

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



LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

January 17, 2019

Embassy Suites by Hilton-Orlando North 407-834-2400

225 Shorecrest Drive

Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Business Meeting at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Noon

DOWNSIZING EXPERT AND COLUMNIST MARNI JAMESON



Renowned nationally syndicated columnist and lifestyle expert Marni Jameson will be our speaker in January. Her recent best-selling book, *Downsizing the Family Home: What to Save, What to Let Go*, blends wit, wisdom, vulnerability and tough love to provide a road map for dealing with one of life's most difficult rites of passage.

An award-winning journalist who has written more than 2,000 articles, Jameson is best known for her column, "At Home with Marni Jameson," that appears in 25 newspapers nationwide and reaches 7 million readers each week. A resident of Winter Park, she is also a former senior health reporter for the *Orlando Sentinel*.

Directions to Embassy Suites (Hotel is close to Café Murano): Make your way to SR 436/Altamonte Drive, just east of I-4 (exit 92). If coming from I-4, turn left onto Crane's Roost Lake Blvd.; turn right if coming from Winter Springs direction (see "Uptown Altamonte" sign). Make first left onto Shorecrest Blvd. Hotel will be on your right. Note: Omaha Steakhouse parking (at far end of hotel, near the lake) provides the easiest access for members in wheelchairs or using walkers.

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 Pat Cranford **407-616-8891**

L to Z Betty Hastings **407-892-5205**

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 THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON (JANUARY 10, 2019). ANYONE WHO CANCELS AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL REIMBURSE THE CLUB. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21, 2019

Tusawilla Country Club

Winter Springs, FL 32708

Program TBD

March 21, 2019

Heathrow Country Club

Lake Mary, FL 32746

Penny Auction

JANUARY LUNCHEON MENU

ENTREES

Fresh Season Grouper with Lemon Zest Butter and Rice Pilaf

or

London Broil Mushroom Marsala with Roasted Asparagus and Potato Balls

SALAD

Strawberry and Spinach Salad with Toasted Almonds and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Assorted Rolls with Sweet Butter

DESSERT

Brownie/Blondie (dual sample)

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee

Iced and Hot Tea

\$25

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Hi Ladies,

"Wunnerful, Wunnerful," as Lawrence Welk used to say, described our December luncheon. Those of you who have attended luncheons at Timacuan know it is a class act. However, our holiday luncheon far surpassed their past endeavors. It was truly "wunnerful" as said by everyone with whom I spoke. The room was beautifully decorated for the season, and the food, service and ambience rivaled a four-star restaurant or hotel. Shannon Rae provided a terrific program that included everything from sing-alongs to line dancing. She put on a show that equaled any vocalist ever showcased on *The Voice*.



Eighty-three members and guests attended, and the 79 members who were not with us missed one of the best luncheons we have had in a long time. Kudos to Linda Hargreaves, Betty Little, Dru Juhl, and Caroline Dawson for a job well done.

In late November, Linda Gallagher organized an Inside the Arts day trip to Mt. Dora. Twenty-two members enjoyed lunch at the historic Lakeside Inn plus sightseeing, shopping and fun. Taking day trips like this was the most requested activity on our recent interest group survey, so I'm hoping we can do more of them to visit the many beautiful areas of our state. Fun and fellowship are contagious! Think of something you would like to do, get together with like-minded members and JUST DO IT. You'll inspire others too. Who wants to start?

As I write this column 2018 is coming to an end, and hopefully all the problems will end with it. Be happy for what you have and be grateful we live in the greatest country in the world.

Happy New Year to all.

Joan

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 3, 2019, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All board meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery, 6425 University Blvd., Winter Park, FL 32792. Please RSVP to Joan Bové by phone or email.



Meet Our Members

A true Florida native, **Debra Pollock** was born and raised in Miami. As a teen, she modeled for the Barbizon Agency, sold Sarah Coventry jewelry (mostly to her mother's friends), and worked in the Accounting Department at Southern Bell. After graduating from high school, she got a job as a real estate secretary and closer, attended Florida International University, and earned a Bachelor's degree in Business and Marketing. She then married Lee Pollock and worked as a marketing sales consultant for Xerox Corporation and Western Union.



While raising two small children, Debra decided to work part-time. She sold Avon products and taught "Mommy and Me" classes at Miami Dade Community College. She also volunteered as a room mom, art teacher and Math Superstar chairperson at her children's school. In August 1992, her world fell apart when she and her family lost their home to Hurricane Andrew. Overnight, they became homeless--relying on friends to provide them with shelter. She notes, "I could write a book on the devastation we experienced and witnessed."

Debra and her family moved to Winter Springs in 1994. She worked as a substitute teacher and volunteer for the Seminole County school system and took graduate level education courses before becoming a high school teacher. Initially, she taught business and marketing courses at Oviedo High School. Then she moved into teaching business technology and web design at Winter Springs High School. Prior to retiring in July 2018, she taught Microsoft technology for 14 years at Crooms Academy of Information Technology, where she helped students earn the Microsoft Office Specialist Certificate for Access, Excel, PowerPoint and Word. She also created an internship program to help students gain paid employment using their technology skills.

In her spare time, Debra enjoys walking, biking, swimming, dancing, decorating, traveling and visiting family and friends. She's an animal and environmental advocate. She loves spending time with her 90-year-old mother, club member Dolores Johnson, aka "Dee." Although Debra officially joined Newcomers in June 2018, she attended Chick Flicks movies and a few luncheons with her mother before becoming a member. She says, "I'm looking forward to getting to know the Newcomers family."



We are looking for someone to take over the Meet Our Members column from Ronnie Telzer. Please call Ronnie for more information.



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Brenda Jones 407-366-7751
Current Membership: 157

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

There are no new members or other changes to make in your directory this month.



January Birthdays

- 1 Barbara Moore
- 2 Linda Hargreaves
- 11 Sue Horn
- 12 Rosemary Kubanet
- 14 Pat McRee
- 16 Veline Ball
- 17 Jo-Ann Jaeger
- 18 Judy Babine
- 23 Barbara Rustigian
Christine Walsh
- 25 Claudia Hughey
- 27 Terry Becker
- 30 Solly Haber
Sharon Shulman



2018-2019 EXECUTIVE BOARD

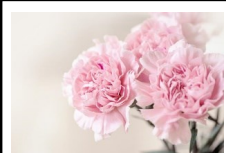
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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Bridge	Sim Horst	407-678-2961
	Pat McRee	407-359-1228
Bunko 2nd Friday Couples, 3rd Saturday	Lona Love	407-977-0046
	Gail Boudreaux	407-678-3341
Chick Flicks	Margie Rick	732-763-5277
Cooking Club	Judy Galloway	850-320-5400
Euchre	Judy Babine	407-222-2961
Hooked on Books	Joan Bové	407-971-3911
Mah Jongg	Sharon Shulman	407-625-1716
Mexican Train	Pam Feldman	352-857-9868



The January birth flower is the **carnation**, and the stone is **garnet**. The **carnation** comes in several different colors which convey different meanings, much like roses. A pink carnation means affection, while a red carnation means "I love you." White carnations mean pure love, striped carnations mean regret that a love is not shared, and yellow means rejection or disappointment.



CORRESPONDENCE



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THINKING OF YOU: Pam Feldman

90TH BIRTHDAY: Dee Johnson

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HOOKED ON BOOKS

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PANERA'S on Mitchell Hammock Rd., Oviedo
 Second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

- JAN *Left Neglected* by Lisa Genova
- FEB *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Badani
- MAR *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty

Thursday, January 31, 10 a.m.

Tables Extraordinaire 2019 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Maitland, \$10 admission (special 10th anniversary price) payable at the door. View beautiful themed table decor and exquisite place settings. Enjoy Greek food and desserts on-site, or sign up to join the group for lunch at Bahama Breeze in Altamonte Springs.

Saturday, February 16, 7:30 p.m.

Atlantic City Boys concert at Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center, Sanford, \$27. Make checks payable to Linda Gallagher to reserve your spot in Row G or H. Show will feature hit songs from the Bee Gees, Frankie Valli, the Beach Boys and more! Optional pre-show dinner at Hollerbach's Willow Tree in Sanford.

Sunday, March 24, 9:50 a.m.

Explore Uptown Art Expo in Altamonte Springs with optional brunch at Cafe Murano. Meet for a group photo at the show entrance near the AMC movie theater parking lot. Please RSVP by March 14 if you plan to attend the brunch at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 11, 2 p.m.

What a Glorious Feeling: The Story of Singin' in the Rain, \$33, Winter Park Playhouse. Sign up now and make checks payable to Linda Gallagher to reserve a ticket. 20 tickets available.

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

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Hello Friends,

Here's a big holiday thank you for your Christmas donations to the Outreach Rescue Mission for Homeless Women and Children. As always, the Newcomers "elves" helped to make Christmas happier for the less fortunate in our local area.



In January, I will again be collecting blankets, socks, gloves and other items that help keep the homeless warm during the chilly winter months. These donations will be delivered to Woodbury Pantry for distribution. The Pantry can also use tarps for its outdoor shelters. These items can be gently used or new. The dollar stores are a great place to shop for many of these products. Thank you in advance.

Keep the aluminum tabs coming. Ronald McDonald House always appreciates the large bags of tabs that I deliver to them.

I hope that all your dreams come true in the new year. May 2019 be your best year ever!

Sincerely,
 Barb

HELPING HANDS

If you know of a member who needs a Helping Hand, please contact Louise Gallagher @ 321-765-4371.



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 who will assist you. Please **do not** call the venue.



BUNKO GROUPS*



Dicey Bunkettes

2nd Friday, Deer Run Country Club 11 a.m.
Lona Love 407-977-0046

Couples Bunko

3rd Saturday 6 p.m.
Gail Boudreaux 407-678-3341
Each couple brings an appetizer to share and BYOB.
The host couple provides soft drinks and dessert.

*Call the Chairs of any group you would like to join or to be put on their substitute list.

LADIES BRIDGE

We play on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Deer Run Country Club, 300 Daneswood Way, Casselberry, at 11 a.m. and enjoy lunch there.



Make your reservation with either of the Chairs:

Pat McRee
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patmcree@bellsouth.net

Sim Horst
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skhorst@embarqmail.com

MAH JONGG

Sharon Shulman 407-625-1716



Mondays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bring lunch, beverage and \$5 in change.

Mah Jongg is held at the Tremont in Oviedo. Bring a bag lunch and \$5 cash. See you there!

Sharon is teaching a Beginner Mah Jongg class on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30. Classes are at Sharon's home at 914 Lotus Vista Drive, #302, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714.

Any member wishing to learn should RSVP to her at sshulman43@gmail.com.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2019-2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations for the 2019-2020 Executive Board of Directors are now open. Perhaps you would like to nominate someone who is qualified for a position, or volunteer in your own area of expertise. Judy Babine will be chairing the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee, which also includes members Gail Boudreaux and Jenny Iacovazzi. Please contact any of them with your recommendations.

CHICK FLICKS



Oviedo Regal Cinema
(last Tuesday of the month)
Margie Rick 732-763-5277

Everyone is welcome to join our group of lovely ladies for 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 meet at the Oviedo Mall Regal Cinema's box office area 15 minutes before the movie starting time. There is no need to RSVP. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Margie directly at the number listed above.

See you at the movies!

COOKING CLUB*

For January's event, review the January issue of *Southern Living* and select a recipe or two that you'd like to prepare. Call the hostess to confirm your participation, and she will confirm your recipe choice. Then come to the luncheon to enjoy taste-testing and discussing the selected recipes.



Thursday, January 10, Noon

Where: Karyll Shaw's Home
9445 Brownwood Ct.
Oviedo, FL 32765

Call: 425-269-1050
by Thursday, January 3

Limit: 10-12 participants

* We changed the name of the group, as we may change the magazine used for recipe selection. At the January lunch, we will decide which magazine to use for future meetings of the Cooking Club.

MEXICAN TRAIN
Pam Feldman 352-857-9868

When: 3rd Monday of the month
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Where: 430 Raymond Avenue
Longwood, FL 32750

Call one week prior: 352-857-9868

Lunch provided. Come join us.





Newcomers Activities and December Luncheon



Chick Flicks participants viewed either *Instant Family* or *Green Book* on November 27, then shared their reviews. Carolyn Williams, Margie Rick, Diana Engling, Debra Pollock, Dee Johnson, Maureen McBride, Sharon Prescott, and Vicki Nidzgorski are pictured.



The historic Lakeside Inn in Mt. Dora was the setting for the November 29 Inside the Arts outing.



Lunch was enjoyed by Diana Hochstetter, Sharon Shulman, Linda Gallagher (standing), Linda Smith, Maureen Smith, and Joan Orłowsky.



Marge Ahearn, DeDe Fluhr, Barbara Moore, Pam Feldman, and Marsha Testa checked out the Mt. Dora map for shopping options.



Betty Little, Joan Bové, Regina Barker, Pat Brizel, Debbie Arblaster, Helen Hoppmann, Christine Shapin, Brenda Jones



Co-VP-Programs Dru Juhl welcomed musician Shannon Rae, who entertained the group at Timacuan with a wide variety of classic songs and holiday favorites.



Dee Johnson celebrated her 90th birthday at the luncheon with daughter, Debra Pollock, and friend Christine Shapin, who wore a shawl hand-made for her by Dee!



Valerie Bush, Margie Rick, Dee Johnson, Linda Gallagher and Jojo Keller celebrated their December birthdays at the luncheon.



Barbara Moore, Gail Boudreaux, Joan Bové and Pam Feldman at the luncheon in Lake Mary



Dee Johnson and other attendees enjoyed dancing the Electric Slide.



Ronnie Telzer and Yvonne David



Co-VP-Luncheons Betty Little and Linda Hargreaves dressed in festive holiday attire.



Lucky winners at the December luncheon included Darlene Stryker (free lunch), Barbara Moore (\$62 50-50 jackpot prize), Judy Brierley (\$62 50-50 jackpot prize) and Brenda Jones (\$10 Darden gift card).



Joan Bové and Brenda Jones posed for a photo near Timacuan's cozy fire-place.



Helen Hoppmann with guest Paula Ritchie



Joan Hansen, Valerie Bush and Diane Antaya chatted with guest Kathy Przydzial.



Guest Lynn Telzer posed with her mother, Ronnie, at the luncheon.



Louise Gallagher, Pat Brizel, Regina Barker and Joan Lenard were decked out in their holiday finery.



Guests Carolyn Richburg and Marsha Skipper joined friends Evelyn LaBruto and Myrna Page.



Patti Campbell and guest Lynn Gryzlak



Christine Shapin, Linda Gallagher and Dru Juhl



Maureen Smith with guest Michele Marino

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NOTE: All Chatter information for publication should be sent to kshawncfl@gmail.com by one week prior to the monthly luncheon (this deadline is a change from previous practice). Thank you!

See the Chatter in color at www.newcomerscfl.org

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2	3  Board Meeting	4	5
6	7  Mah Jongg	8  Hooked on Books	9	10  Luncheon RSVP Chatter Deadline Cooking Club	11  Bunco	12
13	14  Mah Jongg	15	16	17  Luncheon	18	19  Couples Bunco
20	21  Mah Jongg  Mexican Train	22	23  Ladies Bridge	24	25	26
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