



Santa Arrives December 8

Santa Claus is coming to town! He'll be making a special stop at our holiday luncheon at Heathrow

Country Club in Lake Mary on December 8—the second Thursday of the month. Portrayed by veteran entertainer Ray Smith, who started out in show business by doing singing telegrams, Smith's Santa will interact with the audience through songs and present a unique version of "The Night Before Christmas." He will also be available to pose for photos—so be sure to bring your camera or phone and wear your best holiday finery as you celebrate the season with your Newcomers' friends.



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 Mary 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 Mary Ward 407-222-4446

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 prearrange payment for guests.



Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on December 1, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

December 8, 2022

Heathrow Country Club

1200 Bridgewater Drive, Lake Mary, FL 32746

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



December Menu

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Grilled Salmon with Dill Champagne Sauce

or

Sliced Marinated Sirloin with Red Wine Demi-glace

or

Chef's Vegetarian Entrée Selection

SIDES

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

Dauphinoise Potato
Fresh Vegetable Medley
Rolls and butter

DESSERT

Amaretto Cheesecake and Whipped Cream

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25



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. 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,
By now you are probably well into your Holiday decorating and planning. Hopefully, you were able to join us for our Thanksgiving lunch and found some auction items to help with your gift shopping.

Santa is coming to our Holiday Luncheon, and I hope you are too. I want to remind you that our December luncheon is a week earlier because of the busyness of the season, so plan to join us at Heathrow Country Club on Thursday, December 8. Reservations need to be in by Thursday, December 1 at 5 p.m.

2023 promises to be another fun year for Newcomers. Upcoming events include Simon Time Trivia, a jewelry auction, and our annual Fashion Show. Inside the Arts has plans to start the year off with a free concert and an annual favorite, Tables Extraordinaire.



Let's keep the fun going!

Sue



HELPING HANDS

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

Trisha and Toni are available to provide assistance 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.

DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that Newcomers has a Facebook page where you can view photos from our events? If your interest group is not pictured, contact Ronnie Telzer at 407-365-1580 for details on how to have your group included.

Did you know that you can find current and back issues of the *Chatter* as well as pictures on the Newcomers website?

Check out Newcomers online at:

www.newcomerscfl.org

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

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



Please note: December's luncheon will be held at **Heathrow Country Club** on Thursday, **December 8**. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. on **December 1**.



January 19

Simon Time Trivia
Location TBA

December Birthdays

- 3 Virginia Gallaway
- 8 Nicole Henry
- 16 Valerie Bush
- 24 Linda Gallagher
- 25 Chris Breeze
- 26 Sharon Riegler
- 27 Joan Shovich



MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Brenda Jones 407-435-3026

Current Membership: 114



YOUR HELP IS GREATLY 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. "Milestone" birthdays will also be acknowledged if Vicki is made aware. You can contact her by email at vanum77@aol.com or text/call her at 813-395-3611.



WAYS & MEANS

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

Our November basket auction and holiday market fundraiser was successful beyond our wildest dreams. We raised a grand total of \$2,170 which we believe is an all-time record for our Newcomers group. We had an incredible array of 48 amazing themed gift baskets filled to the brim with eye-catching and appealing items. In addition, we had a variety of other goods and handicrafts for sale ranging from inexpensive greeting cards and Christmas pins to exquisite watercolor paintings, floral arrangements, holiday wreaths, games and even a cake!

For those of you who took the time to donate these wonderful items (as individual contributors or interest group members), we thank you for your creativity and generosity. We were pleased by the great variety of items at all price points. For items that were available through silent auction bidding, we raised \$1,940. We also raised \$105 at the \$5 flat-rate table, \$123 at the \$3 flat-rate table, and \$10 for baked goods. We would like to acknowledge and thank the many buyers at the November luncheon (which had 50 attendees). We could not have achieved this success without your support. Thank you for shopping with us. We hope you and your friends and family enjoy your purchases.

In February, we will hold another fundraiser for Ways & Means, which helps fund club operations and helps us keep down luncheon costs. This spring fundraiser will focus on sales of new and gently used jewelry—so please keep us in mind when you sort through your holiday gifts, check out clearance sales, and organize your jewelry boxes.

One final note...we greatly appreciate all the support we received from the Newcomers board who helped us put this event together and made it run as smoothly as possible. Your help was invaluable. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Telzer and Linda Gallagher



Cherish Seniors
This Holiday Season
"Cards for a Cause"

Outreach will be supporting Seniors First holiday gift card campaign. You may contribute \$20 Publix and Walmart gift cards, or you may make a cash donation at the December luncheon.



CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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 club 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 Regal Oviedo Mall movie theater box office area 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 count for BJ's Restaurant.



COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

Sadly, Hurricane Nicole put a halt to our club's November gathering. We will reschedule our "Encore! Encore!" theme for one of our upcoming meetings. In December, we will take a break from cooking and continue our traditional "lunch out." On Thursday, December 15, 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 8, so the restaurant can be updated. Details can be found on page 5 of *The Chatter*.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478

Members agreed that the Rebecca Serle's description of Italy's Amalfi coast was the highlight of her book *One Italian Summer*. Some fond memories of our moms were shared when we considered the question: Would you have wanted to meet your 30-year-old mom when you were 26?

The group decided to celebrate the holiday by discussing our December book over lunch. We will be meeting at Francesco's Ristorante in Maitland on December 13 at 11 a.m. The book we will be discussing is *God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen*, by Rhys Bowen. To reserve your spot, please RSVP by December 6. For more details, see page 5.





INSIDE THE ARTS

Co-Chairs:
Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804
Sheri@imadyer.com
Michele Marino 612-801-7949
mmmarino10@gmail.com

Friday, January 20, 4 p.m.

What: House Party at Sheri's followed by a concert by the Orlando Concert Band at St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Cost: FREE

Note: You can attend party only, concert only or both

Where: Pre-party:

Sheri Dyer's House, 2410 Huntingdale Lane, Oviedo, FL
Parking available on two streets and dead-end next door.

Concert:

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2025 West S.R. 426
Oviedo, FL 32765

Registration Deadline: January 19 luncheon

Our January event features a free pre-concert party at the home of Sheri Dyer which will be followed by a free concert by the Orlando Concert Band. The concert will take place at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Sheri will provide non-alcoholic beverages and each attendee is asked to bring an appetizer to share. Non-driving guests are welcome to bring wine or beer. "Plus 1" guests are very welcome to both also. Sign up at the January 19 luncheon or contact Sheri or Michele by phone or email.



Save The Date

Friday, February 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

What: 13th Annual Tables Extraordinaire

Cost: \$10

Where: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1217 Trinity Woods Lane, Maitland FL 32751

Lunch following: Outpost Kitchen, 111 S. Orlando Ave.

Registration Deadline: January 19 luncheon



Sign up at the January 19 luncheon. If you prefer to sign up by mail, send your check to Sheri Dyer at 2410 Huntingdale Lane, Oviedo, FL 32765. Please make your check out to Sheri Dyer.



Upcoming Events Reminder

Sign up deadline has passed. Please contact Sheri to be added to a wait list for last-minute availability.

Wednesday, December 14, 2 p.m.

What: Steppin' Out with Irving Berlin

Where: Winter Park Playhouse

Dinner following the show: The Porch, 643 N. Orange Ave., Winter Park

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH



Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson
barbara@tuson.us

A round of applause for all of you! Because of your generosity, kindness and caring, we collected 216 pounds of food and \$96 at the October luncheon. Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida was very appreciative of our donation.

In December, we will be helping Seniors First and their "Cards for a Cause" campaign by collecting \$20 gift cards for Publix and Walmart. Seniors First is an important safety net for our senior population. To see the variety of ways they provide support for seniors in our community, visit their website at www.seniorsfirstinc.org.

In a perfect world, every senior would be loved and cared for, but the reality is the holidays can be a lonely time for seniors. By providing gift cards, our seniors will be able to select their gift of choice, and you'll let them know they are not forgotten!

You can bring your gift cards to the December luncheon, or you may make a cash donation, and I will buy the cards.



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





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

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

NOTE DATE & TIME CHANGE

RSVP to Carol by Tuesday, December 6

When: December 13 at 11 a.m.

Where: Francesco's Ristorante
400 S. Orlando Ave., Maitland

DEC *God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen*
by Rhys Bowen

JAN *The Girl in His Shadow*
by Audrey Blake

FEB *Faith Bass Darling's
Last Garage Sale*
by Lynda Rutledge

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420
tfuston@aol.com

When: Tuesday - December 20

Where: Regal Oviedo Mall Movie
Theater

Members will receive an email to inform
them of the movie title and meeting time
the weekend before the screening.

Please RSVP to Trisha.

CHATTER ARTICLES



Please email *Chatter*
articles to Carol Smith
at smith4cr@gmail.com
by **December 16.**

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE

Sue Horn 303-807-4088

NOTE DATE CHANGE

When: 1st Wednesday, December 7
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

NOTE DATE & TIME CHANGE

When: 3rd Thursday - December 15
11 a.m.

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

Theme: A Holiday Celebration

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,
December 8 at 813-395-3611 or
vanum77@aol.com.



FRIDAYS

BUNKO - Dacey 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
Tuskawilla 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. 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 303-807-4088.

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



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