NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.

There are no strangers,





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It's Penny Auction Time Again

Ladies, please bring one, two or three **NEW** (not used) items worth at least \$5 each to the April 15 luncheon. For each item you donate, you will receive a perforated sheet of 27 numbered tickets. One ticket is for a special gift drawing, one is for you to keep to identify your ticket number, and the remaining 25 numbered tickets should be placed in the cups in front of any items you would like to win. You are welcome to donate more than three **new** items, but only a maximum of three free ticket sheets will be given to each donor. Additional numbered ticket sheets can be purchased for \$3 each. After lunch, we'll draw the winning number for each item.

Popular items donated in the past have included but are not limited to jewelry, housewares, bath and body products, and seasonal merchandise.

Come and enjoy the company of good friends, great food and the special new items you've just won at our auction.

Please be assured that COVID-19 safety protocols including proper distancing at tables and server precautions will be in place at the luncheon.

PROCEDURES FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

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 and say your phone number. Please be sure to indicate your choice of entrée unless it is a buffet luncheon. You will receive a phone confirmation. You must be confirmed. Email reservations are not valid.

PLEASE, NO CALLS AFTER 5 P.M.

A to K Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205 L to Z Marlene Radloff 407-920-3084

You may pay by CASH 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 APRIL 8, 2021, THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON. ANYONE WHO CANCELS AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL **REIMBURSE THE CLUB. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.**

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING April 15, 2021

Timacuan Country Club 550 Timacuan Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32746 Penny Auction

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



BEVERAGES Regular and Decaf Coffee Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25



Directions to Timacuan Country Club: 550 Timacuan Blvd, Lake Mary, FL

Note: You **must** enter from Rinehart Rd. Your GPS may try to take you to the back entrance which is for residents only.

- From I-4: Take exit 101A HE Thomas Parkway. Turn left onto Rinehart Rd. Turn right onto Timacuan Blvd. The Country Club will be on your right.
- From FL-417: Take exit 54 Rinehart Rd. Turn left onto Rinehart Rd. Turn left onto Timacuan Blvd. The Country Club will be on your right.

Timacuan will provide a golf cart to assist individuals with difficulty walking from the parking lot if needed.

Special Needs at Luncheons

For those who have difficulty walking into or out of our luncheon venues, or need help carrying your food plates at a buffet, please tell our Reservations team when you make your reservation. They will contact our Helping Hands team to assist you. Please **do not** call the venue.







PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ladies,

It was a beautiful day for our March Board Meeting held on the Metro Diner patio in Orlando. Hopefully, we can now say goodbye to Zoom. The Board has plans in the works for luncheons and

events that will be safe for all to attend. Keep an eye on your *Chatter*. If you cannot attend one event, maybe another will fit your schedule.

April showers should bring May flowers, yet my yard's azaleas are already in full bloom. World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on April 7. The 2021 theme, "Protecting Health from Climate Change," puts health at the center of the global dialogue about climate change. This is just one more emphasis on our health during the worldwide pandemic crisis. Ladies, the most important point is to take care of yourself. Your family and your Newcomers' family believe you are essential to our lives.

Here's a little fun thought to ponder. Some of us may reminisce about the glorious good old days when flying a kite in springtime was so much fun. But if I said to you, "Go fly a kite," would you think I'm being frank and impolite by telling you to go away or leave me alone? This is also true for the synonymous expression: "Go jump in a lake." Or would you think I'm asking you to go and discover something new, embrace a big idea or do something worthwhile like trying something new and giving me your opinion about it? Well, if or when you hear someone use this phrase, please think on the positive side and do something new, get a great idea and share it. You will be surprised how your perception will be the key to daily outcomes within your sphere of community.

I look forward to seeing many flowers in bloom this month and many familiar faces participating in our luncheons and upcoming Inside the Arts events.

Hope to see you soon. Be safe and be well!

Betty Little



It's Bunko Time!

Coordinator: Lona Love <u>sunsh132@bellsouth.net</u>

Dicey Bunkettes will begin meeting again on Friday, April 9 at 10:45 a.m. at Macaroni Grill on Red Bug Lake Rd.

Any ladies with an interest in joining the group, please email Lona at the above address, putting BUNKO in the subject line. You will be added to our Substitute List.

WAYS & MEANS

Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher Ronnie Telzer



Ways & Means Spring Basket Auction

Last December's gift basket event was a big fundraising success, so we are planning to have another silent auction for gift baskets at this year's May luncheon. We're asking club members to put together themed baskets, tins or floral wreaths and donate them to the club. If you've been cleaning and organizing your house during the pandemic, you may have found a variety of new items that can be used to create a basket. Popular basket themes include party time, outdoor fun, spring flowers, mah jongg mavens, toys and games, wine lovers, cooking connoisseurs, dog or cat treats, etc. Feel free to create a basket with a group of ladies or friends from an interest group so you can share the expense. If you need a free basket or a tin to get started, contact Ronnie Telzer or Tina Parrish.

Please obtain a donation form by email from Linda or Ronnie, give your basket a catchy title, and include the names of all contributors to your basket, a list of the contents, and the approximate total value. Bring your finished basket and completed donor form to the May luncheon--or ask us to store and deliver your finished basket for you if you are unable to attend the luncheon.

Coming Soon: Ways & Means will also be hosting a Silent Arts & Crafts Auction later this year. We will need your donations of framed and matted works of art, prints, posters, crafts, and sculptures which you can bring in on the date of the luncheon (to be announced). This will be a great opportunity to change out some of your existing pieces and replace them with works of art and crafts donated by other members.



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chairs: Dru Juhl and Barbara Kalicki

Outreach will be collecting items for the Orlando Union Rescue Mission at our April luncheon. Items needed are new socks, underwear, disposable diapers and hygiene items. There is also a need for clean, gently used clothing for men, women and children. Of course monetary donations are always graciously accepted.

Thank you all for your generosity!

Please continue collecting the can tabs for Ronald McDonald House and bring them to any luncheon.







April Birthdays

11 Nancy Allen 11 Judy Brierley

- 13 Patti Zedo
- 15 Ronnie Telzer
- Bertha Ramirez
 Carol Smith
 Paula Ritchie
 Betty Hastings

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



Cooking Club met via Zoom on March 11, where we discovered all kinds of fun ingredients in our "What's in a name?" recipes that started with the first initial of our names. Shout out to Carol Smith. who submitted a

recipe, Chicago Style Pizza, that covered her first and last name initials! Thank you to all of our participants! Hopefully, we can meet in person soon.

On April 8, we will meet again on Zoom. April's theme is "Five Finger Recipes." Please submit a five (5) ingredient recipe. Salt, pepper, oil, etc. do not count as an ingredient. I also ask that you DO NOT submit that "Five Finger Salad" that was a staple of the 60's, LOL! Hopefully, you will find a new recipe to try on your taste testers. Please make your recipe PRIOR to our Zoom meeting so you are able to discuss it.

Please RSVP to me (Vicki) by April 1 (no pranks) with your "Five Finger" recipe. I will confirm your recipe to avoid duplicates and your participation. Due to Zoom time constraints, participation is limited to 8-10. Get those fingers busy hunting for your recipe!



MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Brenda Jones 407-366-7751

Current Membership: 127

Please make these changes in your newest directory.

New Members:

Cindy Bennett 2649 Golfridge Lane Home: 407-814-0005 Email: <u>Cinfl5@aol.com</u> Birthday: Sept 2

Apopka, FL 32712 Cell: 407-257-8599

Originally from: Los Angeles, CA

Susan Pierce

101 Partridge Circle Cell: 407-463-7481 Birthday: July 18 Winter Springs, FL 32708 Email: tirzamcn@me.come

Originally from: St. Augustine, FL

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Meeting at Trotwood Park in April

After a thought-provoking conversation about *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett, the club decided to move its April meeting outside under the pavilion at Trotwood Park in Winter Springs. The meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m., and the book to be discussed is *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be moved to Zoom. Please notify Carol Smith at <u>smith4cr@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in attending.



Smile! Wicknes Smile! Threads MISS YOU! WICHNICYOUA SPEEDVRECOVERY Hope you are realing hetter Cheer Up!

Ladies, I Need Your Help!

Since many of us are not gathering together at luncheons or our special interest groups, I am not always aware of members who are ill, had surgery, lost a loved one or just need to know that we care. Please contact me if you know of a member who may

need a card. These are tough times, and we all can use some encouragement occasionally. I so appreciate your help! You can email me at <u>vanum77@aol.com</u> or call/text me at 813-395-3611.

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Nidzgorski

INSIDE THE ARTS



Co-Chairs: Linda Hargreaves 407-227-3828 Helen Hoppmann 772-521-5877

"Jurassic Gardens"

Followed by lunch at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill



When: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 Time: 10 a.m. Cost: \$8 Where: 12193 East Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL

Sign-up deadline is March 31

We will meet at Leu Gardens for our dinosaur adventure through "Jurassic Gardens." Afterwards, we will go to Firebirds Grill for lunch on their patio. Our lunch reservation is maxed out at this time but we would be happy to put your name on a waiting list for the patio, or if you're comfortable sitting inside, you can do that.

Please RSVP by text or phone to Helen Hoppmann 772-521-5877 or Linda Hargreaves 407-227-3828 if you plan to attend.

The admission must be paid as a lump sum for the group so please bring exact change. Please note that Leu Gardens annual passes will not be honored for this special event.

SAVE THE DATE

When: Friday, May 7, 2021 Where: Winter Garden Time: 10 a.m. Sign up deadline: April 28

Friday, May 7 we will be visiting the quaint town of Winter Garden. We will meet at The SOBO Art Gallery located at 127 S. Boyd St. There is a new parking garage at 160 S. Boyd St., or you can park on the street.

After viewing the Gallery, we can stop in The Central Florida Railroad Museum and then The Heritage Museum. Each of these takes less than half an hour. We can then casually meander down Plant St. enjoying any shops you're interested in. We will end at the Plant St. Market where there are many different artisan vendors to check out including farm to table lunch choices. Afterwards, you are free to wander around at your leisure.

A list of attendees will be sent out after the signup deadline so you can carpool if you like. The deadline to sign up is April 28. Please call or text Helen or Linda to register. You will receive a response if you text.

> Helen Hoppmann at 772-521-5877 Linda Hargreaves at 407-227-3828





See pictures from our March events on our website:

www.newcomerscfl.org

MONDAYS

MAH JONGG

Marge Ahearn 407-834-5625

Mah Jongg is currently on hold.

TUESDAYS

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Joan Bové 407-971-3911 nurseynurs@icloud.com

When: Tuesday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Trotwood Park 701 Northern Way Winter Springs, FL 32708 In case of inclement weather, we will meet via Zoom.

APR *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah

MAY *The Offing* by Ben Myers

JUNE The Daughters of Erietown by Connie Schultz

CHICK FLICKS

Margie Rick 732-763-5277 mrick1953@gmail.com

Chick Flicks is currently on hold.



Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith by the 16th of the month. Send articles to <u>smith4cr@gmail.com</u>

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE – 1st Wednesday

Sue Horn

Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088 This group is currently on hold.

ON-LINE LADIES BRIDGE



Several of the bridge players have been playing on-line bridge using <u>trickster.com</u> while we can't play in person. 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: Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088

THURSDAYS

BOARD MEETING

Betty Little 407-719-3066 brlittle7@gmail.com

When: 1st Thursday of the month 10 a.m. – Noon

Where: Metro Diner 11650 University Blvd., Orlando

Please RSVP to Betty Little.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2nd Thursday – April 8 12 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Theme: Five Finger Recipes

Limit: 8-10 participants

Recipe submissions and RSVP for the Zoom meeting on April 8 should be submitted to Vicki Nidzgorski at <u>vanum77@aol.com</u> by April 1.





FRIDAYS

BUNKO - Dicey Bunkettes Meeting In Person!

Lona Love sunsh132@bellsouth.net

When: 2nd Friday of the month 10:45 a.m. Where: Macaroni Grill 7123 Red Bug Lake Rd. Oviedo, FL 32765 If you are interested in joining the group, please email Lona, putting

SATURDAYS

COUPLES BUNKO

BUNKO in the subject line.

Gail Boudreaux 407-678-3341 flcajun2@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 and BYOB. The host couple provides soft drinks and dessert.

Please be aware that some Newcomers activities are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 concerns.

Contact the group leader for more information.