



Installation of Our Gems!

Have you been looking for an opportunity to dress up and wear your best jewelry? Well, wait no longer! May is the month to pull out all your finest gems!

May 21 is our installation luncheon for Newcomers of Central Florida's 2026-2027 executive board. This year our theme is "Gems" in honor of the gems who serve on our executive board and keep the club going. You can expect the theme of gems to surround us at our May meeting, and our members to be "dressed to the nines" and dripping with gems! Come join us for an opportunity to participate in our installation of officers and to wear your finest jewels.

Please note the time change. We will gather at The Wedding Barn at 11 a.m. with our meeting and lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.



All members call
Anita Fogtman at 281-794-2764
to make May luncheon reservations.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on May 14, 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. Anita 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

Anita Fogtman 281-794-2764

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

May 21, 2026

The Wedding Barn

346 East Franklin Street, Oviedo 32765

NOTE TIME CHANGE

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

May Buffet

ENTRÉE

Lasagna

Spaghetti with Olive Oil and Garlic Seasoning

SIDES

Green Beans with Bacon

Garden Salad

Fresh Bread

DESSERT

Key Lime Pie

BEVERAGES

Iced Tea, Coffee and Hot Water

LUNCHEON COST: \$30

While checks are preferred,
for cash payments, please use
denominations of \$50 or less.



Directions to The Wedding Barn

346 East Franklin Street, Oviedo, FL 32765

From Red Bug Lake Rd./Mitchell Hammock:

- Turn **north** onto S. Central Ave. (FL-434) and proceed for about 1.3 miles.
- Turn right onto E. Franklin St.
- At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto N. County Rd. 426. Turn right onto E. Franklin St. In 300 feet, turn right.

MAY LUNCHEON FOOD DRIVE

Outreach will be conducting a food drive for Kids of HOPE. A list of requested items and the specific sizes needed for this children's lunch program can be found on page 3.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends:

Welcome to the merry merry month of May! In addition to the start of warm weather up north where I come from, the month of May brings back many

wonderful memories for me. I was married to my first husband Brian in May, and my daughter Amanda was born in May. Of course, let us not forget Mother's Day when we all get to celebrate our beloved mothers and, for some of us, our own motherhood which is such a special gift.

With regard to Newcomers, May is the month when we officially install our executive board members for the upcoming year. We are blessed again with a dedicated and talented group of ladies, some new to our club, who are stepping up to the plate to help our club hit some home runs. They, along with our committee chairwomen, will help our club bloom and grow just like May flowers. We will also have the honor of recognizing our past presidents who will be our guests at the luncheon. It's always such a treat to see them and listen to their words of wisdom. Ronnie Telzer will take lots of great pictures in the big bright beautiful space that is the Wedding Barn.

On a final note, I'd like to congratulate Christine Shapin for successfully chairing our lovely April Fashion Show and stepping in as the Mistress of Ceremonies. It was an especially challenging endeavor this year, and she and our models pulled it off with grace and aplomb. You go girls!



Ellen



LUNCHEON POLICY

Cancellations: If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please call [Anita Fogtman](#) 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 [Anita Fogtman](#) to be added to the waitlist.

Payment: While checks are preferred, cash payments should be in bills of \$50 or less.



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



JUNE 18:

Flat Rate Table Sale
Hilton Orlando/Altamonte Springs

JULY 16:

Mix and Mingle - A Red, White & Blue Celebration
UCF Doubletree-Orlando East



APRIL WINNERS

Estelle Simandl was the recipient of the free lunch. Since the 50-50 jackpot exceeded \$200, Sue Horn and Sharon Languzzi shared the winnings, with each receiving \$59.25.

May Luncheon Update

*Two Changes:
Time and Menu*



The May 21 luncheon at The Wedding Barn will begin half an hour earlier, with guests gathering at 11 a.m. and lunch served at 11:30. Lasagna will be featured as part of an Italian meal.



Voting for the 2026-2027 Executive Officers took place at our April luncheon. The slate received unanimous approval from our members.

2026-2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Ellen Bronikowski
1st VP Programs	Robin Roskowski Elvira Lovaglio-Duncan
2nd VP Luncheons	Loraine Nelson Tina Parrish
3rd VP Membership	Michele Marino
Recording Secretary	Patti Zedo
Corresponding Secretary	Paula Ritchie
Treasurer	Helen Hoppmann
Parliamentarian	Sue Horn



May Birthdays

- 4 Mary Maberry
- 4 Maureen Smith
- 5 Diane Olivi
- 15 Luz Bowman
- 15 Barbara Tuson
- 17 Allison Feldman
- 29 Kim Volpe
- 30 Judy Lawlor

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Michele Marino 612-801-7949
Mmmarino10@gmail.com



Current Membership 123

There are no directory updates this month.



INSIDE THE ARTS

Chair: Ronnie Telzer 407-577-7401
Becky Hakimian 407-928-9517
Elvira Lovaglio-Duncan 516-850-5104

Please Note: Inside the Arts traditionally takes a break from June-August. However, we don't want to miss the grand reopening of the newly renovated Winter Park Playhouse in August. Please save the date of Friday, August 7 when we hope to return to the Winter Park Playhouse for their first show of the new season--*Never Can Say Goodbye: The '70s Beehive Musical*. Check your summer *Chatter* issues for sign-up and show details.

Friday, May 15

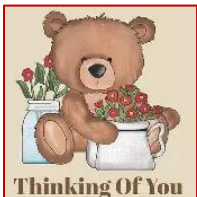
11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This event is sold out.



Bridgerton High Tea Experience

Board the paddlewheeler Barbara Lee in Sanford at 11:30 a.m. and cruise along 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. Gratuities for the tea are included; however, please tip if you choose to order optional alcoholic beverages. Free parking is available near the dock at 433 N. Palmetto Avenue in Sanford.



Thinking Of You

HELP NEEDED

Corresponding Secretary:
Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205

Please text Paula Ritchie 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 Paula is made aware of them. You can text her at 407-222-5205.



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson barbara@tuson.us

There are thousands of children in Seminole County that receive free or reduced meal plans at school, but what do they eat when they are on break or off for the summer?

The sad truth is many of these children would go without. In May, we will be partnering with HOPE Helps, Inc. to help meet this need. The mission for this Oviedo based organization is to prevent and reduce hunger and homelessness in Central Florida by equipping individuals and families to become self-sufficient through Housing, Outreach, Prevention, and Education. (The HOPE Chest is also run by this organization.)

During each school break throughout the year (13 weeks), Kids of HOPE provides registered families with a week's worth of free lunches for their children. We will be conducting a food drive at our May luncheon to aid this program.



Healthy items requested:

Please note size requested:

- **Entrees:** 2 oz. cups mac and cheese, tuna (packets or kits), 4 oz. Vienna Sausage, 7.5 oz. Pop Top Beef Stew, soups (11 oz. or less)
- **Peanut Butter:** (small/medium jars)
- **Snacks:** popcorn, trail mix, protein bars, fruit snacks, low-sugar pudding
- **Breakfast:** 1 oz. bowls/boxes healthy cereal, packets of oatmeal
- **Packaged Fruit:** apple sauce, peaches/mixed fruit cup
- **Beverages:** 8 oz. shelf-stable milk, juice pouches

FLAT RATE SALE June Luncheon

What you need to know!



We are bringing back our Flat Rate Sale for the June luncheon. Donations of items that are new or like new would be greatly appreciated. Goods will be sold for \$3, \$5 and \$10 based on the value assigned by the donor. In the past, we've had jewelry, perfume, books, CDs, artwork, home/garden decor, handbags/purses, knickknacks—you get the picture. Ideally, anything that can be displayed on a table and is valued appropriately would fit the bill. Please note that only CASH will be accepted for this sale.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

My Friends by Fredrik Backman was described by book club members as “found family,” “lifelong friends with difficult childhoods,” and “adrift.” True to his style, Backman used humor to balance the darker themes of trauma, grief and loss.

We invite you to join us in May when we will be discussing *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick. 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, May 12** 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.



HOPE’s mission is to prevent and reduce hunger and homelessness in Central Florida by equipping

individuals and families to become self-sufficient through Housing, Outreach, Prevention, and Education. Learn more at their website: <https://www.hopehelps.org/our-story/>

Kids of Hope Food Drive

May Newcomers’ Luncheon
See page 3 for details.



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

SPICE GIRLS

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



Our April theme, "More Protein than an Egg" was graciously hosted by Vicki Nidzgorski, whose table decorations included grass placemats and chicken-shaped wire baskets filled with an assortment of naturally different colored eggs. She also gifted each of us with a bag filled with protein drinks and snacks to enjoy at home.

We sampled many high protein dishes such as Corn and Smoke Gouda Custard, Loaded Cauliflower Casserole, Viral Turkish Pasta, Whipped Feta Dip, and Pistachio Cheesecake Bars. Who knew there were so many tasty options for getting our protein!

The theme for May is "Picnic Time," with Virginia Ponder hosting. Virginia is able to accommodate 15. Please remember to email your recipes to Debbie Browning by Thursday, May 7.

We are excited to see everyone at our luncheon on Thursday, May 14 at 12 noon. Please bring your prepared dish, along with any serving utensils you might need. If you would like to take some leftovers home, please bring a container.

If you are a fan of exploring new recipes, sharing laughter, and enjoying great company, 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 5.



Note: Date Change for May
Thursday, May 14

The Mexican Train group will be meeting on Thursday, May 14 so that our members will be able to participate in the Bridgerton High Tea event. We will revert back to the third Friday in June.





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 – May 12**

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 – May 12, 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin', 3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

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

JUN *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*
by Anna Johnston

JUL *The First Time I Saw Him*
by Laura Dave



*Newsletter
Articles Due
May 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, May 7
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, May 14 at noon

Where: Virginia Ponder
1635 River Birch Ave.
Oviedo, FL 27656

Theme: Picnic Time

Limit: 15 participants

Submit recipes and RSVP to Debbie Browning
by **Thursday, May 7** at
407-716-3752 or
threegifts@hotmail.com



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

www.newcomerscfl.org

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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: **Date Change - May 14, 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 **Thursday, May 7**, 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.



May



May 2026 Newcomers' Events at a Glance*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Mah Jongg	5	6	7 Board Meeting	8 Dicey Bunkettes	9
10	11 Mah Jongg	12 Bingo Hooked on Books	13	14 Spice Girls Mexican Train	15 <i>Bridgerton High Tea</i>	16 Couples Bunko Newsletter Articles Due
17	18 Mah Jongg	19	20 Bridge	21 Luncheon	22	23
24	25 Mah Jongg	26	27	28	29	30

*Event Details are in the *Chatter*