



MAKING CONNECTIONS: Getting the Most from Your Newcomers' Membership

Our saying at Newcomers is "There are no strangers, just friends we haven't met!" A great way to develop friendships is by getting together in small groups on a regular basis. Newcomers' Interest Groups provide the opportunity to have fun doing things **YOU** like to do with a small band of ladies who share your interest. Our club members have diverse talents and interests and, at times, busy calendars but all of us have joined to make new friends and connections in our various communities. Today's program will highlight the current eight active groups as well as solicit new ideas and fun activities from you, our wonderful friends, new and old. The purpose of this luncheon is to provide **YOU** with an opportunity to discuss the activities you like to do as well as to find others who would like to join you. The presentation will show how easy it is to start a new group as well as introduce some new groups that are already forming. Come join us on September 21 at Heathrow Country Club and let's connect to make the most of our Newcomers' membership.



LUNCHEON RESERVATION PROCEDURE

Reminder: Luncheon Cost is \$30

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 September 14, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING September 21, 2023

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

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

SEPTEMBER MENU

BUFFET

Both Entrées are Gluten Free

Tuscan Chicken with Artichoke Hearts, Sundried
Tomatoes and Lemon Butter Sauce
Sliced Marinated Sirloin with Red Wine Demi-Glace

SIDES

Salad Bar
Dauphinoise Potato
Fresh Green Beans and Carrots
Freshly Baked Bread with Sweet Cream Butter

DESSERT

Amaretto Cheesecake and Whipped Cream

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$30

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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

Finally, we are beginning to see some relief (though small!) from this record-setting heat! I hope you enjoyed playing Bingo at the August luncheon. Congratulations to Michele Marino, the grand prize winner. I am looking forward to a robust discussion of Special Interest Groups and how to get the most out of your club in September. As you can see in the next column, we already have a new Scrabble group forming and it only took two ladies with a common interest to get it started!

We are excited about our upcoming events through the end of the year but are not resting on our laurels. We are already well into our plans for 2024, looking into new luncheon venues and menus, seeking an even broader range of Inside the Arts subjects and exploring new opportunities for Special Interest Groups. We're also touching bases with "old friends" to bring back some favorites.



Do you know what we need to help us accomplish these lofty goals? We need you! We need your ideas and your participation. Let us know what you like, share your ideas about new things you would like to see, and, most of all, consider accepting a position on the Board or

coordinating an event. Even if you would only like to do one thing, like do table decorations or be in charge of the sound system, you would really be a big help.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact me or any Board member.

Sue

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED!

Corresponding Secretary Pat Cranford requests your help. Please contact Pat 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 Pat is made aware of them. You can contact her by email at patcran613@yahoo.com or text/call her 407-616-8891.



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



October 19 Heathrow Country Club
Penny Auction

November 16 Orlando Hilton Altamonte Springs
Holiday Basket Auction and Gift Boutique

December 14 Heathrow Country Club
Holiday Program Presented by
Vocalists John and Theresa Segers



NEW INTEREST GROUP FORMING

Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804
Sheri@imadver.com

Sheri Dyer and Simone Goldstein are starting up a new Scrabble Group! To start, the games will be played at Sheri Dyer's home: 2410 Huntingdale Land, Oviedo, FL, 32765. The tentative plan is to play twice a month on Wednesdays. The schedule will be modified as needed to meet the scheduling needs of our members.

The first day of game play is Wednesday, August 23 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The next game dates are tentatively scheduled for September 6 and 27. There is no cost involved. Email Sheri if you are interested in playing Scrabble with the group.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS



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 due if you are 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.



HELPING HANDS

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

Trisha and Toni are available to assist you 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.



September Birthdays



- 2 Ellen Bronikowski
- 3 Ann Bush
- 11 Loraine Nelson
- 14 Loretta Kowalski
- 17 Simone Goldstein
- 25 Lorayne Stelling
- 25 Ruth White
- 30 Judith Warren

MEMBERSHIP



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

Current Membership: 103

Please add these members in your newest directory:

New Members

Trudy Brown

118 Avery Lake Dr.
 Cell: 443-695-3700

Winter Springs, FL 32708
 Email: gjbrown1060@gmail.com

Ann Bush

17012 Picketts Cove Rd.
 Cell: 859-396-5508
 Birthday: Sept. 3

Orlando, FL 32820
 Email: abush5009@me.com
 Originally from: Lexington, KY

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

September Meeting is Cancelled



Please join us when we resume in October.



**Connect With Us
 At The September
 Luncheon To Share
 Your Ideas**

Pop Tabs - Soda Cans and More!

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



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson
barbara@tuson.us



Outreach has two big opportunities coming up for you
 to make a difference in our community.

In December, we will be joining with Seniors First and Meals on
 Wheels in their Cards for a Cause drive. We will be collecting
 donations of gift cards from Walmart and grocery stores which
 will be given to seniors as Christmas gifts. Suggested donation
 amounts are \$15 or \$20.

In January, we will be taking part in the Knock, Knock Give a
 Sock Collection Campaign to benefit the Coalition for the
 Homeless of Central Florida and One Heart for Women and
 Children. Socks are a very needed commodity in homeless
 shelters, so be on the lookout for sales on socks (adult and
 children's sizes) and bring them to our January luncheon.

We will also continue to collect pop tabs for the Ronald
 McDonald House. I just took a large bag of tabs to them, and
 they were thrilled.

Thank you, ladies, for your generosity. It really does make a
 difference to members of our community who are in need.



WAYS & MEANS

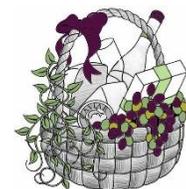


Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher 407-592-9573
 Ronnie Telzer 407-365-1580

Ways & Means fundraising activities will be back in November
 with our popular Basket Auction. Feel free to create a themed
 gift basket with your interest group or other friends and bring it
 to the Hilton Orlando-Altamonte Springs on November 16.

A Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique is also being planned for your
 shopping pleasure at the November luncheon. For this
 fundraiser, we would like you to donate new home-made, hand-
 crafted, or store-bought holiday-themed gift items. We hope to
 have everything from baked goods and handmade greeting
 cards to wreaths and seasonal specialties like candles and
 holiday decor (available for purchase though silent auction
 bidding or flat-rate sales tables).

Plan to bring your donations to the hotel on
 the date of the luncheon (unless you can't
 attend that day) -- along with completed
 donation forms which will be available in the
 fall. Empty baskets in a variety of sizes will be
 available **for free** at our September luncheon. We look forward
 to seeing an amazing array of baskets and holiday gifts and
 thank you in advance for your support!





INSIDE THE ARTS

Chair: Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804
Sheri@imadyer.com

OCTOBER EVENTS

Tuesday, October 3
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

What: PopStroke Mini Golf followed by drinks and food at the venue.

Where: 321 N. Alafaya Trail, Orlando 32828

Cost: \$20 per person (senior rate), includes 36 holes of mini golf



PopStroke is a one-of-a-kind golf experience with two 18-hole putting courses. These courses are built entirely with synthetic turf, incorporating fairways, bunkers, and rough just as you would see on a traditional golf course. Using only a putter, this unique golf experience can be played by anyone - no matter their age, ability, or whether they've ever held a club before. The venue also features an outdoor dining area with a full menu and craft beer, wine, and signature cocktails along with an ice cream parlor.

Friday, October 20
11 a.m. to 12 noon



What: Rollins College Museum of Art Tour
*Beyond the Medici:
The Haukohl Family Collection*

Where: 1000 Holt Ave.

Winter Park, FL 32789

Cost: Free

Lunch Following: On Park Avenue.

On our tour we will explore what makes art of 17th century Florence unique through examining stories, history and context of Baroque painting and sculpture. Grab some of your Newcomers' friends and join us as we tour the Rollins College Museum of Art. Admission to the museum is free. After the tour, we will have lunch on Park Avenue.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS for UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Upcoming Events Reminder

Tuesday, September 12

What: *Figurehead: Music & Mayhem in Orlando's Underground exhibit*

Where: Orange County Regional History Center
65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando 32801



Friday, September 22, 2 p.m.

What: Ruthless! The Musical

Where: Winter Park Playhouse

Dinner Following: Fiddler's Green,

544 W. Fairbanks Ave., Winter Park



COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



Unfortunately, due to Covid concerns, our August meeting was canceled the morning of. We are at an age where we need to minimize our risk. Therefore, August's theme, New to You, will be carried over to our September meeting. New to You means using an ingredient in your recipe that you have not cooked with before such as butternut squash, leeks, eggplant, prunes, orzo, certain nuts and cheeses. We will gather on September 14 at Betty Little's to sample our recipes.

If you previously signed up for August, and plan to attend in September, please make that same recipe, if possible. Otherwise, to participate in September, please submit to Vicki by email or text two recipes that you have never prepared before that use an ingredient which is new to you. Vicki will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare for our theme. This month, Vicki will be unavailable to review your recipes from August 22 - September 4. Ensure your participation by emailing or texting your recipe to Vicki by September 7.

Come to Cooking Club on September 14 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. If you enjoy trying new recipes, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Participation is limited to 12-14 ladies this month.

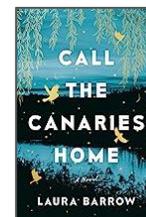


HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

What if you knew about how long your life would be? What if you knew the month you would die? In our August book, *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick, mysterious boxes which were delivered to everyone's doorstep held the answer to these questions. Interesting ethical dilemmas were presented as the characters reacted to the length of their strings. This, of course, led to a very interesting discussion. One of the characters, Amie, commented "Since the strings arrived, so many of our conversations are about such big, heavy ideas, literally life and death. And I miss talking about the little things." This sums up the conclusion made by our group that it is really the little things that make up our life!

Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing discussions over a cup of coffee and a donut. Join us in September when we will be discussing *Call the Canaries Home* by Laura Barrow. For more details, please see page 5.





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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: September 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

SEPT *Call the Canaries Home*
by Laura Barrow

OCT *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*
by Allison Pataki

NOV *The Thursday Murder Club*
by Richard Osman

DEC *A Christmas Memory*
by Richard Paul Evans

And *A Christmas Memory*
by Truman Capote

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

tfuston@aol.com

September Chick Flicks is Cancelled.

We will resume meeting in October.

CHATTER ARTICLES



Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith at smith4cr@gmail.com by **September 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 - September 14

12 noon

Where: Betty Little

5433 Rocking Horse Rd

Orlando, 32817

Theme: New to You

Limit: 12-14 participants

Please note that Vicki will be unavailable to review recipes from Aug. 22 - Sept. 4

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday, September 7 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday, September 7, to Vicki Nidzgorski at vanum77@aol.com.

FRIDAYS

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

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. The host couple will provide 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 August events on our Facebook page or our website.



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