



An Old-Fashioned Christmas

Have you ever wished you could spend some time in that Dickens Christmas Village you set up on your mantle? Our

December luncheon will give you a taste of that timeless holiday charm. The Martin Duo, a husband-and-wife pair of singers, will entertain us with traditional holiday carols while dressed in Victorian garb.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful seasonal event—our only monthly luncheon scheduled for the **SECOND THURSDAY** of the month—December 9. In addition to the Martin Duo, you will enjoy a delicious meal, including dessert, at the beautiful Timacuan Country Club. Rumor has it that Santa just may have a little something for each of you who attends!

Hope to see you there in all your holiday finery! It's sure to be one of the highlights of the season!



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 DECEMBER 2, 2021, THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON.

ANYONE WHO CANCELS AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL REIMBURSE THE CLUB. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.



LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

December 9, 2021

Timacuan Country Club

550 Timacuan Blvd., Lake Mary, FL 32746

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



December Menu

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Beef Tips in Bordelaise Sauce

OR

Parmesan-Crusted Chicken

OR

Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request

SIDES

Green Salad served with Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Green Beans

DESSERT

Variety of Sweet Shots

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.

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

Ladies,

November's Board Meeting focused on finalizing plans for this month's festive activities and laying the groundwork for a wide variety of exciting upcoming

events scheduled through May 2022. **Remember our December 9 holiday luncheon at Timacuan Country Club is on the second Thursday of the month, not the usual third Thursday!** There is so much already planned for the first quarter of 2022, and the Board is counting on your participation to help make the next few months a huge success. Also, please start thinking about how you could serve the club when the Nominating Committee calls.

Oh my, the calendar says it's December! Where did this year go? This time of year brings warm thoughts of social gatherings in cozy settings filled with family, friends, food and pets. It is a special time to consider our most cherished blessings—our family and dearest loved ones. After the struggles of 2021, my wish for you during this holiday season is to reflect a grateful heart and treasure your many blessings of friends and family. As the challenges of 2021 come to a close, I hope you were able to enjoy the beauty of nature and the joys of the holiday season while getting your shopping done early-- without supply chain issues and delivery quandaries. In the coming year, I look forward to seeing you at many upcoming club events, not just luncheons.

With the New Year approaching, please keep Newcomers on your calendar. Stay safe, and be well!

Betty Little



A NEWCOMERS' THANK YOU

Margie Rick is stepping down after coordinating Chick Flicks for the past six years. We would like to extend a big Thank You to Margie for finding great movies for us to enjoy together.

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH Update on Ali's Hope Donations



In October our members donated \$334 to Ali's Hope. An anonymous donor matched this amount to bring the total contribution from Newcomers to \$668. Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

January 20 Bakey and Betty – A Musical Comedy Team
The Celeste Hotel

February 17 Simon Time Trivia
Location TBD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



WAYS & MEANS

Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher
Ronnie Telzer

Ways & Means raised a grand total of \$854 from our November silent auction. We had 19 items up for auction at the November luncheon—including several holiday gift baskets, a sunflower vase, book bundles, movie time snacks, bath accessories, a holiday wreath, and even laundry/cleaning items! Every item donated was sold.

We wish to thank all our wonderful and creative merchandise donors: Newcomers' Board, Cooking Club, Hooked on Books, Pam Feldman, Trisha Fuston, Linda Gallagher, Barbara Kalicki, Joan Lenard, Betty Little, Loraine Nelson, Estelle Simandl and Ronnie Telzer. We would also like to thank our basket auction winners who helped us meet and exceed our fundraising goals: Dawn Courtright, Pam Feldman, Linda Gallagher, Joan Hansen, Bunny Hayden, Helen Hoppmann, Sue Horn, Brenda Jones, Barbara Kalicki, Vicki Nidzgorski, Joan Orlosky, Christine Shapin, and guests Debra Babb-Nutcher and Lorayne Stelling.



Your Help Is 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. You can contact her by email at vanum77@aol.com or text/call her at 813-395-3611.

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH



Outreach Chairs: Dru Juhl
Barbara Kalicki



When our neighbors in Central Florida decide to flee domestic violence, Harbor House makes it possible for these survivors to choose safe housing instead of the streets. Because survivors face life and death emergencies, Harbor House never turns anyone away. During the last 18 months, a safe haven has been provided for an average of 147 women and children *each night*.

This month, we will be collecting items for these women and children. Please, only NEW and UNWRAPPED items for children up to 18 years of age, and let's not forget the Moms! Suggestions include toys, clothes, pajamas, and "Mom Items." If any items, such as clothing, are in a gift box, please put a sticker on the box stating what the item is, whether it's for boy or girl and the size of the item.

Let's help make Christmas bright for those who are not as fortunate as all of us!

Thanks again for opening up your hearts at this holiday season.



MEMBERSHIP



Chair: Brenda Jones 407-366-7751

Current Membership: 138



INSIDE THE ARTS

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

Wednesday, January 19, 9:45 a.m.

What: The Morse Museum of American Art
Where: 445 North Park Ave., Winter Park
Cost: \$5
Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 4

The Morse Museum is nationally known for its vast collection of objects and architectural elements from Louis Comfort Tiffany. The Museum's holdings also include American art pottery, late 19th- and early 20th-century American paintings, graphics and decorative art. Complimentary audio tours of the collection are accessible via cell phone. Following our museum visit, we will enjoy lunch at Boca, located across the street at 388 N. Park Ave.

To sign up, please send a check to Linda Hargreaves made out to Linda Hargreaves at 1035 Whispering Cove, Casselberry 32707, or you may sign up at the December luncheon.

Please be aware that masks may be required by the museum.

NOTE: Parking is available directly behind the museum. Additional free parking is available on the first, fourth and fifth floors of Park Place garage on Canton Ave., across from the museum. We DO NOT have to relocate our parked cars when we go to lunch. Just save your ticket/receipt from the museum.

Wednesday, February 16, 2 p.m.

What: *The Fantasticks*
Cost: \$37
Where: Orlando Shakes, 812 E. Rollins St., Orlando
Registration deadline: Tuesday, January 4

"You are invited to a world of moonlight and magic in a coming of age story about the peaks and valleys of young love." Join us to see *The Fantasticks*, book and lyrics written by Tom Jones. The Orlando Shakes presentation will feature Broadway legend Davis Gaines as the narrator El Gallo.

Following the performance, we will dine at The Olive Garden in Winter Park located at 665 N. Orlando Ave.

You can sign up at the December luncheon or send a check to Helen Hoppmann made out to Helen Hoppmann. Seating is limited, and payment must be made to secure your spot.

Linda has checked with the Shakes about parking for this event and was told that it would be complimentary.

December Birthdays

- 3 Virginia Gallaway
- 7 Marlene Radloff
- 10 Margie Rick
- 12 Dee Johnson
- 14 Joyce Sharpe
- 16 Valerie Bush
- 24 Linda Gallagher
- 25 Chris Breeze
- 25 Kay Kane



COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



Cooking Club enjoyed taste testing recipes from their favorite bloggers on Karyll Shaw's "park like setting" lanai in November. We had the chance to try Cloud Bread for the first time, thanks to one of our members. Photos can be found on our NCF Facebook page. In December, we will continue our traditional "lunch out." On Thursday, December 16, we will meet at the Tap Room at Dubsdread at 11 a.m. Our December luncheon is open to Cooking Club members who have attended at least one Cooking Club function this past year. RSVPs are due to Vicki, by text or email, by December 9, so the restaurant can be updated. Details can be found on page 4 of *The Chatter*.

CHICK FLICKS

Margie Rick 732-763-5277
Tuesday, December 21
at Regal Oviedo Mall



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. Buy your ticket at Regal Oviedo Mall upstairs concession stand and join the ladies inside the designated theater. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Margie directly at the number listed above. See you at the movies!

Please RSVP so that Margie has a count for BJ's.

LADIES HOLIDAY BRIDGE

Sue Horn 303-807-4088



Because our normal Newcomers' Bridge Day (the fourth Wednesday of the month) falls on the day before Thanksgiving in November and Christmas week in December, we will be holding a Holiday Bridge game on Wednesday, December 8. The location is Carrabba's at the corner of Tusawilla and Red Bug Roads, and the time is 10:30-3:30. Please note this is a NEW TIME we are trying! We look forward to seeing everyone then!



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

Loretta Kowalski 407-405-2446

When: Mondays

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Tremont in Oviedo

Bring lunch, beverage and \$5 in change.

See you there!

TUESDAYS

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Joan Bové 407-971-3911

nurseynurs@icloud.com

When: 2nd Tuesday – December
1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'
3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

- DEC *American Dirt*
by Jeanine Cummins
- JAN *The Last Thing He Told Me*
by Laura Dave
- FEB *The Offing*
by Ben Myers
- MAR *Maude*
by Donna Foley Mabry

CHICK FLICKS

Margie Rick 732-763-5277

mrick1953@gmail.com

NOTE DATE CHANGE

When: Tuesday, December 21

Where: Regal Oviedo Mall

Movie title and meeting time will be sent to all members by email the weekend before the screening.

Please RSVP to Margie.



CHATTER ARTICLES

Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith by **January 16**. Send articles to smith4cr@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE - 4th Wednesday

Sue Horn 303-807-4088

NOTE DATE & TIME CHANGE

When: Wednesday, December 8
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

Betty Little 407-719-3066

brittle7@gmail.com

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

Where: The Town House Restaurant
139 N. Central Ave., Oviedo

Please RSVP to Betty Little.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 3rd Thursday – December 16
11 p.m.

Where: The Tap Room at Dubsdread
549 West Par St.
Orlando, FL 32804

Theme: A Holiday Celebration

Limit: 12

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,
December 9 at 813-395-3611 or
vanum77@aol.com.

FRIDAYS

BUNKO - Dicey Bunkettes

Lona Love sunsh132@bellsouth.net

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
Tuscawilla Rds.

If you are interested in joining the group, please email Lona, 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 and BYOB. 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: Cell: 303-807-4088

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



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