



Everybody Loves Spring Fashion Show

Spring brings balmy weather, blue skies, new buds on trees, beautiful

flowers popping up and, of course, Newcomers' ever-popular Spring Fashion Show. This year, we're delighted to have Dillard's from Oviedo Mall as our store sponsor. Dillard's Ready-to-Wear Sales Manager Kierstin Balbi will join us April 18 at Heathrow Country Club to provide expert commentary on a variety of stylish ensembles.

Fashion Show chair Joan Lenard and co-chair Rosemary Kubanet have enlisted club members to serve as models at this event. Our Newcomers models will stroll around the venue so all attendees can get a close-up view of the latest styles and fashions.

To enhance the show's festive atmosphere, each luncheon table will feature eye-catching floral centerpieces which will be given away as door prizes. There will also be some sweet candy treats for all attendees. The Fashion Show is open to current and former members and guests--so let's aim to break some attendance records and invite your friends and relatives to join us at this special luncheon.

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 April 11, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

April 18, 2024

Heathrow Country Club
1200 Bridgewater Drive
Lake Mary, FL 32746

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

April Buffet

SALAD

Mixed Greens and Romaine
Assorted Toppings
Italian and Ranch Dressing

ENTRÉE

Grilled Salmon with Roasted Garlic
and Spinach Chimichurri (gluten free)

Chicken Breast Piccata
with Creamy Lemon Caper Sauce (gluten free)

Baked Zucchini Parmesan
Penne Pasta a la Vodka

DESSERT

Cocoa-Dusted Tiramisu

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

Greetings Ladies,

This past month, Brenda Jones hosted our annual New Member Social at her house, and it was delightful to have the opportunity to spend some up close and personal time with our new members. I encourage you to look for our new members at our activities and give them a hearty welcome!

As you know, I've been trying to spotlight our Board positions so you will have a better understanding of the possibilities for involvement in the direction of the club. Last month, we talked about one of our open positions, VP-Programs. This month, I'd like to jump down to our other open position for the 24-25 year: Committee Chairperson of Ways and Means, the fundraising arm of the Club. The club by-laws, which can be found in your Membership Directory, specify the positions that constitute the Executive Board for our Club and how they are selected, but they don't identify the specific committees that exist. The Executive Board has created the committees that exist today, based upon need. We have shared that our luncheon price barely covers the cost of the meal. Our Ways and Means Committee has done such a great job of fundraising that we have been able to cover any differences. In addition to subsidizing our luncheons, these funds also cover game prizes, table decorations, birthday flowers, get well cards, etc. – all the things that make us special and caring to our members. This committee is responsible for raising the money we budget for these activities. Typically, we try to organize an auction that raises money and provides a fun luncheon activity as well, but this is a position to let your imagination and creativity run wild! We only do two major fundraising events a year, and one for next year is already planned, so that leaves one fundraising event for the chair of this committee. If you are interested in Chairing or working on this committee and would like to know more, please contact me.

Finally, ladies, the New York and Milan fashion shows have nothing on us! Our annual fashion show will be held at Heathrow Country Club on April 18. Organized by Joan Lenard, it is sponsored by Dillard's, so it should be wonderful. I can't wait to see you all there!



Sue

Thinking of you



YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED!

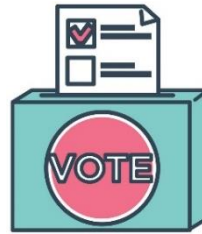
Corresponding Secretary Pat Cranford requests your help. Please contact Pat if you know of a member who is ill, lost a loved one or just needs to know that we care so that she can send a card. "Milestone" birthdays will also be acknowledged if Pat is made aware of them. You can contact her by email at patcran613@yahoo.com or text/call her at 407-616-8891.



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

May 16 Macaroni Grill – Oviedo
Installation of Officers
Derby Day Celebration

June 20 Carrabba's Italian Grill – Winter Springs



EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

April means that it is time to vote for your Executive Board to lead us in the next year. Voting will take place at our April luncheon. You will find the nominees listed below. There is still a need for someone to serve as committee chair for Ways and Means.

2024-2025

Executive Board Nominations

President	Sue Horn
1st VP Programs	Ellen Bronikowski
2nd VP Luncheons	Loraine Nelson
3rd VP Membership	Diana Engling
Recording Secretary	Patti Zedo
Corresponding Secretary	Maryellen McCullagh
Treasurer	Helen Hoppmann
Parliamentarian	Christine Shapin

CANCELLATION AND WAITLIST



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.



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

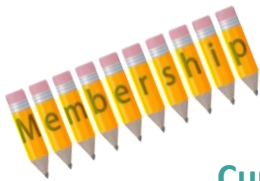
Trisha and Toni are available to assist you at the Newcomers' luncheons. If you should need help entering the luncheon venue from the parking lot or carrying your plate from a buffet, please give Trisha or Toni a phone call and let them know how they may help.





April Birthdays

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| 4 Maria Alba | 15 Ronnie Telzer |
| 9 Lynn O'Dell | 16 Pat Brizel |
| 11 Judy Brierley | 17 Carol Smith |
| 11 Doris Rosen | 26 Paula Ritchie |
| 13 Patti Zedo | 30 Betty Hastings |



MEMBERSHIP

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

Current Membership: 116

Please add these members in your newest directory:

New Members

Anita Fogtman

P.O. Box 196309	Winter Springs, FL 32719
Cell: 381-794-2764	Email: afogtman44@yahoo.com
Birthdate: August 11	Originally from: Texas



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson
barbara@tuson.us

Book Drive Results

As a former remedial reading teacher, I want to thank all of my Newcomers friends for the fantastic response to our book drive for A Gift for Teaching. You all donated 232 children's books which have already been delivered. They were extremely excited to get all these books. Putting books in the hands of children is a gift you can be proud of. Again, thank you!



Pop Tabs - Soda Cans and More!

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

NEW INTEREST GROUP FORMING



The board would like to thank Pat Neal for stepping up to get our Day Trip interest group started. Pat's initial thoughts are to plan a day trip every other month or possibly each month. This new group will be called "Adventure Awaits." The first outing will be to Congo River Mini Golf in Altamonte Springs, followed by lunch at Tibby's on Friday, May 3. Details are given below.



ADVENTURE AWAITS DAY TRIPS

Coordinator: Pat Neal
407-461-8789 pneal11@earthlink.net

Friday May 3 at 9:45 a.m.

What: Putt-Putt Golf

Where: Congo River Golf
531 West State Road 436, Altamonte Springs, 32714

Date: Friday, May 3 at 9:45 a.m. (The park opens at 10:00)

Cost: \$17.11 (This includes the senior discount)

Lunch Afterwards: Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen
494 SR 436, Altamonte Springs, 32714

RSVP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 26
by emailing PAT NEAL AT pneal11@earthlink.net

It's time to get into the swing of spring with putt-putt golf. Come and join a fun game of miniature golf while exploring giant waterfalls, rocky summits, and mysterious caves! Afterwards we will chill out at Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen.

Each participant is responsible for their own transportation, cost of admission, and lunch. Feel free to carpool!

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN CASE OF RAIN, THIS EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED.



The board would like to thank Gail Boudreaux for her years of service organizing Couples Bunko.



Couples Bunko

Mary Ward 407-222-4446
maryward@bellsouth.net

Mary Ward will be the new coordinator for Couples Bunko. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Mary.



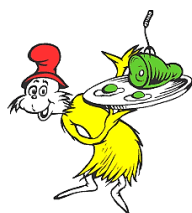
COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

vanum77@aol.com

Mardi Gras was our theme for March, and boy did we party! Brenda Jones hosted our largest group yet, 14 ladies. The ladies were dressed in Mardi Gras colors, and our hostess gifted us beads and masks to help get us ready to celebrate. Please check out our photos on Facebook or the Newcomers' website. We all agreed it was one of our favorite themes. Every recipe we tasted was delicious! A couple of recipes spiced things up with Slap Ya Mama Cajun seasoning. And we recognized Pi Day too!

On April 11, you will find us at the home of Karyll Shaw. In keeping with Spring, the theme will be a lighthearted Green Eggs and Ham. It's amazing how many Green Eggs and Ham recipes there are when you google it: sheet pan, muffin pan, dessert, Pioneer Woman, Rachel Ray, etc. We prefer naturally green dishes with no food coloring, if possible.



To participate in April, please submit two recipes that fit our theme and that you have not made before, to Vicki by email or text. She will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare for our theme. Recipes must be submitted by email or text to Vicki by April 4. Please be aware we may reach our maximum participation number prior to April 4. Michele Marino will be compiling our recipes for April.

Come to Cooking Club on April 11 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed, and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. Please bring a disposable dish if you would like to take home any of the leftovers. If you enjoy trying new recipes, sampling new foods, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Participation is limited to 12 this month.



CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Tuesday, April 23

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 15 to 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 so that Trisha has a head count for BJ's Restaurant.

INVITE A GUEST TO THE APRIL FASHION SHOW

Just a reminder, the Fashion Show is exempt from any limitations on attendance. Everyone (including past members) is welcome to attend. Attendance at these events **will not count** toward a guest's lifetime (not annual) two-event limit.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478

smith4cr@gmail.com

Only four words were needed to describe our March book: We are family, unfortunately. *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley is a locked-room mystery, a subgenre of crime fiction that involves a crime committed in a sealed room or other enclosed space. There were many twists and turns in the plot that took us by surprise, one of which was how the apartment building itself seemed like one of the characters. We had an interesting discussion and at times the Dunkin' staff were probably wondering why we were laughing so much.

Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions over coffee and donuts. Join us in April when we will be discussing *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 Years Old* by Hendrik Groen. To join us, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.



CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB

Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205

psritchie@gmail.com

Friday, April 5 & 19

The Crochet/Knitting Group had so much fun that we decided to meet twice a month. We will continue to meet at Dunkin' in Oviedo (the one in front of Lowe's on Red Bug Lake Rd.) on the first **and** third Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Paula looks forward to getting together and learning everyone's skill level. Please let Paula know if you will be attending the meeting.

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. It is about a one mile walk around the lake. 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 April 14. Please see page 5 for all of the details.



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: April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

APR *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 Years Old*
by Hendrik Groen

MAY *Tom Lake*
by Ann Patchett

JUN *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*
by James McBride

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

When: Tuesday, April 23

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.

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

www.newcomerscfl.org

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



WEDNESDAYS

SCRABBLE

Scrabble is currently on hold. If you are interested in restarting this group, contact Sue Horn at 303-807-4088.

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.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2nd Thursday – April 11

12 noon

Where: Karyll Shaw

9445 Brownwood Ct.
Oviedo 32765

Theme: Green Eggs and Ham

Limit: 12 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,
April 4 at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday,
April 4, to Vicki Nidzgorski at
vanum77@aol.com.



CHATTER articles are due by **April 16**. Please email articles to Carol Smith at smith4cr@gmail.com

FRIDAYS

CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB



Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205

psritchie@gmail.com

Let Paula know if you will be attending.

When: 1st and 3rd Friday of the month
1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin' (in front of Lowe's)
3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

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: Each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Except for April 14

Where: Cranes Roost Park
Meet by Café Murano
Altamonte Springs
Parking: By AMC Movie Theater