



It's Trivia Time!

Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Well we won't have Jeff Foxworthy to tell us, but we will have Quizmaster Simon from Simon Time Trivia returning for another year of trivia fun. Let's see how smart we are as we answer his

trivia questions at our first luncheon of the new year on January 16. This event will be held at a venue that's new to Newcomers, The Wedding Barn in Oviedo.

We will work in teams by table, so unlike your high school cafeteria days, you may want to sit with the nerds, geeks or brainiacs in our club. There will be prizes for the trivia winners and our usual 50/50 and free luncheon drawings.

So get out those textbooks, tune in to *Jeopardy* and brush up on your facts and figures. Let's see who's smarter than a 5th grader. See you in 2025.



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 January 9, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

January 16

The Wedding Barn

336 East Franklin Street, Oviedo 32765

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

January Menu

CATERED BY
BRISKETS BBQ SHACK & GRILL

Smoked Chicken Quarters
Country Green Beans with Bacon
Southern Potato Salad

DESSERT

Banana Pudding

BEVERAGES

Tea and Lemonade

LUNCHEON COST: \$30



Directions to

The Wedding Barn

336 East Franklin Street
Oviedo, FL 32765

From Red Bug Lake Rd./Mitchell Hammock

- Turn **north** onto S. Central Ave. (FL-434) and proceed about 1.3 miles.
- Turn right onto E. Franklin St.
- At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto N. County Rd. 426.
- Turn right onto E. Franklin St.
- Destination will be on the left.

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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ladies,

January is a time to look to the future and a time to find new opportunities to participate and serve. As we look forward in our calendar, we will find some of our favorite luncheon programs:

- January - Simon Time Trivia
- February – Kevin’s Magic Show
- March - Bingo
- April - Fashion Show and Election of Officers

Our search team is gearing up to set the slate for our Election of Officers and to fill various board and committee positions. Search team members will be reaching out to talk to each Newcomers member to discuss different opportunities that are open to you. While we do need ladies to fill officer and committee chair positions, we also need ladies to be part of those committees to help carry out each function – from assisting in the planning of a luncheon program, preparing birthday bouquets, designing table centerpieces, to finding an event for Inside the Arts. So, when a team member calls, give them a chance to tell you about the many ways you can be involved and ask

them lots of questions to help you best determine which role fits you.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Sue



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.



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

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



February 20 Kevin’s Magic Show
Heathrow Country Club

March 20 Bingo
The Hilton – Altamonte Springs

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH



Chair: Barbara Tuson barbara@tuson.us

In November, I was overwhelmed with your generosity to the Seniors First Cards for a Cause program. I am sure that we brought some unexpected holiday joy to all who received the Publix and Walmart gift cards.

In January, we will be collecting socks for men, women and children. Did you know that one of the least donated, but most requested items at homeless shelters is a pair of socks? Our goal is to bring some comfort to those in need by simply providing a clean pair of socks. Last year we collected **834** pairs of socks. Can we set a new record this year? Donations will be collected at our January luncheon.

Looking ahead to March, which is National Reading Month, we will be collecting new children’s books to donate to A Gift for Teaching. As a former remedial reading teacher, I understand how important it is to put a book in the hands of each and every child. Watch next month’s *Chatter* to find a chart to help with choosing age-appropriate books.



LUNCHEON WINNERS

The 50-50 jackpot went over \$100 which means that two lucky winners split the prize. December luncheon winners were Margareth Lauer and

Christine Shapin who each won \$55 in the 50-50 drawing. It was Margareth Lauer’s lucky day as she was also the recipient of the free luncheon certificate.

HELP NEEDED

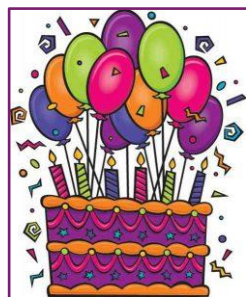
Corresponding Secretary Maryellen McCullagh requests your help. Please text Maryellen if you know of a member who is ill, lost a loved one or just needs to

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.





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Theresa Davie
- 1 Barbara Moore
- 2 Linda Hargreaves
- 4 Christine Lewis
- 9 Lynda Visco
- 11 Sue Horn
- 12 Rosemary Kubanet
- 25 Claudia Hughey
- 27 Terry Becker
- 29 Estelle Simandl

MEMBERSHIP



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

Current Membership 114

Membership Directory Changes

Nancy Bond

Phone Number Correction: 407-625-1706

Please add these members in your newest directory:

New Member

Maya (Margeret) Lavens (Fred)
 1056 Abell Cir Oviedo, FL 32765
 Cell: 985-707-3580 Email: mayalavens@gmail.com
 Birthdate: July 4 Originally from: Kentucky & Louisiana



HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

A festive meal and a Christmas book were a great way to celebrate the holidays with our book club friends. We enjoyed lunch at The Vineyard Wine Company in Lake Mary while discussing a collection of short stories by Maeve Binchy titled *This Year It Will Be Different*. As is often the case, after talking about the stories, many members saw the book in a different light. In fact, several ladies expressed a desire to reread the book.

This meeting also gave us the opportunity to evaluate the books we have read over the past year. The top three were:

1. *The Women* by Kristin Hannah
2. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
3. *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions over coffee and donuts. To join us in February, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.

INSIDE THE ARTS

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



Friday, January 24, 2025, 2 p.m.

Sorry this event is sold out. Please check the Winter Park Playhouse website for last-minute \$23 ticket availability. After the show, we will dine at Bar Italia in Winter Park Village.



February 12, 2025, 2 p.m.



Cabaret

Orlando Shakes Theater Senior Matinee
Check with Ronnie or Linda for last-minute ticket availability. Group size is currently 23! Optional dinner after the show at PF Chang's in Winter Park Village.



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

Gigolo

Winter Park Playhouse Preview Matinee

Gigolo uses a collection of iconic Cole Porter songs to tell the tale of an international playboy and his relationships with four beautiful women. Sign up at the January luncheon or by mail with your \$23 check payable to Ronnie Telzer. Note: our ticket allotment may sell out before January. Dinner after the show at The Pinery.

Friday, May 9, 2025, 2 p.m.

Route 66

Winter Park Playhouse Preview Matinee

15 tickets available, \$23
Sign-up will open in February.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Newcomers has two web locations where you can view photos from our events, like our trip to the Asian Lantern Festival shown here? Pictures are posted on our Facebook page and on our Newcomers' website. If your interest group is not pictured, please 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>



SPICE GIRLS

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

On January 9, we will gather at Debbie Browning's home, where she and her sister, Jean Wilson, will be our referees (hostesses.) Our theme in January is "Instant Replay" of our October theme, Tailgate Time, as we were washed out by Hurricane Milton. Members are strongly encouraged to wear their "spirit gear" of their favorite team. Recipes obviously must be foods served at a tailgating party. Go Team Go! I cannot wait to see the photos!



To participate in January, you may prepare the recipe you submitted for October. Vicki will email members the PDF of the October recipes. You also may submit a new recipe that you have never prepared before, to Vicki by email or text. She will let you know if the new recipe works with the existing recipes. Recipes/RSVPs must be submitted by email or text to Vicki by January 2. Please be aware we may reach our maximum participation number prior to January 2. This month participation is limited to 16.

Come to our Spice Girls meeting on January 9, with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed, and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. If you would like to take home any of the leftovers, please bring a disposable dish. If you enjoy trying new recipes, sampling new foods, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Stay Spicy everyone!

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Tuesday, January 28

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 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!

Please RSVP by phone or text so that Trisha has a head count for BJ's Restaurant.



MEXICAN TRAIN

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



Friday, January 17

Our Mexican Train interest group will meet at Carrabba's in Winter Springs on Friday, January 17. 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, January 10 by emailing Ann at auntesther27@yahoo.com. For details, please see page 5.

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 January 5 or 26. See page 5 for all of the details.



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson barbara@tuson.us

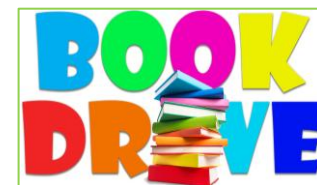
JANUARY

Remember we will be collecting socks at our **January** meeting. The socks will be donated to homeless shelters and rescue missions in the area. Socks and underwear are some of the most needed items in these unfortunate situations.



MARCH

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



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



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 – January 14

1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

JAN *The Hazelbourne Ladies
Motorcycle and Flying Club*
by Helen Simonson

FEB *James*
by Percival Everett

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

When: Tuesday, January 28

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.



CHATTER articles are due *January 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 – January 2

12 noon

Where: Debbie Browning and Jean Wilson

1124 Kerwood Circle

Oviedo 32765

Theme: Instant Replay of Tailgate Time

Limit: 16 participants

RSVP to Vicki by **Thursday,**

January 2, at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by **Thursday,**

January 2, to Vicki Nidzgorski at

vanum77@aol.com.



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

www.newcomerscfl.org

<https://www.facebook.com/NewcomersofCentralFloridaInc>

FRIDAYS

MEXICAN TRAIN

Ann White 407-687-4902

auntesther27@yahoo.com

When: 3rd Friday – January 17

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, January 10** at

auntesther27@yahoo.com

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

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 January 5 or 26)

Where: Cranes Roost Park

Meet by Café Murano,

Parking: By AMC Movie Theater