



MONSTER MASH

It's time to celebrate Halloween when girls turn into ghouls, divas turn into devils, friends turn into fiends, guys turn into ghosts, and women turn into witches.

Luckily our Monster-Mash themed luncheon takes place during the day, so we have nothing to fear ... or do we? Rumor has it that Count Dracula might make an appearance despite the daylight. Let's hope he wears his Ray-Bans and SPF 100 so he can "hang" around for a while.

Monstrous musical mavens John and Theresa Segers will entertain us with delightful songs, and we will, naturally, have a costume contest. Our charity that day will be Second Harvest Food Bank for which your donations of non-perishable food items will be much appreciated. So, whether you're sporting wings, capes, fangs, claws or excessive body hair, expect to have a "howl" of a good time.



See you at The Embassy Suites - Altamonte Springs on October 17.

Be there
or be ...
SCARED!

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

LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING October 17, 2024

Embassy Suites Altamonte Springs
225 Shorecrest Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

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

OCTOBER MENU

SALAD

Garden Salad
with Balsamic or Ranch Dressing

ENTRÉE

Chicken Marsala with Mushroom Marsala Sauce

SIDES

Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Warm Rolls and Butter

DESSERT

Chef's Selection

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced Tea and Hot Tazo Tea



LUNCHEON COST: \$30



Directions to Embassy Suites

225 Shorecrest Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

(Hotel is near Café Murano, watch for "Uptown Altamonte" sign)

- From I-4: Take exit 92, go east on SR 436/Altamonte Dr. Turn left onto Crane's Roost Lake Blvd. Make the first left onto Shorecrest Blvd. Embassy Suites will be on the right.
- From Winter Springs: Go west on SR 436/Altamonte Dr. Turn right onto Crane's Roost Lake Blvd. Make the first left onto Shorecrest Blvd. Embassy Suites will be on the right.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

As I write this article, we are all eagerly awaiting the arrival of fall, the time of the year when the temperature finally drops into the 80's! In the meantime, your club has been planning well into

2025, with several fun events planned for the rest of the year.

In October, we will be having a "Monster Mash" luncheon. Get out your favorite Halloween costume and dress up to compete for our costume prizes. The featured entertainment will be John and Theresa Segers, the couple who performed for us last December.

Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be in November at the Hilton in Altamonte Springs. This luncheon will also help us get ready for the holidays as it features our Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique and Basket Auction. This event is our primary fundraiser for the year, so I encourage you to participate either by donating or buying an auction item. You will find the details in the Ways and Means article on page 5.

December brings us to our Christmas luncheon at Heathrow. Please note **this luncheon is the second Thursday**, December 12, due to the busy holiday season. We will be having a "murder mystery" luncheon. The victim will be Santa, and it will be our job to find out "who killed Santa?" This should be a lot of fun and laughs!

Lastly, this is the time of year to share our good fortune with those who are less fortunate than us. Barbara Tuson, our Outreach chair, does a great job with this program. She has arranged for us to donate canned goods for the Second Harvest Food Bank at our

October luncheon. In December, we will be able to support the Seniors First organization by contributing \$20 Walmart or Publix gift cards to their "Cards for a Cause" program.

I hope this brief summary of events to come has piqued your interest. See you at the luncheons!

Sue



Here are the winners from our September luncheon.

Debbie Arblaster won the 50-50 jackpot of \$87. Maryellen McCullagh won the free luncheon drawing. Barbara Moore won the penny auction grand prize basket. Congratulations, ladies!



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.



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

November 21

Basket Auction
Hilton Altamonte Springs

December 12

Who Killed Santa?
Heathrow Country Club



REACHING OUT WITH OUTREACH

Chair: Barbara Tuson barbara@tuson.us

Thank you for the tremendous response to our Back-to-School Drive. We received the following note from A Gift for Teaching:

Hello Barbara,
I wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you for hosting a school supply drive for A Gift for Teaching. Your support means the world to us—and to the teachers and students who benefit from your generosity.

Because of your efforts, we're able to get much-needed supplies into the hands of students who might otherwise go without. Supply drive partners like you are vital to the operation of our organization.

With the help of all community partners this year, we collected 543,601 supplies and raised \$24,937.

[Click here for a special thank you from one of our teachers and to see the Top 5 Overall Drives](#)

Newcomers of Central FL collected \$145 in cash donations and 1,605 supplies valued at \$1,299.12

These supplies are essential for creating an effective learning environment and ensuring student success. Your commitment to helping our community shine brighter is something we deeply appreciate.

Thanks again for everything you've done!

A Gift for Teaching



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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



6	Tania Kline
8	DeDe Fluhr
14	Tonia Thoms
20	Lauren Kerbelis
23	Michelle Ward
26	Susan DeTemple
27	Gayle Hildebrandt

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Diana Engling
407-256-3592 englingd@yahoo.com



Current Membership: 111

Please add these members in your newest directory:

New Members

Kathy Boyd

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Birthdate: Dec 2 Email: kathyb545@gmail.com

Kitty Price

1023 Antelope Trail Winter Springs, FL 32728
Cell: 805-240-0589 Email: kittybyrne@cfl.rr.com
Birthdate: Aug 29

Returning Members

Mary Jane Burrows

1020 E Pebble Beach Cir. Winter Springs, FL 32708
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Sharon DeRose

1114 Cheetah Tr. Winter Springs, FL 32708
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Lynn O'Dell

311 Raintree Dr. Casselberry, FL 32707
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Corrections To Membership Directory

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Mary Rinaldi Cell: 321-295-6814	Barbara Tuson Cell: 919-601-8529
Barbara Wiseman Email: DAISYW412@gmail.com	Diane Olivi , no home # Maureen Smith , no home #



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

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

FRUITS	VEGETABLES	GRAINS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍏 Canned fruit (in its own juice, no sugar added varieties) 🍏 Dried fruit 🍏 100% fruit juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍏 Canned vegetables (reduced salt/no salt varieties) 🍏 100% vegetable juice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍏 Rice, pasta, crackers (whole grain varieties) 🍏 Ready-to-eat cereal 🍏 Oatmeal
PROTEIN	DAIRY/DAIRY ALTERNATIVES	MEALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍏 Canned meat/poultry 🍏 Canned tuna/salmon 🍏 Canned/dry beans & peas 🍏 Peanut butter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍏 Nonfat dry milk 🍏 Evaporated milk 🍏 Soy milk (shelf stable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🍏 Canned soup (reduced sodium varieties) 🍏 Chili 🍏 Beef stew 🍏 Other canned meals

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.



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



INSIDE THE ARTS

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

Wednesday, November 20, 10 a.m. 38th Annual Festival of Trees



Where: Orlando Museum of Art, 2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando, FL 32803

When: Senior Day, Wednesday November 20

Cost: Tickets for seniors ages 60+ are \$12 per person. Parking is \$7 per vehicle.

Time: Meet at 9:50 a.m. for a group photograph outside the museum. Then we'll get tickets and enter the museum

when it opens at 10 a.m.

The Festival of Trees at the Orlando Museum of Art is a holiday celebration that includes more than 30 designer-decorated trees, gingerbread houses, wreaths, and more. The Council of 101 organizes the event, which has been a Central Florida holiday tradition since 1986.

Tickets: We can purchase tickets for you if you pre-pay \$12. Make checks payable to Ronnie Telzer. Or you can buy your own tickets at the door for \$12 or online via Eventbrite (in advance) which charges an additional ticket fee of \$2.64 per ticket. Sign up at the October luncheon or mail your payment to Ronnie Telzer, 660 Saranac Drive, Winter Springs, FL 32708.

Optional Lunch: After viewing the Festival of Trees exhibit, we will meet at noon for an outdoor lunch at Tommy Bahama Marlin Bar, 438 N. Orlando Ave. in the Winter Park Village shopping plaza. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet so we can get an accurate head count for the restaurant.

Thursday, December 19, 6 p.m. 5th Annual Asian Lantern Festival



Join our group at the Central Florida Zoo in Sanford for the 5th Annual Asian Lantern Festival. We have reserved 25 spots for Thursday, December 19, at 6 p.m. The event runs rain or shine. You will be dazzled by the wonderful, illuminated sculptures from dragons to wild animals. This special nighttime event is open to your adult friends and family members too. \$20 per ticket (including tax) with a 15-person minimum. Make your check payable to Ronnie Telzer, who will begin collecting payments at the October luncheon. There will be food concessions open at the zoo. Important note: Everyone in our group must enter the Festival at the same time--so please make sure you are on-time. Parking is free.

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 October luncheon, or mail your payment to Ronnie Telzer, 660 Saranac Drive, Winter Springs, FL 32708. Tickets may sell out in October -- so please reserve ASAP if you plan to attend. We will pick a dinner venue closer to the show date.



MEXICAN TRAIN



Coordinator: Ann White

407-687-4902 auntesther27@yahoo.com

Friday, October 18

Our new Mexican Train interest group met for the first time on September 20 at Carrabba's in Winter Springs. The group will continue to meet monthly at 11 a.m. on the third Friday of the month--the day after the Newcomers' luncheon. We will 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 on October 18, please RSVP to Ann White by Friday, October 11 by emailing Ann at auntesther27@yahoo.com. For details, please see page 6.



WAYS & MEANS

Chair: Robin Roskowski 407-595-4474

Our biggest Ways & Means fundraiser of the year, a Holiday Gift and Craft Boutique and Basket Auction, is coming up this November 21 for your shopping pleasure. To ensure the success of this event, we would like members to donate **new** gift and holiday merchandise, baked goods, themed baskets, and hand-made crafts which will be available for sale at flat-rate tables or via silent auction bids (for more valuable items). Please bring in your donations on the day of the luncheon--November 21--at the Hilton Orlando-Altamonte Springs. There will be separate tables for home-made crafts, baked goods, themed baskets, and new holiday and gift merchandise.

At the luncheon, you'll have plenty of time to check out the merchandise tables, place bids on gift baskets, and find special treasures for yourself or friends and family members. Please make sure that any food items in your baskets are still fresh (not past their expiration date). Contact Robin Roskowski if you have items to donate but are unable to attend the November luncheon. Also please make sure to bring your checkbook or cash (exact change is helpful) to the luncheon so you can pay for any purchases or winning silent auction bids. Thank you so much for your support of our holiday fundraiser.

For basket auction items, please fill out the donation form in advance. Then we'll assign a number to your item on the day of the event. A copy of this form is on page 7 of this issue of the *Chatter*.





SPICE GIRLS

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611
vnum77@aol.com



September found us almost bobbing for apples with our theme, "Apple of my Eye." Pat Neal did a fabulous job as hostess! As always, we had a lively discussion about each recipe. Dru went totally rogue, modifying her Fruity Red Salmon Salad recipe, lol. Our discussion ended with Fresh Apple Cake with Brown Sugar Glaze, which was still warm in the pan. Yum!

On October 10, we will gather at Debbie Browning's home, where she and her sister, Jean Wilson, will be our hostesses/referees. The crowd has gone wild over October's theme of "Tailgate Time." Who knew? Members are strongly encouraged to wear their "spirit gear" of their favorite team. Recipes obviously must be foods served at a tailgating party. Go Team Go! Can't wait to see the photos!

To participate in October, submit two recipes that you have never prepared before, to Vicki by email or text, *after* the Newcomers monthly luncheon on October 17. She will let you know which recipe has been chosen for you to prepare. Recipes must be submitted by October 3. Please be aware we may reach our maximum participation number prior to the deadline. Participation is limited to 16 this month.

Come to our Spice Girls meeting on October 10, with your prepared dish, a serving utensil if needed, and your printed recipe PDF that will be emailed to you. If you would like to take home any of the leftovers, please bring a disposable dish. If you enjoy trying new recipes, sampling new foods, laughter and fun, please consider joining us! Stay Spicy everyone!



CHICK FLICKS

Trisha Fuston 407-789-9420
Tuesday, October 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 movie selected and the meeting time on the weekend before the Tuesday movie. We will meet at the Regal Oviedo Mall Movie Theater box office area 15 to 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.



WALKING CLUB

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

On hold for October

The walking club is still waiting for a break in the heat. Watch the *Chatter* to see when the group will resume.



HOOKED ON BOOKS

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

The phrases "Ghost Warriors" and "Forgotten Heroes" were used to describe our September book, *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. The book stirred up our memories from the Vietnam era, from friends who served, the draft, the protests, the music, to the Vietnam Memorial with the names of those we knew. We also realized the importance of the support from family and friends – especially our women friends.

In October, we will be discussing the 1925 Pulitzer Prize winning novel *So Big* by Edna Ferber. The book was inspired by the life of [Antje Paarlberg](#) in the Dutch community of South Holland, Illinois, a Chicago suburb and gets its title from the age-old question "How big is baby?" "So-o-o-o big!"

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 6.

ADVENTURE AWAITS



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



Put on your walking shoes and join us for a trip to New Smyrna Beach to explore the shops and boutiques on Canal Street on Friday, October 25th.

We will meet at 10 a.m. in front of the Corkscrew Bar & Grille to begin our shopping excursion. After shopping, we will meet up again at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy a casual lunch at the Corkscrew Bar & Grille. You can check out their menu at: <https://www.corkscrewbarandgrille.com/>. Parking is available on the street or in a city parking lot.

Corkscrew Bar & Grille
 235 Canal Street
 New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Please RSVP by October 23. To reserve your spot, email Pat Neal at pneal11@earthlink.net.



**See You at the
 Monster Mash!
 October 17**



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 – October 8

1:30 p.m.

Where: Dunkin'

3551 Dovera Dr., Oviedo

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

When: Tuesday, October 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 **October 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: 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: 2nd Thursday – October 10

12 noon

Where: Debbie Browning and Jean Wilson

1124 Kerwood Circle

Oviedo 32765

Theme: Tailgate Time

Limit: 16 participants

RSVP to Vicki by **Thursday,**

October 3, at 813-395-3611

Recipe must be submitted by **Thursday,**

October 3, to Vicki Nidzgorski at

vanum77@aol.com.



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

www.newcomerscfl.org

[https://www.facebook.com/Newcomers
ofCentralFloridaInc](https://www.facebook.com/NewcomersofCentralFloridaInc)

FRIDAYS

MEXICAN TRAIN

Ann White 407-687-4902

auntesther27@yahoo.com



When: 3rd Friday – October 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, October 11,** at

auntesther27@yahoo.com

DICEY BUNKETTES

Diana Engling

englingd@yahoo.com

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 Diana, putting
BUNKO in the subject line.

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

On hold for October





Basket Donation Form

Basket Name: _____

Approximate Total Value: _____

Please bring this completed sheet with your basket donation on the day of the November luncheon at the Hilton-Altamonte Springs. If you have a basket donation and cannot attend the November luncheon, please contact Robin Roskowski (407-595-4474). Please set your desired minimum opening bid below, or we will do it for you. Note: This sheet is for basket donations only--holiday boutique items like wreaths, crafts and baked goods will have a separate form for high-end items and flat-rate table sales for lower-end products.

Itemized Contents of Basket: _____

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: _____

Bid Amount: Bidder Name:

1. _____ Name: _____
2. _____ Name: _____
3. _____ Name: _____
4. _____ Name: _____
5. _____ Name: _____
6. _____ Name: _____
7. _____ Name: _____
8. _____ Name: _____
9. _____ Name: _____
10. _____ Name: _____

(Please use reverse sheet for additional bids if necessary)