



BINGO

We're celebrating St. Patrick's Day, so this is your chance to WEAR green, WIN Green and make your table mates GREEN with envy as you shout "BINGO."



March is the month for one of our club's favorite luncheon activities. It's the game that requires focus, careful listening and hand-eye coordination as you slide your Bingo card windows to unveil winning numbers in vertical, horizontal and diagonal lines. Based on attendance, we will have either one or two Bingo cards available for purchase at \$3 each or \$5 for two. Gift card prizes will be



awarded to those lucky enough to "march" to the winner's circle (pun intended). There will also be a cash prize for the full-card Bingo winner.

Get your Green on and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on March 12, 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

March 19, 2026

Hilton Orlando – Altamonte Springs
350 S. Northlake Blvd.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

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

March Menu

ENTRÉE

Chicken Breast Maria

Boneless Breast of Chicken on a Bed of Marinara,
Topped with Sun-dried Tomatoes, Fresh Basil and Feta

Vegetarian Option Available Upon Request

SIDES

Hilton House Salad

Mixed Greens topped with Pear Tomatoes & Bermuda Onions
served with Peppercorn Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette

Chef's Selection of Vegetables and Potato
Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter

DESSERT

Italian Cannoli Cake

Yellow Cake filled and topped with Cream Cheese Icing and
Chocolate Chips, served with a Cannoli on each slice

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

Orlando Hilton – Altamonte Springs:

350 S. Northlake Blvd., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

- From I-4, take exit 92, go east on SR 436 to Northlake Blvd. Turn right onto Northlake Blvd. (1st street after I-4 exit) for approximately 1/2 mile. The Hilton hotel is on your right.
- From Oviedo or Winter Springs, take SR 436 to Northlake Blvd. Turn left onto Northlake Blvd., go about 1/2 mile and the Hilton will be on your right.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends!

We have had a great start to 2026 with our informative Simon Time Trivia and "Reality Check" luncheons. Our annual Game Day event on January 30 at Lutheran Haven produced \$400 in donations for Libby's Legacy which funds low-cost mammograms and helps people affected by breast cancer in our local community. As we approach our beautiful spring season here in Central Florida, we can also look forward to our popular Bingo and Fashion Show luncheons on the horizon.

None of our club events would be possible without our devoted board members and chairwomen. While many of them will be continuing in their roles for another year, we will have some vacancies to fill. We will be reaching out to our membership to see who is interested in joining the board or chairing a special interest group. Job descriptions for board member roles are on our website so please take a look.

I'd like to recognize one of our diligent board members, Trisha Fuston, who has run our Chick Flicks interest group for several years. Trisha has worked hard to find good Chick Flicks at the Oviedo Regal Mall theater that end in time for happy hour at BJs Brewhouse. Coordinating our group reservations with movie schedules has been quite challenging, so we are putting Chick Flicks on hold for now as we explore other options for casual social gatherings.

Lastly, please make sure to look for the Comments Box at our upcoming luncheons and share your thoughts with us. Your input is so valuable and crucial to our club's success.



Ellen



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: Please note that cash payments for the luncheon are requested in denominations of \$50 or smaller. (Checks are preferred.)

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

- April 16 Fashion Show
Heathrow Country Club
- May 21 Officer Installation
The Wedding Barn
- June 18 Member Appreciation Day
Orlando Hilton — Altamonte Springs

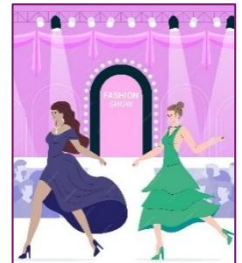


FEBRUARY WINNERS

At the January luncheon, the 50-50 jackpot of \$96 was won by Liz Amor, guest of Elvira Lovaglio-Duncan. The recipient of the free lunch was Allison Feldman.

Great News! The Fashion Show Is Around the Corner

Mark April 16 on your calendar for the highly anticipated Newcomers' Fashion Show, recognized as a premier event of the year. Chairperson Christine Shapin and her committee are busy preparing this exciting show with fashions from Dillard's.



Your Help Is Needed!

Corresponding Secretary
Maryellen McCullagh 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.





INSIDE THE ARTS

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

Friday, March 20, 2 p.m.

The Pin Up Girls



Where: Orlando Shakes
(for Winter Park Playhouse)

Wait list only – contact Ronnie Telzer.
Optional dining after the show at Bar Louie
in Winter Park Village

Saturday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

Rock of ABBA –Tribute to ABBA

Where: Ritz Theater
201 S. Magnolia Avenue
(in historic downtown Sanford)

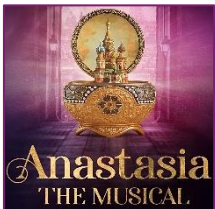


Wait list only – contact Linda Gallagher.
Optional dinner before the show at
Hollerbach’s German Restaurant.

Sunday, April 19, 4 p.m.

Anastasia the Musical

(college production)



Where: The Annie Russell Theater at Rollins College
Tickets are \$20. Sign-up sheet is now open. Please make checks payable
to Ronnie Telzer.

Optional quick-service dining at BurgerFi, 538 South Park Avenue in
Winter Park after the show.

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



Bridgerton High Tea Experience

Board the paddle wheeler 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. 25 tickets available. Sign-up sheet is now open.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Sharon DeRose | 20 Bunny Hayden |
| 4 Maryann Rapisarda | 20 Maureen Wasmund |
| 5 Maryellen McCullagh | 26 Christine Covington |
| 7 Linda Selby | 27 Sandy Blount |
| 11 Maria Clonch | 29 Brenda H. Jones |
| 11 Julie Leone | 30 Helen Hoppmann |
| 15 Pauline Anderson | 31 Sherry McFarland |

MEMBERSHIP



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

Current Membership 125

See member directory updates on page 7.

A NEWCOMERS' THANK YOU



Trisha Fuston is taking a break after
coordinating Chick Flicks for the past
four years. We would like to extend a
big thank you to Trish for finding great
movies for us to enjoy together as well
as organizing the happy hour at BJ's
Brewhouse.



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson barbara@tuson.us

I would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to our Newcomers group.
At the February luncheon, we gathered supplies for local pet
shelters. As a result of your generosity, I delivered 169 towels, 22
rolls of paper towels, pet food, Lysol wipes, and a pet cage to
Orange County Animal Services. They were very appreciative of
your donations. You all certainly went
above and beyond in showing your care
for all these animals in pet shelters.

Again, thank you all for your generosity
and willingness to help others in our
community. – Barb

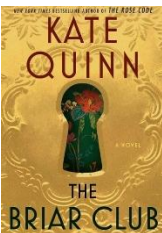
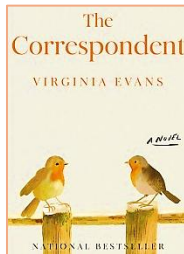




HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans was discussed at the February meeting of our book club. Members described it as a story of "life by letters" and highlighted its focus on "personal connections through correspondence." It was interesting to observe how the author developed the characters as the narrative progressed through their exchanged letters.



We welcome you to join us in March when we will be discussing *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. 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, March 3** 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.

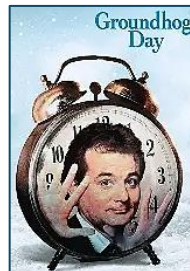


Support the
Ronald McDonald House.
Bring your pop tabs to the
March luncheon.



SPICE GIRLS

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



Our February luncheon was graciously hosted by Michele Marino, who decorated her home and tables with a groundhog motif to reflect the month's theme of Groundhog Day, inspired by the movie. Each guest prepared "before and after" (appetizer and dessert) recipes and the participants enjoyed, among others, Dirty Martini Dip, Deviled Egg Dip, Pizza Bombs, and Lemon Lime Poke Cake.

To top off our theme, Michelle gifted everyone with groundhog socks and chocolate kisses adorned with groundhog stickers.

Looking ahead, the theme for March is Easter Brunch, which will be hosted by Helen Hoppmann. Helen is able to host 14 members. Please email your recipes to Debbie by Thursday, March 5.



We look forward to seeing you at our luncheon on Thursday, March 12. Please bring your prepared dish along with any serving utensils needed. If you would like to take home leftovers, remember to bring a disposable container.

If you enjoy trying new recipes, laughter, and good fun, 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 6.



CHICK FLICKS

On hold until further notice.



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

When: **Tuesday – March 3**

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: 2nd Tuesday – March 10, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin', 3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

MAR *The Briar Club*
by Kate Quinn

APR *My Friends*
by Fredrik Backman

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

CHICK FLICKS

On hold until further notice.



Newsletter Deadlines

March 16

Please email *Chatter*
articles/information

to Carol Smith at smith4cr@gmail.com

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: Thursday, March 5
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

When: Thursday, March 12 at noon

Where: Helen Hoppmann
1719 Tealbriar Ave.
Oviedo, FL 32765

Theme: Easter Brunch

Limit: 14 participants

Submit recipes and RSVP to Debbie
by **Thursday, March 5** at
407-716-3752 or
threegifts@hotmail.com

See pictures
from our
February 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: 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.

MEXICAN TRAIN

JoAnn Bill 407-921-9991

jobill1949@gmail.com

When: 3rd Friday – March 20, 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, March 13 at
jobill1949@gmail.com

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.





March 2026 Newcomers' Events at a Glance*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Mah Jongg	3 Bingo	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7
8	9 Mah Jongg	10 Hooked on Books	11	12 Spice Girls	13 Dicey Bunkettes	14
15	16 Mah Jongg	17 	18	19 Luncheon 	20 Mexican Train The Pin Up Girls 	21 Couples Bunko Rock of Abba
22	23 Mah Jongg	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Mah Jongg	31				

*Event Details are in the *Chatter*