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# **Penny Auction**

In 1936, Bing Crosby sang, "Every time it rains, it rains pennies from heaven."
Well, if that were true, with all the rain we're getting in Central Florida lately, we'd all be rich. Luckily you don't have to be wealthy to participate in our Penny Auction in September.

Simply donate up to two **new** items each worth \$5 or more and receive a sheet of numbered tickets for each item. Then place these tickets in the cups in front of merchandise you'd like to win. Popular items donated in the past have included jewelry, housewares, bath and body products, handbags, and seasonal merchandise. Additional ticket sheets can be purchased for \$3 each or \$5 for two.

Each sheet will also include a ticket for a special Grand Prize drawing. This year, we're limiting merchandise donations to a maximum of two items per person in order to keep the auction moving in a timely fashion. See you at Heathrow Country Club, and remember to turn those umbrellas upside down--just in case.



#### **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 Diana Engling 407-256-3592 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 September 12, the *Thursday before the luncheon*. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

# LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING September 19, 2024

Heathrow Country Club 1200 Bridgewater Drive Lake Mary, FL 32746

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

# SEPTEMBER BUFFET

#### SALAD

ISLAND SUNSET SALAD
Crisp Romaine & Spring Mix with Candied Pecans,
Diced Pineapple & Red Onion
with Mango Vinaigrette Dressing

#### **ENTRÉE**

Hawaiian-Style Grilled Chicken Breast with Pineapple Pico Grilled Salmon with Honey Soy Ginger Glaze

#### **SIDES**

Rice Pilaf Seasoned Green Beans Club Rolls and Butter

#### **DESSERT**

Chef's Selection

#### **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 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 Ladies,

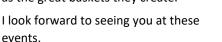
This month I'd like to honor all of you. Thank you for responding to our membership drive so quickly and for being such staunch supporters of

your club. We currently have 106 members which is awesome at this time of the year. Diana Engling did a terrific job of organizing our drive, and you all responded! Even better, a high percentage of our members is involved in one or more activities, from luncheons to special interest groups.

We love your feedback! It helps us put together luncheons, outside events and special interest groups that **you** are keen on. Because of your recommendations, several new groups and activities were organized this year. Keep up the good work!

Speaking of events, our new Mexican Train group will be playing their first game on Friday, September 20. Monster Mash is coming

in October, so start planning your costume. And don't forget the Basket Auction in November. This is our most successful fundraiser on account of the participation of our members as well as the great baskets they create.









Here are the winners from our August luncheon. Margareth Lauer won \$93 in the 50/50 drawing, Carol Smith won the free luncheon. Patti Zedo, Lynda Visco (guest of Robin Roskowski) and Catherine

Eversley shared the full-card Bingo grand prize and received \$35 each. Congratulations, ladies!

#### **LUNCHEON 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.



Call Paula Ritchie at 407-222-5205 to cancel or to be put on a waitlist.

# UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



#### October 17

Monster Mash with singers John and Theresa Segers Embassy Suites Altamonte Springs

#### November 21

Basket Auction Hilton Altamonte Springs

#### December 12

Who Killed Santa? Heathrow Country Club



# September Birthdays

- 2 Ellen Bronikowski
- 2 Nancy Rocco
- 11 Loraine Nelson
- 14 Loretta Kowalski
- 25 Ruth White
- 30 Judith Warren

# **MEMBERSHIP**

Chair: Diana Engling 407-256-3592

englingd@yahoo.com



# **Current Membership: 106**

Please add these members in your newest directory:

#### **New Members**

#### Tania Kline

14765 Banana Swallow Blvd. Email: taniakline52@gmail.com

Winter Garden, FL 34787 Cell: 407-595-6515

Birthdate: Oct 6 Originally from: PA

#### Lynda Visco

3531 Diamond Leaf Ln. Cell: 201-787-9655 Birthdate: Jan 9 Oviedo, FL 32766 Home: 407-977-0976 Originally from: NJ

# HELP?

#### 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 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.



## INSIDE THE ARTS

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

#### September and October Events

If you signed up for the *Snapshots* matinee September 20 at the Winter Park Playhouse or the Bradlee-McIntyre historic house tour in Longwood on October 23, you will receive a list of participants who are also attending along with instructions on where/when to meet. Then you can arrange your own carpools. Both events (as well as *Cabaret* at the Orlando Shakes on February 12) are currently full—but feel free to email Ronnie or Linda for cancellations or last-minute ticket availability.

#### Wednesday, November 20, 2024

For November, we plan to visit the Festival of Trees at the Orlando Museum of Art. Details will be announced in a future issue. The time/date (to be confirmed) will be senior day—November 20.



#### Friday, January 24, 2025



On January 24, 2025, we will be back at the Winter Park Playhouse for *The Bikinis* musical. The show is about a girl group who reunite after 20 years to bring back the sun, fun and great songs they sang at the Jersey Shore in

1964. Featured songs include "Under the Boardwalk," "Heat Wave," "It's Raining Men," and more. We will again be attending a Friday preview performance at 2 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$23, and our group size is 15. To reserve your spot, bring your check payable to Ronnie Telzer to the September luncheon, or mail your payment to Ronnie Telzer, 660 Saranac Drive, Winter Springs, FL 32708. Tickets may sell out in September--so please reserve ASAP if you plan to attend. We will pick a dinner venue closer to the show date.



#### Friday, March 14, 2025

In March, we will be attending the new Cole Porter revue, *Gigolo*, at the Winter Park Playhouse. This preview show will be priced at \$23. Check future issues of the *Chatter* for sign-up information.





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



## MEXICAN TRAIN

Coordinator: Ann White

407-687-4902 <u>auntesther27@yahoo.com</u>

# Friday, September 20

A new Interest Group is forming! Starting on September 20, the Mexican Train group will meet at 11 a.m. at Carrabba's in Winter Springs. The ladies will take a lunch break at around 12:30 p.m. with each person paying for her own lunch. The group will meet monthly on the third Friday – the day after the Newcomers' luncheon. If you would like to play Mexican Train on September 20, please RSVP to Ann White by Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> by emailing Ann at auntesther27@yahoo.com. For more details, please see page 5.



#### REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson barbara@tuson.us

At our October luncheon, we will be collecting non-perishable food donations for Second

Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida for the holiday season. This organization collects, stores, and distributes donated food to more than 750 feeding partners in seven Central Florida counties. The mission of Second Harvest is to create hope and nourish lives through a powerful hunger relief network, while multiplying the generosity of a caring community. For more information, go to Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida's website: feedhopenow.org.



FRUITS	VEGETABLES	GRAINS
<ul> <li>Canned fruit</li> <li>(in its own juice,</li> <li>no sugar added</li> <li>varieties)</li> <li>Dried fruit</li> <li>100% fruit juice</li> </ul>	© Canned vegetables (reduced salt/no salt varieties) € 100% vegetable juice	<ul> <li>Rice, pasta, crackers (whole grain varieties)</li> <li>Ready-to-eat cereal</li> <li>Oatmeal</li> </ul>
PROTEIN	DAIRY/DAIRY ALTERNATIVES	MEALS
<ul> <li>Canned meat/poultry</li> <li>Canned tuna/ salmon</li> <li>Canned/dry beans &amp; peas</li> <li>Peanut butter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Nonfat dry milk</li> <li>Evaporated milk</li> <li>Soy milk (shelf stable)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Canned soup (reduced sodium varieties)</li> <li>Chili</li> <li>Beef stew</li> <li>Other canned meals</li> </ul>

#### SPICE GIRLS

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

vanum77@aol.com



In August, we "flocked" to Barbara Tuson's for our "Let's Flamingle"- themed meeting with appetizers and desserts. We were greeted at the door with a "Let's Flamingle" doormat. Barb had each table "flocked" to the 9's with Flamingo decorations including Flamingo pens. We sampled salmon and chicken appetizers, dips, Reuben pickle bites, pinwheels, salsa and Mexican fruit cups. Desserts included Pineapple Upside Down cake, Key Lime Yogurt Bars, Ruby Cake, Toffee Pecan Bars and Holiday Biscotti. We were full to say the least! Check out our photos on Facebook or the website.

On September 12, we will gather at one of our newer member's home, Pat Neal. Even though the temperatures may not reflect it, we are moving forward with Fall themes. September's theme is "The Apple of my Eye." All recipes must contain apple, apple cider or apple juice. Appetizers, sides, salads, entrees and desserts are needed.

To participate in September, please submit two recipes that you have never prepared 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 Thursday, September 5. Please be aware we may reach our maximum participation number prior to this deadline. Recipes may be submitted to Vicki after the Newcomers monthly luncheon on August 15.

Come to Spice Girls on September 12 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 8 this month. Stay Spicy everyone!



#### CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

No Chick Flicks for September

#### CROCHET/KNITTING CLUB

Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205 psritchie@gmail.com



#### On hold until further notice

The Crochet and Knitting Club will be taking a break over the summer. Watch the *Chatter* to see when the group will resume.



# Please Help Our Corresponding Secretary

Corresponding Secretary Maryellen McCullagh requests your help. Please contact 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 acknowledged if Maryellen is made aware of them. You can text her at 407-461-0362 or contact her by email at MMMRNQLTMKR@aol.com.

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# HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

The murder mystery *Listen for the Lie* by Amy Tintera, with its many twists

and turns, made for an interesting conversation at our August meeting. It is fun to learn about each other as we talk about the book. This month we found that we have a fan of truecrime podcasts in our group. In addition to having a good discussion, the Dunkin' manager brought us a box full of warm glazed donuts.

As we read our September selection, we see that "women can be heroes, too." *The Women* by master storyteller Kristin Hannah looks at the Vietnam War and its aftermath through the eyes of women who served.

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.



# ADVENTURE AWAITS

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

Our last adventure took us down the St. John's River where we enjoyed a delightful lunch with friends while being entertained with music and fun facts about the area. In September, we will take a break as members vacation and enjoy time with family.

A new adventure awaits us for the month of October. Happy Trails,

Pat

#### WALKING CLUB

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



#### On hold for September

The walking club is taking a break to escape the summer heat. Watch the *Chatter* to see when the group will resume.





# **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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – September 10

1:30 p.m. Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

SEPT The Women by Kristin Hannah

OCT So Big by Edna Ferber

**NOV** Remarkably Bright Creatures

by Shelby Van Pelt

DEC This Year It Will Be Different

by Maeve Binchy

#### **CHICK FLICKS**

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Chick Flicks will not meet in September.

Please join us at our next. event in October.



CHATTER articles are due September 16.
Please email articles to Carol Smith at
<a href="mailto:smith4cr@gmail.com">smith4cr@gmail.com</a>

# **WEDNESDAYS**

#### 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.

#### **SPICE GIRLS**

#### Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – September 12

12 noon

Where: Pat Neal

301 Forest Ave.

Altamonte Springs, 32701

Theme: The Apple of My Eye

Limit: 8 participants

RSVP to Vicki by Thursday, September 5, at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by Thursday, September 5, to Vicki Nidzgorski at vanum77@aol.com.



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

www.newcomerscfl.org

https://www.facebook.com/Newcomers ofCentralFloridaInc

## **FRIDAYS**

#### **MEXICAN TRAIN**



Ann White 407-687-4902 auntesther27@yahoo.com

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First Meeting: September 20 When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month

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 Ann by Friday, September 13, at <u>auntesther27@yahoo.com</u>

#### **DICEY BUNKETTES**

#### **Diana Engling**

englingd@yahoo.com

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.

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: 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 September