



## Let's All Go to the Movies — In Style!

The silver screen has always been a portal to adventure, romance, mystery, and laughter. But in today's fast-paced world, movie nights have become more casual and routine—sometimes even relegated to the small screen of a home device. What if we brought back the excitement, the pageantry, and the fun of classic movie-going? It's time to make a night at the movies an event again—let's all go to the movies—in style.

Remember the golden age of Hollywood, when couples and friends would don their finest apparel to catch the latest blockbuster or heartwarming romance? Whether it's a sleek cocktail dress, a sharp blazer, or even themed attire inspired by the film, dressing up makes us feel special and creates lasting memories. That kind of style is the theme of our annual Fashion Show sponsored by Dillard's Oviedo Mall.

Thursday, April 16 is the date. Heathrow Country Club is the place! Bring all your friends for a fun-filled, fashionable luncheon!



### LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

**Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on April 9, the Thursday before the luncheon. No walk-ins allowed.**

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. Paula or Belinda 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-K Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205**  
**L-Z Belinda Wadas 847-421-4233**

While you may pay by cash, the PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD IS BY CHECK. Please make out checks in advance to Newcomers of Central Florida, Inc. Payments for guests need to be pre-arranged.

### LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

**April 16, 2026**

Heathrow Country Club  
1200 Bridgewater Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746  
**Gather at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Noon**

## April Buffet

### ENTRÉE

Grilled Salmon with Dill Champagne Sauce  
Sliced Marinated Sirloin with Red Wine Demi-glace

### SIDES

Heathrow Cranberry Salad  
with Mixed Greens, Cranberries, Blue Cheese,  
Candied Pecans and Sherry Vinaigrette

Dauphinoise Potato  
Seasoned Green Beans

Rolls and Butter

### DESSERT

Turtle Cheesecake  
with Whipped Cream  
and Chocolate Sauce

### BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee  
Iced and Hot Tea

**LUNCHEON COST: \$30**

*While checks are preferred,  
for cash payments, please use denominations of \$50 or less.*



### 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 0.5 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 55B. 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 Friends!

April showers bring May flowers, and you'd be hard-pressed to find flowers as lovely and colorful as our wonderful April fashion show models. We always enjoy this luncheon, and the ladies who have taken the helm in planning it have always done a fabulous job. Special thanks to Christine Shapin for turning this year's Dillard's fashion show into a truly entertaining event.

In May, it will be time to install our board members for 2026-2027. We're lucky that most of our existing officers are continuing in their positions while others are switching hats to assist and fill vacancies. We're lucky to have such a great team! We are all breathing a sigh of relief because Helen Hoppmann has agreed to serve as Treasurer for one more year as she trains her future replacement. Please refer to the Board slate on this page for more details.

By the time we meet again on April 16, we will have celebrated Easter and Passover and completed our 2025 tax returns. We'll be ready to "spring forward" to more good times with our Newcomers of Central Florida friends.

Ellen



### UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

May 21 Officer Installation  
The Wedding Barn

**Time change for May:**  
Gather at 11 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 a.m.

June 18 Member Appreciation Day  
& Flat Rate Table Sale  
Hilton Orlando — Altamonte Springs



We are deeply saddened to share that three of our members, Sherry McFarland, Michelle Ward and Susan DeTemple, have passed away. Each of these women will be warmly remembered for the roles they played in our Newcomers Club and the special place they hold in our hearts.

According to our bylaws, a \$25 donation was given in memory of each of these women to a charity chosen by their family. The donations listed below were made:

**Sherry McFarland** – Seminole County Animal Services

**Michelle Ward** – Aspire Health Partners

**Susan DeTemple** – Marshall University Big Green Scholarship Foundation, Inc. for the "Ron and Susan DeTemple Endowed Scholarship for Men's Basketball"

### 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 the April luncheon. You will find the nominees listed below.



#### 2026-2027

#### Executive Board Nominations

President	Ellen Bronikowski
1st VP Programs	Robin Roskowski Sue Horn
2nd VP Luncheons	Loraine Nelson Tina Parrish
3rd VP Membership	Michele Marino
Recording Secretary	Patti Zedo
Corresponding Secretary	Paula Ritchie
Treasurer	Helen Hoppmann
Parliamentarian	Sue Horn



### May Luncheon Update

Two Changes:  
Time and Menu

The Installation luncheon at The Wedding Barn on May 21 will begin half an hour earlier, with guests gathering at 11 a.m. and lunch served at 11:30. Lasagna will be featured as part of an Italian meal.

### LUNCHEON POLICY

**Cancellations:** If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please call [Paula Ritchie](#) as soon as possible to cancel your reservation. Remember, payment is owed if you are unable to attend, and no one takes your place.

**Waitlist:** If you miss the Thursday luncheon deadline, you may call [Paula Ritchie](#) to be added to the waitlist.



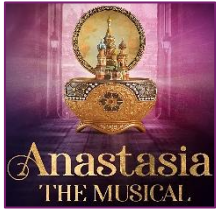
**Payment:** While checks are preferred, cash payments should be in bills of \$50 or less.



### INSIDE THE ARTS

Ronnie Telzer 407-577-7401  
Linda Gallagher 407-592-9573

Please note: Inside the Arts traditionally takes a break from June-August, so please check your *Chatter* in the summer for information on upcoming arts-related activities.



**Sunday, April 19, 4 p.m.**

**Anastasia the Musical**  
(college production)

Where: The Annie Russell Theater at Rollins College  
Our ticket allotment is sold out. Please contact the box office directly at 407-646-2145 to purchase additional tickets. Optional quick-service dining at BurgerFi, 538 South Park Avenue in Winter Park after the show. Parking information will be sent to those on our reservation list.

**Friday, May 15**  
**11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**



### Bridgerton High Tea Experience

Board the paddlewheeler Barbara Lee in Sanford at 11:30 a.m. and cruise along the serene waters of Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River from noon to 2 p.m. Feel free to dress in your best Bridgerton-inspired attire (high-waisted flowy dresses from the Regency era--1811-1820) or don a special hat while you enjoy savory sandwiches, scones and sweets plus unlimited tea. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. \$59 per person includes taxes, fees and gratuities. Make checks payable to Ronnie Telzer. Three spots (out of 30) were available at press time.

### MARCH WINNERS

The 50-50 jackpot of \$118 was split by Charmane Damron and Tina Parrish. The recipient of the free lunch was Marcia Hahn. Brenda Jones won the \$150 Bingo jackpot. Paula Ritchie crocheted a leprechaun and a bunny which were won by Joyce Hefke and Trisha Fuston, respectively.



### HELP NEEDED

Corresponding Secretary  
Maryellen McCullagh 407-461-0362



Please text Maryellen McCullagh 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 recognized if Maryellen is made aware of them. You can text her at 407-461-0362.

## April Birthdays

- 4 Maria Alba
- 7 Ruth Consolato
- 9 Lynn O'Dell
- 11 Doris Rosen
- 13 Patti Zedo
- 15 Ronnie Telzer
- 16 Pat Brizel
- 17 Carol Smith
- 19 Beverly Weinberg
- 26 Paula Ritchie



## MEMBERSHIP



Co-Chairs:  
Ann White 407-687-4902 [auntesther27@yahoo.com](mailto:auntesther27@yahoo.com)  
Michele Marino 612-801-7949 [Mmmarino10@gmail.com](mailto:Mmmarino10@gmail.com)

**Current Membership 122**

There are no directory updates this month.



## REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson [barbara@tuson.us](mailto:barbara@tuson.us)

*There are thousands of children in Seminole County that receive free or reduced meal plans at school, but what do they eat when they are on break or off for the summer?*

The sad truth is many of these children would go without. During each school break throughout the year (13 weeks), Kids of HOPE provides registered families with a week's worth of free lunches for their children. This program is operated by HOPE Helps, Inc. in Oviedo, serving Seminole County residents. (The HOPE Chest is also run by this organization.)

**MAY LUNCHEON:** We will have a food drive for Kids of HOPE. See the list of requested items below; specific sizes are needed for the lunch program.



### Healthy items requested:

- **Entrees:** 2 oz. cups mac and cheese, tuna (packets or kits), 4 oz. Vienna Sausage, 7.5 oz. Pop Top Beef Stew, soups (11 oz. or less)
- **Peanut Butter:** (small/medium jars)
- **Snacks:** popcorn, trail mix, protein bars, fruit snacks, low-sugar pudding
- **Breakfast:** 1 oz. bowls/boxes healthy cereal, packets of oatmeal
- **Packaged Fruit:** apple sauce, peaches/mixed fruit cup
- **Beverages:** 8 oz. shelf-stable milk, juice pouches





### HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

“Historical portrait of humanness,” “women’s friendship, secrets, struggles,” and “kindness matters” were the (up to) four-word descriptions given to our March book, *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. Most members said that this was the first book they have read where the house was actually one of the characters. Much of our discussion centered on the seven women who roomed at the Briarwood house during the era of McCarthyism.

We welcome you to join us in April when we will be discussing *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. Hooked on Books is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions over coffee and donuts. To join us, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.



### BINGO GROUP

Tina Parrish 757-777-6861  
parrish407@bellsouth.net

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 7** at Carrabba’s on Red Bug Lake Road in Winter Springs. Plan to meet for lunch (pay for yourself) at noon and play Bingo at 1 p.m. Please bring a wrapped gift with a \$15 value and \$5 to play.

To RSVP, please call Tina Parrish at 757-777-6861 or email Tina at [parrish407@bellsouth.net](mailto:parrish407@bellsouth.net).

### CHICK FLICKS

**On hold until further notice.**



**Pull for the House.**



Support the Ronald McDonald House.  
Bring your pop tabs to the April luncheon.

### SPICE GIRLS

Debbie Browning 407-716-3752  
threegifts@hotmail.com



Our March luncheon was graciously hosted by Helen Hoppmann. Helen created an inviting atmosphere with her home and table beautifully decorated in Easter and Spring themes.

The menu for our "Easter Brunch" theme featured Eggs Florentine, Smoked Salmon Tea Sandwiches, Asparagus Tarts, and Cheesecake Fruit Salad, among other tasty dishes. Helen also gifted each of us containers filled with Easter candy and an adorable bunny figurine.

In April, we will turn our focus to nutrition with the theme "More Protein than an Egg." Each recipe should contain more than 6.3 grams of protein per serving – the amount in one egg. Vicki Nidzgorski will be our host and can accommodate up to 14 guests. Please remember to email your recipes to Debbie Browning by Thursday, April 2.

We are excited to see everyone at our luncheon on Thursday, April 9, at 12 p.m. Please bring your prepared dish, along with any serving utensils you might need. If you would like to take some leftovers home, please bring a container.

If you are a fan of exploring new recipes, sharing laughter, and enjoying great company, we would love for you to join us.



Stay Spicy! — Debbie

### MEXICAN TRAIN

JoAnn Bill 407-921-9991  
jobill1949@gmail.com



Our Mexican Train group meets at Carrabba's in Winter Springs on the third Friday of the month at 11 a.m. If you would like to learn the game before playing with the group, contact the group coordinator JoAnn Bill. For more details, please see page 5.



April Meeting: Friday, April 17  
(RSVP with JoAnn by April 10)



Note: Date Change for May  
Thursday, May 14

The Mexican Train group will be meeting on Thursday, May 14 so that our members will be able to participate in the Bridgerton High Tea event. We will revert back to the third Friday in June.



## MONDAYS

### MAH JONGG

**Brenda Jones 407-435-3026**

When: Mondays from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Carrabba's Restaurant  
5820 Red Bug Lake Rd.  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Bring \$5 in change and the current card.

We will be purchasing lunch at the restaurant, so please plan accordingly.

## TUESDAYS

### BINGO GROUP

**Tina Parrish 757-777-6861**

[parrish407@bellsouth.net](mailto:parrish407@bellsouth.net)

When: **Tuesday – April 7**

Lunch at 12 noon (pay for yourself)  
followed by Bingo at 1 p.m.

Where: Carrabba's Restaurant  
5820 Red Bug Lake Rd.  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Bring \$5 to play and a wrapped gift with a \$15 value.

RSVP to Tina at 757-777-6861 or via email:  
[parrish407@bellsouth.net](mailto:parrish407@bellsouth.net)

### HOOKED ON BOOKS

**Carol Smith 407-618-3478**

[smith4cr@gmail.com](mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com)

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – April 14, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin', 3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

APR *My Friends*  
by Fredrik Backman

MAY *The Book Club for Troublesome Women*  
by Marie Bostwick

JUN *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*  
by Anna Johnston

### CHICK FLICKS

**On hold until further notice.**



**Newsletter Deadlines**

**April 13**

Please email *Chatter*  
articles/information

to Carol Smith at [smith4cr@gmail.com](mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com)

## WEDNESDAYS

### LADIES BRIDGE

**Sue Horn 303-807-4088**

When: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Carrabba's Restaurant  
5820 Red Bug Lake Rd.  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Anyone interested in playing should  
contact Sue Horn at the number above.

## THURSDAYS

### BOARD MEETING

**Ellen Bronikowski 732-259-2342**

[ellenbronikowski@gmail.com](mailto:ellenbronikowski@gmail.com)

When: Thursday, April 2  
10 a.m. – Noon

Where: **Lutheran Haven – The Landings**  
1451 Haven Dr.  
Oviedo, FL 3276

Please RSVP to Ellen Bronikowski.

### SPICE GIRLS

**Debbie Browning 407-716-3752**

[threegifts@hotmail.com](mailto:threegifts@hotmail.com)

When: Thursday, April 9 at noon

Where: Vicki Nidzgorski  
111 Wild Holly Lane  
Longwood, FL 32779

Theme: More Protein than an Egg

Limit: 14 participants

Submit recipes and RSVP to Debbie Browning  
by **Thursday, April 2** at  
407-716-3752 or  
[threegifts@hotmail.com](mailto:threegifts@hotmail.com)

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



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**NEWCOMERS**  
of Central Florida, Inc.



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

P.O. Box 620384, Oviedo, FL 32765-0384

## FRIDAYS

### DICEY BUNKETTES

**Marge Ahearn**  
**407-592-6438**

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### MEXICAN TRAIN

**JoAnn Bill 407-921-9991**

[jobill1949@gmail.com](mailto:jobill1949@gmail.com)

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday – April 17, 11 a.m.

Where: Carrabba's Restaurant  
5820 Red Bug Lake Rd.  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Lunch: Break for lunch around 12:30.  
Pay for your own lunch.

RSVP to JoAnn by **Friday, April 10** at  
[jobill1949@gmail.com](mailto:jobill1949@gmail.com)

## SATURDAYS

### COUPLES BUNKO

**Mary Ward 407-222-4446**

[maryward@bellsouth.net](mailto:maryward@bellsouth.net)

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.





# April 2026 Newcomers' Events at a Glance\*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <b>Board Meeting</b>	3	4
5	6 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	7 <b>Bingo</b>	8	9 <b>Spice Girls</b>	10 <b>Dicey Bunkettes</b>	11
12	13 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	14 <b>Hooked on Books</b>	15	16 <b>Luncheon (Fashion Show)</b>	17 <b>Mexican Train</b>	18 <b>Couples Bunko</b>
19 <i>Anastasia the Musical</i>	20 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	21	22 <b>Bridge</b>	23	24	25
26	27 <b>Mah Jongg</b>	28	29	30		

\*Event Details are in the *Chatter*