

There are no strangers, just friends we haven't met!





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# The Sun Shines Bright

Come join us as we install our 2023-2024 Executive Board officers with a sunshine-



themed event at Heathrow Country Club. Since sunlight is a key ingredient for growth, vibrancy and beauty, our club's "Sun Shines Bright" installation ceremony will reflect these three essential elements.

At the May luncheon, we will introduce and recognize the talented and hard-working women who will comprise the club's Executive Board for the membership year that starts June 1. Many of the club's past presidents will also be present and honored for their contributions to Newcomers. Please feel free to share your ideas with our incoming Executive Board members and help us thank the leadership team that works so hard to make this club a standout success in Central Florida.

2023-2024 Executive Board Officers	
President	Sue Horn
VP Luncheons	Loraine Nelson
VP Membership	Diana Engling
Recording Sec.	Patti Zedo
Corresponding Sec.	Pat Cranford
Treasurer	Helen Hoppmann
Parliamentarian	Joan Hansen

# **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 May 11, the *Thursday* before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

# **LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING** May 18, 2023

Heathrow Country Club 1200 Bridgewater Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746

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

# May Menu

# ENTRÉE CHOICE

Grilled Salmon with Dill Champagne Sauce Sliced Marinated Sirloin with Red Wine Demiglace Chef's Vegetarian Entrée Selection

#### SIDES

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

> Dauphinoise Potato Fresh Green Beans and Carrots Rolls and Butter

#### DESSERT

Turtle Cheesecake with Whipped Cream and Chocolate Sauce

# 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. The 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.



Greetings Ladies, This month I'd like to celebrate the return of one of our favorite activities: Game Day. You may remember that we canceled Game Day during the

Pandemic and just restarted it this year.

Finding a venue was a challenge, but our group was up to the task. It was held March 30, and we had 68 attendees, the largest number of people ever. We raised \$500 for the charity Libby's Legacy, the largest amount ever raised for charity at this event. Please give yourselves a pat on the back and thank the committee members who put this event together when you see them.

Building on our success, we held our annual Fashion Show in April. A big thank you to Diana Engling and her team for organizing this event. We are looking forward to the installation of our new officers in May. Bingo will be coming up later in the summer, and Sheri Dyer and Michele Marino have a number of fun events scheduled for Inside the Arts.

As we plan for next year, we desire to work on events that you are interested in. Please take a minute to give your Board feedback on what you like and don't like, and share any ideas that you might have for future events. If you would like to

work on an event, better yet!

Let us know!

We value your input!





#### 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

# UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

June 15 UCF DoubleTree

July 20 Heathrow Country Club



#### 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.



# 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 <a href="mailto:vanum77@aol.com">vanum77@aol.com</a> or text/call her at 813-395-3611.

# 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.

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





# May Birthdays



- 4 Mary Maberry
- 4 Maureen Smith
- 5 Diane Olivi
- 12 Mary Antoniato
- 12 Linda Tucker
- 13 Sharon Prescott
- 15 Luz Bowman
- 15 Barbara Tuson
- 16 Kathleen McCabe
- 26 Betty Rizzi



# **MEMBERSHIP**

Chair: Brenda Jones 407-435-3026

**Current Membership: 130** 

Please add these members in your newest directory:

#### **New Members**

Millie Stoff (Larry)

683 Oswego Ct. Winter Springs, FL 32708

Home: 407-491-1359 Email: milliestoff@gmail.com

Originally from: Los Angeles, CA

**Nancy Rocco** 

1022 East Pebble Beach Cir. Winter Springs, FL 32708

Cell: 407-920-9850 Birthday: September 2

Lynn O'Dell

311 Raintree Dr. Cell: 407-461-7250

Birthday: April 9

Maria Alba (Jim) 108 Goshawk Terr.

> Cell: 407-927-0449 Birthday: April 4

Email: <a href="mailto:nancyrocco@gmail.com">nancyrocco@gmail.com</a> Originally from: Pittsburgh, PA

Casselberry, FL 32707

Email: <a href="mailto:lynno4946@gmail.com">lynno4946@gmail.com</a>
Originally from: Alabama

Winter Springs, FL 32708

Email: maria.alba4646@gmail.com

Originally from: Cuba



# HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478

With licorice pipes in hand, Book Club members read *Still Li*fe by Louise Penny for

our April meeting. In this first book of the Inspector Gamache series, we became acquainted with the characters of Three Pines as we tried to solve the murder mystery. Susan Pierce shared with us that a good movie adaptation, *Still Life - A Three Pines Mystery*, is available for free on Plex right now.

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 May when we will be discussing *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams. For more details, please see page 5.

# CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

#### TUESDAY, May 23



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

# COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

Our talents were put to the test this month finding a recipe that could be prepared for \$10.40 or less to meet our theme, "The Tax Man Cometh." We did receive tax credits for basic staple ingredients such as flour, salt, pepper, sugar, oil, etc. Eggs, however, were taxed, lol! All the recipes were delicious, proving you can make tasty recipes on a budget.

On May 11, you will find us at the home of Brenda Jones. Our theme this month is "April Showers Bring May Flowers," with a twist on the word flower. Your recipe must contain flour or edible flowers, icing flowers, sugar flowers, etc. Brenda has graciously offered to host up to 14 ladies this month. If you are thinking of trying us out, this would be a great month to do so. We would love to have you join in on our fun.

To participate in May, please submit two recipes that you have not prepared before, to Vicki by email or text. Vicki will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare for our theme. Ensure your participation by emailing or texting the recipe to Vicki by May 4. Come to Cooking Club on May 11 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, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Participation is limited to 14 this month.

# Couples Bunko

Gail Boudreaux 407-678-3341 flcajun2@cfl.rr.com



# Bunko Players Needed!

Are you and your husband or partner interested in joining a monthly bunko group? The Couples Bunko group is in need of one couple to join us. Come try us and see if you would like to play on a regular basis. We meet the third Saturday of every month at 6 p.m. Contact Gail Boudreaux for more information.





#### INSIDE THE ARTS

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

mmmarino10@gmail.com

# Sign Up Now for Our August Group Outings! Friday, August 4, 2 p.m.

What: Honky Tonk Laundry by Roger Bean

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

Cost: \$23 per seat

Dinner Following: Fiddler's Green, 544 W. Fairbanks Ave., Winter Park Registration Deadline: Payment deadline is the May 18 luncheon.



Wash your cares away with this musical comedy full of country favorites from Carrie Underwood, Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire, Loretta Lynn and more! When Lana Mae Hopkins, owner of the Wishy Washy Washateria, hires Katie to help out, they soon find themselves up

to their elbows in soap, suds and cheatin' hearts and turn their good ol' laundromat into a boot-scootin' honky tonk!

#### **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

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.

# Wednesday August 16, 2 p.m.

What: Million Dollar Ouartet Where: Orlando Shakes Theater

Cost: \$45 per seat

Dinner Following: The Pinery, 295 N.E. Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando Registration Deadline: Payment deadline is the May 18 luncheon.



It was December 4th, 1956, and Sun Record Studios in Memphis, Tennessee was about to become the mecca of music for a magical moment in music history. Be witness to this true to life jam session – credited by many to be the direct influence of rock 'n roll in the late 50s and 60s – between Elvis

Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash and Carl Perkins! Come hear "Blue Suede Shoes," "I Walk the Line," "Great Balls of Fire," "Hound Dog" and many more!

#### **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

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.

# REACHING OUT WITH **OUTREACH**



Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson

barbara@tuson.us

Thanks to the generous donations of our members, we have been actively supporting charities in the Central Florida area. Cash and gift card donations totaling \$1,828 along with 216 pounds of food, over 20 pounds of pop tabs, 418 school supplies, 11.5 pounds of jewelry, and lots of toiletry articles were distributed to seven different charities. Here is the breakdown:



In August, we held a Back-to-School Drive and donated 243 school supplies worth more than

\$356 to a Gift for Teaching and another 175 supplies to One Heart for Women and Children.





In November, we held a food econd Harvest drive for Second Harvest and donated 216 pounds of food and \$96 cash.



SeniorsFirst We collected Cards for a Cause for Seniors First in December.

Our group donated 25 \$20 gift cards and \$376 cash for additional cards. In March, we collected six large bags of toiletry articles for the Birthday Bags for Seniors First.

This past year, we continued saving pop tabs and donated 20.5 pounds of pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House of Central Florida.





Almost 12 pounds of jewelry from the Ways and Means jewelry sale has been donated to I Have Wings Breast Cancer Foundation.



A donation of \$500 was made to Libby's Legacy from the proceeds of our March Game Day.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you for being so willing to help those in need.

Barb



# 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. See you there!

# **TUESDAYS**

#### **HOOKED ON BOOKS**

#### Carol Smith 407-618-3478

smith4cr@gmail.com

When: May 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

MAY The Dictionary of Lost Words

by Pip Williams

JUNE Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow: A Novel

by Gabrielle Zevin

JULY Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

AUG *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

#### **CHICK FLICKS**

#### Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

tfuston@aol.com

When: Tuesday - May 23

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 <a href="mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com">smith4cr@gmail.com</a> by <a href="mailto:May 16">May 16</a>.

# WEDNESDAYS

# LADIES BRIDGE - 4th Wednesday

# Sue Horn 303-807-4088

When: 4<sup>th</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – May 11

12 p.m.

Where: Brenda Jones 677 Oneida Lane Winter Springs 32708

Theme: April Showers Bring

May Flowers

Limit: 14 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday, May 4 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday, May 4, to Vicki Nidzgorski at vanum77@aol.com.

# FRIDAYS

#### **DICEY BUNKETTES**

### Diana Engling

englingd@yahoo.com

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 April events on our Facebook page or our website.



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