just friends we haven't met!





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# CHEERS FOR BINGO!

Gimme a B! .... B! Gimme an I! .... I! Gimme an N! .... N! Gimme a G! .... G! Gimme an O! .... O!

## What does it spell? ! FUN!

Well, not literally, but you get the picture. Our Newcomers ladies love to play Bingo, and the July luncheon gives us all a chance to play and win. Gift cards will be awarded to all winners with the exception of the final "coverall" game winner who will take home a cash prize. Bingo cards will be available for \$3 each or \$5 for two (cash only please).

UCF Doubletree in Orlando will host our Bingo Bonanza on July 17 with a delicious buffet lunch. Remember to wear your patriotic colors to celebrate our wonderful country: USA - USA - USA! We'll also be collecting school supplies. (Please refer to the Outreach article on page 3 for a list of items needed.) Free lunch and 50/50 drawings will close out the event.

So get your reservations in by 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 10. Hope to see you there.

#### **LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on July 10, the <u>Thursday</u> 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**

July 17, 2025

DoubleTree Orlando East-UCF Area 12125 High Tech Avenue Orlando, FL 32817

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

# July Menu Buffet

Chicken Franchaise with a Light Lemon Sauce

Stuffed Founder Florentine
Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request

## SIDES

Garden Salad Bar Rosemary Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Almondine Warm Bread and Rolls



#### DESSERT

New York Cheesecake

## **BEVERAGES**

Regular and Decaf Coffee Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$30 Checks are preferred.

#### **Directions to DoubleTree UCF:**

- From Alafaya Trail:
   West on University Blvd. Right on
   Systems Way Right turn onto High Tech Ave.
- From SR-436:
   East on University Blvd. Left on Systems Way Right turn onto High Tech Ave.







# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello lovely ladies!

It's July, and what would Newcomers be without our FLAGs (Fun Loving American Gals)! Time to proudly don those reds, whites and blues as we celebrate our hard-won American

independence this month. And is there anything more American than a good game of BINGO? Well...yes, but

it's way too hot now in Florida to take in a baseball game. Besides, those ballpark hot dogs have too many nitrates – but I digress. Just remember to check out the *Chatter* newsletter each month to see those cool club happenings. We won't let the heat keep us from getting together and having a BLAST – no fireworks needed.

# Ellen

P.S. Renew your membership so you won't miss out on any of the fun.



## HELP NEEDED

Corresponding Secretary Maryellen McCullagh Text: 407-461-0362

Please text Maryellen 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.

# 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.

# UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

August 21 Country Western Line Dancing Hilton Altamonte Springs

September 18 Penny Auction Heathrow Country Club





It is with great sadness we report the passing of Mary Jane Burrows. She will be fondly remembered for the role she played in our Newcomers Club

and for the place she holds in our hearts.

In accordance with our bylaws, a donation of \$25 has been made to the American Cancer Society.

# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Due July 31

It is time to renew your Newcomers membership. Club dues are still \$25. The fillable application for 2025-2026 membership is now available on the club website: www.newcomerscfl.org.



The completed application along with your check/cash should be received by your Membership Chair by July 31, 2025. If you are unable to print the form, please contact Ann White at 407-687-4902 or <a href="mailto:auntesther27@yahoo.com">auntesther27@yahoo.com</a>, and she will make sure you get one.



## LUNCHEON WINNERS

The 50-50 jackpot of \$98 went to Trisha Fuston. Sue Horn was the recipient of the free luncheon certificate.

## Newcomers' Photo Book

Would you like to see the 2024-2025 President's Photo Book presented to Sue Horn at the May luncheon? Just click on the link



below to view the 61-page book created by Newcomers' Historian Ronnie Telzer. You can view a large-size version of the book if you also click on full-screen. If you wish to purchase a copy of the book from Shutterfly, please contact Ronnie first. She can tell you when there are special discounts or unlimited-free-page deals available which will help bring down the final cost of the book.

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2 Grace Hyde

4 Margaret (Maya) Lavens 18 Susan Pierce

4 Mary Rinaldi

10 Marcia Hahn

10 Lorraine Macaione

11 Debbie Browning

15 Joyce Hefke

21 Jennie Garrick

21 Joan Lenard

25 Michele Marino

31 Catherine Eversley

# **MEMBERSHIP**



Co-Chairs:

Ann White 407-687-4902 auntesther27@yahoo.com Michele Marino 612-801-7949 Mmmarino10@gmail.com

# **Current Membership 123**

Please see page 7 for directory updates.



# REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson barbara@tuson.us



# It's More Than Just a Pencil!

Summer vacation is almost over, and school starts again on August 11. We will be collecting school supplies at our July luncheon.

A Gift For Teaching provides free supplies to teachers for their students who need them most. Your donations will have a positive impact in helping students feel excited and prepared to learn.

#### **MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

#2 pencils Loose leaf paper Pocket folders with prongs Dry erase markers Notebooks (composition or spiral)



Membership Renewal Deadline

July 31

See page 2 for details.

## INSIDE THE ARTS

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



Check with Ronnie or Linda for last-minute ticket availability for two upcoming shows presented by the Winter Park Playhouse at the Orlando Shakes' Mandell Theater. Tickets for each preview matinee are \$23. Note: we will deposit your checks closer to the actual show dates.

#### Friday, August 8, 2 p.m.

Jerry's Girls is a musical revue that celebrates the songs of composer Jerry Herman. The show includes Broadway hits written for female performers from such shows as Mame, Hello Dolly and La Cage aux Folles. We will dine at Bar Louie in Winter Park Village after the show.



## Friday, September 26, 2 p.m.

Forever Plaid pays homage to the close-harmony guy groups of the 1950s. The Plaids dreamt of becoming stars but never got the chance. They return from the afterlife for a shot at stardom and



perform hit songs like "Heart & Soul," "Rags to Riches,' "Three Coins in the Fountain," and "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing." We will dine at Olive Garden in Winter Garden after the show.



#### BINGO GROUP

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

Our new Bingo group will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month 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. Our next meeting will be on July 1.

To RSVP, please call Tina Parrish at 757-777-6861 or email Tina at parrish407@bellsouth.net.

# It's never too early to save the date!

Newcomers' next Game Day will be Friday, January 30, 2026.







#### HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

Sometimes the title persuades us to

choose a particular book. This was the case for our May book, How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin. Christine's six-word description was "inheritance murder mysteries with strange characters," and Vicki followed with "title is better than the story." In spite of some negative feedback on the book (or maybe because it), we still had a lively discussion.

Our book for July is *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach. 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.

## MEXICAN TRAIN

Coordinator: JoAnn Bill

407-921-9991 jobill1949@gmail.com



Why Join Mexican Train?

No Waiting List to Play!

No Cost Except Lunch!

No Experience Necessary!

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



#### CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Tuesday, July 29

#### 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 selected movie and the meeting time on the weekend before the Tuesday movie. We will 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 by phone or text so that Trisha has a head count for BJ's Restaurant.



#### POP TABS

Please continue collecting the pop tabs and bring them to the next luncheon.

#### SPICE GIRLS

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611 vanum77@aol.com



Spice Girls is so blessed with such fabulous hostesses; Betty outdid herself with our "Cruising the British Isles" theme. Our members added to the cruise atmosphere with their cruise attire. We decided the Isles serve quite hardy food with Shepherd's Pie, Bangers and Mash, Potato Pie and Coronation Chicken. This chicken dish gets its name from being served at the Coronation luncheon of Queen Elizabeth. It uses Madras Curry, making it quite delightful and not overpowering. Even with just sampling, we were quickly full! But not too full to enjoy our desserts of Guinness Chocolate Cake, Banoffee Pie and Sponge Pudding. Our one disaster was Vicki's Mushy Peas, which was more like pea soup, lol.

In July, we are excited to experience a totally new theme for us, "Christmas in July," hosted by Debbie Browning and Jean Wilson. Christmas wear is appropriate, if you so choose. This month we will break from tradition, and you may submit your traditional family recipes served at Christmas. We need all categories: appetizers, salads, sides, entrées and desserts.

To participate in July, please submit two recipes to Vicki by email or text, Monday through Friday. Submissions will be accepted after the June Newcomers monthly luncheon. She will let you know which recipe works best with the other submitted recipes. Recipes/RSVPs must be submitted by email or text to Vicki by July 3. Please be aware we may reach our maximum participation number prior to July 3. Participation is limited to 16.

Come to our July 10 Spice Girls meeting dressed in your Christmas attire, 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! Stay Spicy everyone!



#### WALKING CLUB

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

## On hold for July and August

The Walking Club will be taking a summer break to escape the heat. Watch the *Chatter* to see when the group will resume.

SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO RENEW YOUR NEWCOMERS MEMBERSHIP.





# **MONDAYS**

#### **MAH JONGG**

Brenda Jones 407-435-3026

When: Mondays

11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Where: The Townhouse Restaurant 139 N. Central Ave., Oviedo, FL

Bring \$5 in change and your 2025 card.

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

# **TUESDAYS**

#### **BINGO GROUP**

Tina Parrish 757-777-6861

parrish407@bellsouth.net

When: 1st Tuesday - July 1

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

#### **HOOKED ON BOOKS**

Carol Smith 407-618-3478

smith4cr@gmail.com

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - July 8

1:30 p.m. Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

JUL The Wedding People

by Alison Espach

AUG Be Ready When the Luck Happens

by Ina Garten

SEP *A Passage to India* by E.M. Forster

#### **CHICK FLICKS**

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

When: Tuesday, July 29

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.

# **WEDNESDAYS**

#### **LADIES BRIDGE**

Sue Horn 303-807-4088

When: 4th 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

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 Ellen Bronikowski.

#### **SPICE GIRLS**

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday - July 10

12 noon

Where: Debbie Browning 1124 Kerwood Circle Oviedo. 32765

Theme: Christmas in July Limit: 16 participants

RSVP to Vicki at 813-395-3611 by Thursday, July 3.

Submit recipes to Vicki Nidzgorski at

vanum77@aol.com by Thursday, July 3.



**CHATTER** Articles

## **Due July 16**

Please email articles to Carol Smith at

smith4cr@gmail.com

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



www.newcomerscfl.org

https://www.facebook.com/Newcomers ofCentralFloridaInc NEWCOMERS
of Central Florida, Inc.

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

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

# **FRIDAYS**

#### **MEXICAN TRAIN**

JoAnn Bill 407-921-9991

jobill1949@gmail.com

When: 3rd Friday - July 18

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, July 11* at jobill1949@gmail.com

## **DICEY BUNKETTES**

Maryellen McCullagh 407-461-0362

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.

# **SATURDAYS**

# **COUPLES BUNKO**

Mary Ward 407-222-4446 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.

# **SUNDAYS**

## **WALKING CLUB**

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

On hold for July and August

