing or texting the recipe to Vicki by Thursday, February 2. Come to Cooking Club on February 9 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. If you enjoy taste testing new recipes, laughter and good conversation, please consider joining us! Participants limited to 12.



INSIDE THE ARTS

Co-Chairs: Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804
Sheri@imadyer.com
Michele Marino 612-801-7949
mmmarino10@gmail.com

Wednesday, March 1, 2 p.m.

What: Lady Day at Emerson Bar and Grill
Where: Orlando Shakes Theater
Cost: \$34
Dinner Following: The Pinery, 295 N.E. Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando
Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 2



In this powerful musical production, you'll laugh as much as you cry while Billie Holiday sings her most famous songs and reminisces about the great triumphs and losses of her life. The time is 1959. The place is a seedy bar in Philadelphia. With the help of her piano

man, Jimmy Powers, she lets music tell her story, sharing soulful, heart-wrenching and bawdy songs from her memorable canon including: "God Bless the Child," "When a Woman Loves a Man," and "T'Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do."

Last Event of the Year!
Wednesday, April 12, 2 p.m.

What: Kinky Boots
Where: Orlando Shakes Theater
Cost: \$45, only 10 seats reserved
Dinner Following: The Greek Corner, 1600 N. Orange Ave.
Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 16 luncheon



This huge-hearted, smash-hit – with 16 original songs by Cyndi Lauper – is the winner of every Best Musical award, including the Tony, Grammy, and London's Olivier award. Based on the book by Harvey Fierstein, a fierce drag queen and a struggling

factory owner must embrace their differences and work together on an outlandish new idea to save the owner's shoe business – producing a line of stunning stiletto heels. Don't miss this over-the-top extravaganza!

Sign up at the February or March luncheon. If you prefer to sign up by mail, send your check to Sheri Dyer at 2410 Huntingdale Lane, Oviedo, FL 32765. Please make your check out to Sheri Dyer.



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH



Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson
barbara@tuson.us

Our next Outreach project will be Birthday Bags for each senior. Everyone deserves to be celebrated on their birthday which is why Seniors First delivers brightly decorated bags full of travel size personal care items, small notebooks and playing cards to each client on their special day. I personally deliver Meals on Wheels, so I know how much they truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Below is a list of requested items. Please bring your items to the March luncheon. For more information on Seniors First, you may visit their website at <https://www.seniorsfirstinc.org/who-we-are/>.

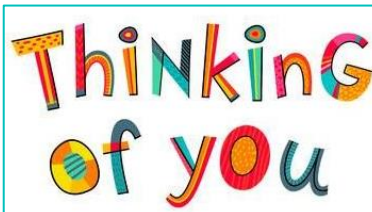


Birthday Bag Item Wish List*

(Travel size items only please)

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Body Lotion
- Body Powder
- Kleenex
- Playing Cards
- Small Notepads

For additional information contact Meals on Wheels Director, Maribel Rivera at 407-373-7759 or mrivera@seniorsfirstinc.org



YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Corresponding Secretary Vicki Nidzgorski requests your help.

Please contact Vicki 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 Vicki is made aware. You can contact her by email at vanum77@aol.com or text/call her at 813-395-3611.



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

PLEASE NOTE NEW CONTACT

Brenda Jones 407-435-3026

When: Mondays

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Tremont in Oviedo

Bring lunch, beverage and \$5 in change.
See you there!

TUESDAYS

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478

smith4cr@gmail.com

When: February 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'
3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

FEB *Faith Bass Darling's Last
Garage Sale* by Lynda Rutledge

MAR *The Only Woman in the Room*
by Marie Benedict

APR *Still Life* by Louise Penny

MAY *The Dictionary of Lost Words*
by Pip Williams

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

tfuston@aol.com

When: Tuesday – February 28

Where: Regal Oviedo Mall Movie
Theater

Members will receive an email to
inform them of the movie title and
meeting time the weekend before the
screening.

Please RSVP to Trisha.

CHATTER ARTICLES



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

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE – 4th Wednesday

Sue Horn 303-807-4088

When: 4th Wednesday
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Carrabba's Italian Grill
5280 Red Bug Lake Rd
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Anyone interested in playing should
contact Sue Horn at the number listed
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 9
12 p.m.

Where: Vicki Nidzgorski
111 Wild Holly Lane
Longwood, FL 32779

Theme: Variations of the Blue
Plate Special

Limit: 12 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,
February 2 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday,
February 2, to Vicki Nidzgorski at
vanum77@aol.com.

FRIDAYS

DICEY BUNKETTES

PLEASE NOTE NEW CONTACT

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

fcajun2@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. The host couple provides soft
drinks and dessert.



ON-LINE LADIES BRIDGE

Several of the bridge
players have been playing on-line
bridge using trickster.com. 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 303-807-4088.

**See pictures from
our January
events on our
Facebook page or
our website.**



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Jewelry Donation Form

Item # _____ (Ways & Means will assign item number)

Item Description _____

Approximate Value: _____

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: |
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