



Our members look forward to the fun Simon has brought us for several years, so we have invited him back yet again!

Our January 19 luncheon will feature a trivia competition hosted by Quiz Master Simon from Simon Time Trivia. Simon, who appears regularly on Florida radio and TV programs, has emceed trivia competitions at restaurants, social gatherings, and corporate team building events for over 11 years. Members will have an opportunity to "put their useless knowledge to use" in several trivia games—with prizes given to the top scorers.

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 Mary 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 Mary Ward 407-222-4446

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 prearrange payment for guests.

Reservations must be received by 5 p.m. on January 12, the Thursday before the luncheon. Anyone who cancels after the deadline will reimburse the club. No walk-ins allowed.

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING January 19, 2023

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

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

January Menu

ENTRÉE

Conrad Chicken Breast:
Oven Roasted Chicken Breast
with Rosemary and Garlic

SIDES

Mixed Greens Topped with Pear Tomatoes
and Shredded Carrots
Served with Peppercorn or Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Chef's Choice of Fresh Vegetable
Fresh Baked Bread with Sweet Cream Butter

DESSERT

Newcomers' Cake

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25



Directions to Orlando Hilton:

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 see the Hilton on your right.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,
I hope you are enjoying the Holidays with family and friends. It was good to see so many of you at our Christmas luncheon where we had the opportunity to hear about the mission of Seniors First from a former Newcomers' member, Wendy Jackson.

This is the season to look back and be thankful. I'm thankful to all of you for your support. Whether you are involved in putting together our events through working on the Board, attend every event or select special events to attend, you are all an integral part of our organization. I do want to send a special thank you to our Board members who work hard to provide our wide variety of activities.

I would also like to acknowledge our members who organize our interest groups, such as Cooking Club, Book Club, Mah Jongg, Chick Flicks, Bunko, or Bridge. If you haven't tried any of these activities, you may want to try one (or more) out. Finally, if there is another group you would be interested in forming, let us know! I'm sure the current group organizers would be happy to help you get started.

As we enter 2023, we'll be working on our slate of officers and programs for next year. If you're interested in serving on the Board or forming new interest groups, please contact me.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2023!



Sue



HELPING HANDS

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

Trisha and Toni are available to provide assistance at the Newcomers' luncheons. If you should need help entering the luncheon 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Newcomers has a Facebook page where you can view photos from our events? If your interest group is not pictured, contact Ronnie Telzer at 407-365-1580 for details on how to have your group included.

Did you know that you can find current and back issues of the Chatter as well as pictures on the Newcomers website?

Check out Newcomers online at:

www.newcomerscfl.org

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



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

February 16 Heathrow Country Club
Jewelry Auction
March 16 Sanford Patio Grill
Orlando Sentinel Writer

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

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



Cancellations: If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please call to cancel your reservation. Remember, payment is due if you're 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.

January Birthdays



- 1 Barbara Moore
- 2 Linda Hargreaves
- 11 Sue Horn
- 12 Rosemary Kubanet
- 14 Pat McRee
- 16 Veline Ball
- 19 Margarite Newhouse
- 25 Claudia Hughey
- 27 Terry Becker
- 29 Estelle Simandl
- 30 Solly Haber

MEMBERSHIP



Chair: Brenda Jones 407-435-3026

Current Membership: 114

Membership changes:

Please make these changes in your newest directory:

Vicki Nidzgorski

New address:

111 Wild Holly Lane Longwood, FL 32779

Brenda Jones

Delete home phone.



WAYS & MEANS

Co-Chairs: Linda Gallagher 407-592-9573
Ronnie Telzer 407-365-1580

Our next big fundraising event will be our February 16 jewelry auction and sale at Heathrow Country Club. As in the past, we will have flat-rate merchandise tables along with silent-auction bidding for more expensive items. We will start collecting your new and gently used (clean) merchandise in January. So, when you begin your post-holiday closet clean-up or decide to part with any unwanted jewelry gifts, keep us in mind for donations! You can give us your merchandise in advance or bring it in on the day of the luncheon.

Please place your items in individual plastic bags if possible. Otherwise, we'll have a tangled mess of stuff! We'll have a variety of small-size plastic baggies available at the January luncheon. It would be helpful if you sort the items by suggested price points of \$1, \$3 or \$5—or leave it up to us to assign a value. For more high-end merchandise, please fill out a separate auction bidding form for each item that will have a minimum opening bid of \$10 (or more). A copy of the auction form is attached to this Chatter issue. If you want your auction item returned to you if it does not sell, check the box on the form. Otherwise, any unsold items will go to Outreach which will donate the merchandise to a local thrift store.

We thank you for your continuing support for our fundraisers.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

Carol Smith 407-618-3478

Good friends, a delicious lunch, and a Christmas mystery to discuss — Book Club has started a new holiday

tradition! For many members, it was the first time dining at Francesco's Ristorante in Maitland, and from the comments overheard, it won't be the last. In keeping with the yuletide spirit, our discussion of *God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen*, by Rhys Bowen included questions such as which character would you not invite to your New Year's Eve party (Wallis Simpson) and pick a Christmas carol to be the theme song for the book where the answer *I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas* was given a very compelling defense. We also reviewed the books we have read over the past year, and it was decided that *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge was the favorite.

Hooked on Books Book Club is a delightful place to make friends and have intriguing book discussions over a cup of coffee and a donut. Join us in January when we will be discussing *The Girl in His Shadow* by Audrey Blake. For more details, see page 5.



CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420

TUESDAY, January 31

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 club members will be notified by email of the movie selected and the meeting time on the weekend before the Tuesday movie. We 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 so that Trisha has a count for BJ's Restaurant.

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



COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

Well, we're beginning to think the weather doesn't like Cooking Club! First Hurricane Nicole forced us to cancel November's meeting, and the storms predicted for our December "out to lunch" meeting at The Tap Room at Dubsdread threatened to do the same. Despite many members traveling and the weather, half of our members met for a jolly good time in December. Barbara surprised us all by ordering a Key Lime Martini, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Jared, our server, did a great job keeping up with all our requests. Watch for photos to be posted soon on the NCF website. On January 12, we will meet at Barbara Tuson's home, where we will learn all about tea with our theme "Tea for Twelve." Please consider joining us as we learn from Barbara, a former tea instructor and tea business owner. Participants are to prepare foods to be served with tea.

To participate in January, text/email/phone Vicki with TWO recipes that you have never made before, which you are willing to prepare for our theme. Vicki will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare. Ensure your participation by emailing or texting the recipe to Vicki by Thursday, January 5. Come to Cooking Club on January 12 with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. Plan to expand your knowledge of teas and taste testing teas and our recipes. Participants limited to 12.



INSIDE THE ARTS

Co-Chairs: Sheri Dyer 407-766-1804
Sheri@imadyer.com
Michele Marino 612-801-7949
mmmarino10@gmail.com

Friday, January 20, 4 p.m.

What: House Party at Sheri's followed by the Orlando Concert Band performance at St. Luke's

Cost: FREE

Note: You can attend party only, concert only or both

Where: Pre-party:

Sheri Dyer's House, 2410 Huntingdale Lane, Oviedo, FL
Parking available on two streets and dead-end next door.

Concert: St. Luke's Lutheran Church
2025 West S.R. 426, Oviedo, FL 32765

Registration Deadline: January 19 luncheon



Our January event features a free pre-concert party at the home of Sheri Dyer which will be followed by a free concert by the Orlando Concert Band at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Sheri will provide non-alcoholic beverages, and each attendee is asked to bring an appetizer to share. Non-driving guests are welcome to bring wine or beer. "Plus 1" guests are very welcome to both events. Sign up at the January 19 luncheon or contact Sheri or Michele by phone or email.

Friday, February 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



What: 13th Annual Tables Extraordinaire
Cost: \$10
Where: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
217 Trinity Woods Lane, Maitland FL 32751

Lunch following: Outpost Kitchen, 111 S. Orlando Ave.

Registration Deadline: January 19 luncheon

Sign up at the January 19 luncheon. If you prefer to sign up by mail, send your check to Sheri Dyer at 2410 Huntingdale Lane, Oviedo, FL 32765. Please make your check out to Sheri Dyer.

Wednesday, March 1, 2 p.m.

What: Lady Day at Emerson Bar and Grill

Where: Orlando Shakes Theater

Cost: \$34

Lunch following: The Pinery, 295 N.E. Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando

Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 2



In this powerful musical production, you'll laugh as much as you cry while Billie Holiday sings her most famous songs and reminisces about the great triumphs and losses of her life. The time is 1959. The place is a seedy bar in Philadelphia. With the help of her piano man, Jimmy Powers, she lets music tell her story, sharing soulful, heart-wrenching, and bawdy songs from her memorable canon including: "God Bless the Child," "When a Woman Loves a Man," and "T'Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do."

REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

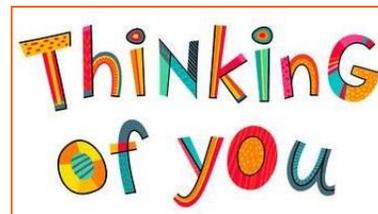
Outreach Chair: Barbara Tuson
barbara@tuson.us



I want to thank everyone for helping make a very Merry Christmas for all the seniors in Seniors First. You went above and beyond to spread Christmas cheer! Because of your generosity, we collected 25 gift cards with a total value of \$500 as well as \$376 in cash donations which were used to purchase additional cards. That makes a grand total of \$876 to help make Christmas brighter for our seniors.

We really enjoyed having Wendy Jackson join us for lunch. As a former member of Newcomers, she was familiar to many of you. She helped explain how our generous contributions help all the Seniors First participants.

Please start saving your travel-size soaps, small containers of shampoo, etc., playing cards and small notebooks for our Seniors First Birthday Bag campaign in March. These items will be used to create one type of bag for women and another one for men. A detailed list will be coming in the next newsletter.



YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Corresponding Secretary Vicki Nidzgoriski requests

your help. Please contact Vicki 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 Vicki is made aware. You can contact her by email at vanum77@aol.com or text/call her at 813-395-3611.

HOW TO VIEW YOUR PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Go to www.newcomerscfl.org and click on the Photo Gallery Link that is on the center bottom of the home page (below the fashion show photo). Click on Luncheon Photos Fourth Quarter 2022 and scroll down to the bottom group of photos. Click on each thumbnail to see the full photo.





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

Loretta Kowalski 407-405-2446

When: Mondays

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Tremont in Oviedo

Bring lunch, beverage and \$5 in change.
See you there!

TUESDAYS

HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

When: January 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

JAN *The Girl in His Shadow*
by Audrey Blake

FEB *Faith Bass Darling's Last
Garage Sale*
by Lynda Rutledge

MAR *The Only Woman in the Room*
by Marie Benedict

APR *The Dictionary of Lost Words*
by Pip Williams

CHICK FLICKS

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

When: Tuesday – January 31

Where: Regal Oviedo Mall Movie
Theater

Members will receive an email to
inform them of the movie title and
meeting time the weekend before the
screening.

Please RSVP to Trisha.

CHATTER ARTICLES



Please email *Chatter*
articles to Carol Smith
at smith4cr@gmail.com
by **January 16.**

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE – 4th Wednesday

Sue Horn 303-807-4088

When: 4th Wednesday
10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Carrabba's Italian Grill
5280 Red Bug Lake Rd
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Anyone interested in playing should
contact Sue Horn at the number listed
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.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2nd Thursday – January 12
12 p.m.

Where: Barbara Tuson
4916 Darden Ave
Belle Isle, FL 32812

Theme: Tea for Twelve

Limit: 12 participants
RSVP to Vicki by Thursday,
January 5 at 813-395-3611

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

FRIDAYS

BUNKO - Dacey Bunkettes

Lona Love sunsh132@bellsouth.net

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.

If you are interested in joining the
group, please email Lona, putting
BUNKO in the subject line.

SATURDAYS

COUPLES BUNKO

Gail Boudreaux 407-678-3341
flcajun2@cfl.rr.com

When: 3rd Saturday at 6 p.m.

Where: Hosted by participants

Contact Gail Boudreaux for more
information.

Each couple brings an appetizer to
share. The host couple provides soft
drinks and dessert.



**ON-LINE
LADIES BRIDGE**

Several of the bridge
players have been playing on-line
bridge using trickster.com. If you are
interested in trying it, Sue Horn would
be happy to help you get on the app
and see how it works. You can contact
Sue at 303-807-4088.

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



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Jewelry Donation Form

Item # _____ (Ways & Means will assign item number)

Item Description _____

Approximate Value: _____

Donated By: _____

Please check here _____ if you want your donated item returned to you in the event that there are no bidders. Otherwise, any unsold items will be donated to Outreach to benefit a local charity thrift shop.

Minimum Opening Bid: _____

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