



By the Beautiful Sea

Newcomers Annual Fashion Show

By the Sea, By the Sea,
By the Beautiful Sea
You and Me, You and Me
Oh What FASHIONS We'll See!

Ahoy Mateys! Or should we say Ahoy Ladies!

Newcomers of Central Florida will be SAILING into spring with our annual fashion show. This luncheon event will cast off on April 17 at Heathrow Country Club. Our Newcomers models will FLOAT around the room like graceful sea anemones donning the latest spring styles and accessories from Dillard's department store in Oviedo.

Dillard's Ready-to-Wear Sales Manager Kierstin Balbi will be on hand at the luncheon to provide expert commentary and styling tips for the "By the Beautiful Sea"-themed event. To enhance the show's festive atmosphere, each luncheon table will feature eye-catching nautical centerpieces which will be given away as door prizes. We'll also have some PIRATE'S BOOTY in the form of sweet candy treats for all attendees. To cap off the fun afternoon, we will have our customary 50/50 and free luncheon drawings.

So DIVE into your calendars and call in those reservations promptly as this annual event is one of our most popular. We expect everything to go swimmingly and everyone to have a SPLASH of a good time. Anchors Away!

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 Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205

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 **April 10, the Thursday before the luncheon**. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

April 17, 2025

Heathrow Country Club
1200 Bridgewater Drive
Lake Mary, FL 32746

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

April Menu

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Grilled Salmon with Dill Champagne Sauce

or

Sliced Marinated Sirloin with Red Wine Demi-glacé

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

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

Greetings Ladies,

It's hard to believe that April is already upon us. Now, after months of planning, it is time for our annual Fashion Show. Joan Lenard and

Rosemary Kubanet have been hard at work to make this a special event for you. Our annual fashion show will be held at Heathrow Country Club on April 17. I can't wait to see you all there!

This past month, Brenda Jones hosted our annual New Member Social at her house, and it was delightful to have the opportunity to spend some up close and personal time with our new members. I encourage you to look for our new members at our activities and give them a hearty welcome!

April also means that we are coming to the end of our membership year. On this page, you will find a list of your board members for the upcoming 2025-2026 term. Your club is only as strong as its leadership team and its



members, so I encourage you to consider how you can get involved. And I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given so generously of their time in the past and to thank all of you who have supported us!

Sue

LUNCHEON RESERVATION INFORMATION

Waitlist: If you miss the Thursday luncheon deadline and want to attend, you may call **Paula Ritchie** to be added to the waitlist.



CANCELLATION NOTICE

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.

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



HELPING HANDS

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

Need help at a Newcomers' luncheon? Please give Trisha or Toni a phone call and let them know how they may assist you.



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

May 15 Installation of Officers
Macaroni Grill – Oviedo

June 15 International Cuisine
Heathrow Country Club

Executive Board

2025-2026

At our March luncheon, our members unanimously approved these Executive Board nominations. Their office terms will begin upon their installation at our May 15 luncheon.

President	Ellen Bronikowski
1st VP Programs	Robin Roskowski Sue Horn
2nd VP Luncheons	Loraine Nelson
3rd VP Membership	Ann White
Recording Secretary	Patti Zedo
Corresponding Secretary	Maryellen McCullagh
Treasurer	Helen Hoppmann
Parliamentarian	Christine Shapin



LUNCHEON WINNERS

The 50-50 jackpot went over \$100 which means that two lucky winners split the prize. Jill Saltsman and guest Maryann Rapisarda each won \$68 in the 50-50 drawing. Shannon McDaniel was the recipient of the free luncheon certificate. Barbara Moore was the winner of the \$100 Bingo jackpot.

HELP NEEDED

Corresponding Secretary
Maryellen McCullagh
Text: 407-461-0362



Secretary Maryellen McCullagh requests your help. 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.



April Birthdays



4 Maria Alba	16 Pat Brizel
9 Lynn O'Dell	17 Carol Smith
11 Judy Brierley	19 Beverly Weinberg
11 Doris Rosen	26 Paula Ritchie
13 Patti Zedo	30 Betty Hastings
15 Ronnie Telzer	



MEMBERSHIP

Interim Chair: Brenda Jones
407-435-3026 bjones47@cfl.rr.com

Current Membership 120

**Please welcome
our newest members:**

Jean Desany
Linda Zarbaugh



In order to protect the privacy of our members, updates and changes to your Newcomers' Directory will be found on page 6 of your *Chatter*. This page will not be included in the version posted on our website.

PLEASE SEE PAGE 6 FOR DIRECTORY CHANGES/ADDITIONS.



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson
barbara@tuson.us

The gift of a book can enable a child to discover a world beyond their classroom walls. As a former remedial reading teacher, I want to thank all of my Newcomers friends for the fantastic response to our book drive for A Gift for Teaching. Putting books in the hands of children is a gift you can be proud of. Again, thank you!



**A Gift for
Teaching**



INSIDE THE ARTS

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

April 13, 2025, 11 a.m.

The Sunday, April 13 tea at Gallery 32789 has been confirmed for the 11 a.m. seating. Please feel free to wear your favorite dressy outfit topped with a fancy hat, and plan to arrive at 10:45 a.m. if you want to view the gallery art. Our group will be seated at 11 a.m. This event is sold out, but feel free to contact us to add your name to the waitlist.



Upcoming Events for 2025-2026

We're already planning activities for the next membership year, so please save the date for the following Winter Park Playhouse musicals. All of these shows will be staged at the Mandell Theater inside the Orlando Shakes complex while the Winter Park Playhouse undergoes renovations. On-sale dates will be announced in *The Chatter*. We expect to have 18 tickets available for each preview matinee performance. The ticket price will again be \$23.

Jerry's Girls

Friday, August 8, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Forever Plaid

Friday, September 26, 2025, at 2 p.m.

Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Hoedown

Friday, November 14, 2025, at 2 p.m.

The Pin-Up Girls

Friday, March 20, 2026, at 2 p.m.

INVITE A GUEST TO THE APRIL FASHION SHOW

Just a reminder, the Fashion Show is exempt from any limitations on attendance. Everyone (including past members) is welcome to attend. Attendance at these events **will not count** toward a guest's lifetime (not annual) two-event limit.



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



HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

"The first lie wins...The one that changes the game. The one that is deliberate. The lie that sets the stage for everything that comes after it." This quote from *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Elston drew us into a twisting, turning world of deception, intrigue and aliases. It seems that we always have a question which leads to us learning more about each other. This time the question was: Do you think your name is essential to your identity? Carmen Bizjack shared with us about naming conventions in Uruguay, and Pauline Anderson told us about the name Jones in the UK. Good books and learning more about our friends – what a great way to spend a Tuesday afternoon!

In April, we will be reading *Anxious People* 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 in April, contact Carol Smith to be added to the email list. For more details, please see page 5.

MEXICAN TRAIN

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



Friday, April 18

Our Mexican Train interest group will meet at Carrabba's in Winter Springs on Friday, April 18. We will begin at 11 a.m. and take a lunch break at around 12:30 p.m. with each person paying for her own lunch. If you would like to play Mexican Train, please RSVP to Ann White by Friday, April 11 by emailing Ann at auntesther27@yahoo.com. For details, please see page 5.



CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Tuesday, April 22

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.

SPICE GIRLS

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



We had so much fun at Linda Gallagher's home, we forgot to take photos of our yummy dishes celebrating PI (π) Day. We sampled savory pies such as Cottage Pie, Hamburger Pie, Spinach Beef Pie (which used pasta to make the crust), Taco Pie and π -themed salads. Our theme would not have been complete without dessert: Chocolate Pie and a Kringle made with pie crust. It was hard to pick a favorite. Carol explained that Shepherd's Pie is generally made with lamb and topped with mashed potatoes, fluffy like sheep. Cottage Pie is made with lamb or ground beef finished with potato slices like the roof of a cottage. Who knew?

On April 10, we will gather at Helen Hoppmann's home with the theme of Earth Day, which is observed in April. Believe it or not, you can google Earth Day recipes and several will pop up. This theme may take us out of our comfort zone, exploring plant-based foods. Have fun with the theme!

To participate in April, you must submit two new recipes that you have never prepared before, to Vicki by email or text, after the Newcomers March luncheon. She will let you know which recipe works best with the existing recipes submitted. Recipes/RSVPs must be submitted by email or text to Vicki by April 3. Please be aware we may reach our maximum participation number prior to April 3. Participation is limited to 16.

Come to our Spice Girls meeting on April 10 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

Please join me for a nice walk around the water at Cranes Roost Park in Altamonte Springs. The distance around the lake is about one mile. We will meet by Café Murano, and parking is available by the AMC Movie Theater.

We will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We will not be walking on April 6 or 20. See page 5 for all of the details.



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

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: 2nd Tuesday – April 8

1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

APR *Anxious People*

by Fredrik Backman

MAY *Wavewalker: Breaking Free*

by Suzanne Heywood

JUNE *How to Solve Your Own Murder*

by Kristien Perrin

CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

When: Tuesday, April 22

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.



CHATTER articles are
due **April 16**

Please email articles
to Carol Smith at
smith4cr@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE – 4th Wednesday

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

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: 2nd Thursday – April 10

12 noon

Where: Helen Hoppmann

1719 Tealbriar Ave.

Oviedo 32765

Theme: Earth Day

Limit: 16 participants

RSVP to Vicki by **Thursday,**

April 3, at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by **Thursday,**

April 3, to Vicki Nidzgorski at

vanum77@aol.com.



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

www.newcomerscfl.org

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

FRIDAYS

MEXICAN TRAIN

Ann White 407-687-4902

auntesther27@yahoo.com

When: 3rd Friday – April 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 Ann by **Friday, April 11** at

auntesther27@yahoo.com

DICEY BUNKETTES

Maryellen McCullagh

407-461-0362

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.

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.

SUNDAYS

WALKING CLUB

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

Call Trisha to RSVP

When: 10:30 a.m.

Sundays

(except for April 6 or 20)

Where: Cranes Roost Park

Meet by Café Murano

Parking: By AMC Movie Theater