



NEWCOMERS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Chatter

December 2007

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY HANUKKAH
CELEBRATE KWANZA

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LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEETING December 13, 2007 (week early due to holiday) Gather at 11:30 with Lunch at Noon

December MENU

Soup Course:
Wild Rice Bisque
with chive cream

Entree:
Sautéed Breast of Chicken
*with panko crumb crust,
lemon basil beurre blanc*

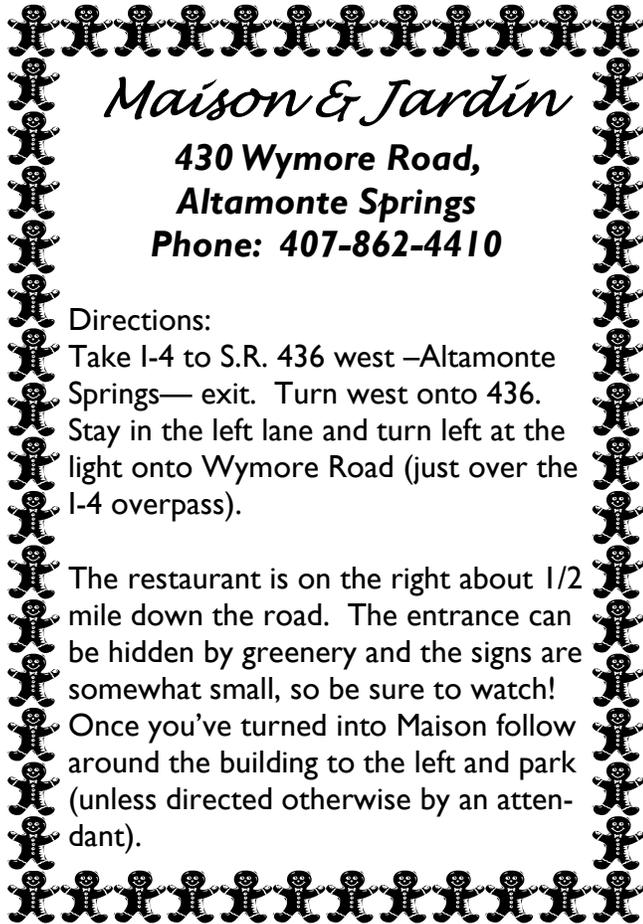
Sides:
*Chef's Selection of Two
Fresh Fall Vegetables*

Dessert:
*Apple Crumb Cake
With cinnamon ice cream &
vanilla sauce*

Includes coffee, tea,
rolls and butter

\$23.00 per person
Including tax & gratuity

Need a ride? Extra room
in your car? Please con-
tact our ride coordina-
tors under our
'Procedures...' section
on this page.



Maison & Jardin

430 Wymore Road,
Altamonte Springs
Phone: 407-862-4410

Directions:

Take I-4 to S.R. 436 west –Altamonte Springs— exit. Turn west onto 436. Stay in the left lane and turn left at the light onto Wymore Road (just over the I-4 overpass).

The restaurant is on the right about 1/2 mile down the road. The entrance can be hidden by greenery and the signs are somewhat small, so be sure to watch!

Once you've turned into Maison follow around the building to the left and park (unless directed otherwise by an attendant).

PROGRAM



**The Hot Cocoa
Singing Group will be
performing your
holiday favorites !**

A Holiday Gift for You

A special gift from the Club in support of Give Kids the World (GKTW) will be given to every member attending the luncheon. These holiday favors were purchased from Perkins Restaurant as part of a fundraiser for GKTW. See page 5 for more information about this important charity and how the Club's contribution will be used.

PROCEDURES FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Use one of the two methods below to place your reservation:

Mail – Make your check payable to Newcomers of Central Florida. Mail check to: Patti Zedo, 513 Lake Charm Court, Oviedo, FL 32765 At luncheon upon arrival, pick up your name badge at check-in table.

Phone - Please call the appropriate number for your last name (spell, if a message).

A — L: Call Paulette Kubo 407-381-5768 M — Z: Call Patti Zedo 407-359-3314

All reservations (checks or phone messages) must be received by 5:00 pm on the **Monday before the luncheon (12/10/07).**

ANY CANCELLATIONS AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL REIMBURSE THE CLUB. RESERVATIONS ONLY, PLEASE! NO WALK-INS ALLOWED. Thanks.

Need a Ride Coordinators: Waterford—Claudia Downs, 407-281-7521, Oviedo—Martha Cirrotti, 407-366-3673, Altamonte Springs—Dru Juhl, 407-682-6306

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LYNNE SNOWDEN

Hi Ladies,

The holidays are upon us, and coming fast! We have lots of fun opportunities coming up to get together and enjoy our friends. The main event coming up is our *Christmas Holiday Party* on December the 9th. It will be held at the Winter Park Elk's Lodge on Sunday starting at 5 pm and we can party till closing at 11 pm. There will be a buffet dinner, appetizers and dessert; entertainment by a wonderful singer/musician to provide dance music; and **loads** of fabulous door prizes. Plan to be there! You can get your tickets through Judy Babine or any of the committee members. You won't find many parties more affordable than this one for all you'll be getting at \$25.00 each.

The luncheon today was held at the Culinary Institute. The Chef prepared a beef dish for our enjoyment. We found it quite entertaining and quite delicious, since they served us a sampling of the dish. Donna Flaudreau had her table of goodies for our Silent Auction. She is one fabulous shopper! The items

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to win were all fabulous! Joan Bové won a Guess bracelet; Lynne Snowden won the Yankee Candle tart burner; Joyce Barone won the *Fitz and Floyd* appetizer plates; Betty Huff won the *Lenox* Tealite lamp; and Eileen Bouget won the *Monet* necklace. All proceeds will be going toward the door prizes we will be able to win at the Holiday party. Keep up the good work, Donna! We had two Mystery Gifts and Edna Long won one and Pat Cregar won the other, and Martha Stauffer won the 50/50 money of \$36.50. There were many happy ladies leaving with their prizes and loving it!

Along with the prizes, we all picked up our new Membership Directories today. If you need to make arrangements to pick yours up, please contact Dru Juhl. She will have them with her at future luncheons and at the several interest groups that she is involved in. Let her know to bring yours!

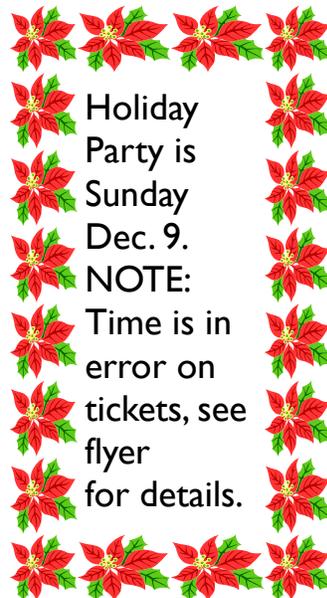
LaVera Cieslak invited us to participate in giving a Green Christmas by writing a check to Habitat for Humanity. If you wish to save gas, a shopping trip and still give a wonderful gift, please write your check and get it to LaVera. We also have a needy family who we have adopted to help give them food, clothing and gifts for Christmas. Please contact Claudia Downs if you would like to help. She will provide the shopping list.

Our attendance at the

luncheons has been continuously dwindling. It is quite puzzling to know what to provide to entice your attendance. We would like to know your reasons for, or for not coming to the luncheon event each month. We need to know what your priorities are: Restaurant? Food choices? Program? Cost? Please contact me through my email address lynne.snowden@yahoo.com or by phone. We need to know if we should continue to spend the money to provide a spectacular program or not. If we have only 40-50 members attend, it seems to be unrealistic to pay \$100-300 for a speaker. Please let me know your opinions, positive or negative. We need to know. Thanks.

I sincerely wish all of you a wonderful holiday season. I hope to see you at the many wonderful activities coming up.

Your friend,
Lynne



DECEMBER BOARD MEETING



**Thursday,
December 6, 2007
10:00am to 12:00pm**

To be held at the home of Patti Zedo
513 Lake Charm Ct.,
Oviedo

Call Patti at 407-359-3314
to RSVP
Bring a \$10 gift to exchange

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING

- Some activities are cancelled for December, so be sure to check your Chatter.
- If you'd like to see all the great Chatter photos in COLOR, then consider getting your newsletter via email. It will save the Club money and the newsletter can be printed from your home computer.
- All members! If you want to participate in any of the interest groups, call the coordinator listed and get on the sub list. Subs are always needed and it's a great way to meet people!
- All changes to membership information should go through our Membership VP Dru Juhl who keeps all of our records current.



INTEREST GROUPS

BUNKO BABES



MONDAY BABES — Call
 Pat Coyle 407-275-0437

THURSDAY BABES — Call
 Dru Juhl 407-682-6306

COUPLES BUNKO —Call
 Pat Brizel 407-277-2070

BUNKO BABES HAVE MORE FUN! We are having a blast! We usually need substitutes! Call us!

- 3rd Monday Daytime Bunko Babes
 December 17 at the home of Sharon Isham
 Telephone: 407-380-1676. Starts at noon.
 - 2nd Thursday Night Bunko Babes 6:45 pm
 December 13 at the home of Dru Juhl
 Telephone - 407-682-6306
- If you would like to join our group or interested in being a substitute, please call Dru Juhl at 407-682-6306 We have a great time!!!
- 3rd Friday Night Babes and Dudes Bunko
 December 14 at the home of Claudia Downs,
 Telephone - 407-281-7521.
 Call to RSVP. Starts at 7 pm.
 Substitutes needed for Couples Bunko

The Treasurer's October Report by Susan Burrows

Starting Balance	\$6,579.51
Income	\$1,111.00
Expenses	<u>\$1,263.69</u>
Balance	\$6,426.82



COUPLES EUCHRE



Betsy Dhuyvetter
 407-277-9033

Saturday, December 8 at 7 pm.

Host: Betsy and David Dhuyvetter, 13606 Lakes Way in Barrington. Please call Betsy if you plan to play. We always welcome new players. There will be a gift exchange.

MAH JONGG

Mike Frazier 407-365-5251
Joan Worswick 407-359-9761

We will play Mah Jongg at the Memorial Building three times this month. We play from 10 am to 2 pm on the first, second, and fourth Mondays. There is a \$3.00 monthly fee payable to the Memorial Building for each person to play. Bring your own lunch and a drink. Coffee or Hot Tea will be provided.

Please RSVP a few days before each date.
We welcome new members!

December 3 and 10 only

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CANCELLED GROUPS:
GOLF and CHICK FLICKS



Mike, Claudia and Betty wish
 Everyone a happy and healthy
 Holiday and New Year !!!



Do you like DISNEY ? Well we do !!!

Call Dru Juhl 407-682-6306 or
 Pat Brizel 407-277-2070 if you're
 looking for someone to go with.
 Couples or singles, no matter, it's all fun !!



Mark your calendars in 2008 :

- 1/15—Wild Child boards SunCruz Casino
- 1/23—Inside the Arts will be off to DeLeon Springs Park for manatees and make your own pancakes at the Sugar Mill Restaurant



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE CALL PAT FLUNO @407-482-2146 OR EMAIL: PMFLUNO@YAHOO.COM BY 5 PM, 12/10/07 (MONDAY) FOR THE NEXT ISSUE.

*Newcomers' of Central Florida
Annual Christmas Party*

Sunday, December 9, 2007

at

*Winter Park Elks Lodge
4755 Howell Branch Rd.*

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Social Hour & Appetizers 5:00 – 6:00pm

Buffet Dinner 6:00 – 7:00 (including roast pork, chicken marsala, roasted potatoes, green beans, bread, dessert & coffee)



Dancing and entertainment – 7:00 featuring

The Rick Jeffries Show



DOOR PRIZES! FUN FOR ALL! SPECIAL DRAWINGS!

BRING A GUEST! SINGLE MEMBERS WELCOME!

COME CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH FRIENDS!!



Semi-formal attire

\$ 25.00 per person

CASH BAR



Contact Claudia Downs (407-281-7521) or Judy Babine (407-880-7974)

for tickets or reservation information

Tickets may also be purchased from:

Pat Brizel Donna Flandreau Martha Cirrotti Betty Huff

Pat Coyle Susan Morrow Mary Ann Rubini

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Give Kids the World

"I Am Important In The Life Of A Child"

What is Give Kids The World: GKTW is a non-profit organization that exists only to fulfill the wishes of all children with life-threatening illnesses along with their families and to experience a memorable, joyful, cost-free, week-long visit to Central Florida attractions. The visit includes accommodations at GKTW Village (A 70 acre resort). Over 81,000 families from 54 countries and all 50 states have stayed at the Village. Canadian families represent the largest group of international visitors, with more than 70,000 meals consumed at the Gingerbread House.

GKTW Rating: Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), America's largest evaluator of charities has rated GKTW the number 1 charity in Florida and one of the top 20 in the United States. \$.93 of every dollar goes directly to the Kids! GKTW has earned the coveted 4 star rating from Charity Navigator.

What is the Gingerbread House: With peppermint embedded, "kid-size" tables and a collection of more than 1,200 dolls from around the world, the Gingerbread House is a kid's dream come true. A special place where families can spend quality time and enjoy a meal together. Perkins has provided over 2.7 million free meals at the Gingerbread House to these very special children and their families.

How does my contribution through Perkins help?: Your contribution helps Perkins fund all foodservice operations at GKTW including; breakfasts, lunch, dinner, ice cream and pizza!! Since 1990, more than \$9,000,000 has been contributed by Perkins' employees and guests to provide free meals at GKTW.

Your efforts truly put smiles on the faces of these very special Kids and their families.....

"I Am Important In The Life Of A Child"

Note: Many thanks to Pat Brizel for this wonderful charitable idea !

BUNKO BELLES

Gloria Irwin

407-331-6147



Join us for fun! It's so easy, even a cavewoman can do it !

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 12 noon

Hostess: Pat Coyle at 407-275-0437

There is no Thursday evening bunko in December.

Call Gloria if you would like to play or if you would like to be on the substitute list. It's easy, fun and a GREAT way to meet new friends. Please call to RSVP to each hostess for the day you wish to play.

LADIES BRIDGE

**No bridge in December
See you in 2008 !**



You are welcome to join our growing Bridge group. We play at the Memorial Building in Oviedo on the fourth Wednesday of each month. There is a \$3.00 monthly fee to play at the Memorial Building and \$1.00 for the day's winners. Snacks are provided by a "player" each month. We take reservations by phone or email all month, but request that reservations or cancellations should be made by Monday of the week that we play. Thank you.

The Memorial Building is located at 38 S Central Avenue in Oviedo, 32765. Phone: 407-977-6079

Pat McRee
407-359-1228

Sim Horst
407-678-2961

patmcree@bellsouth.net skhorst@earthlink.net

Free Holiday Concerts:

Seminole Community College Concert Hall 407-708-2040

Nov. 27 7:30 pm Holiday Choral Gala Concert

Nov. 30 7:30 pm SCC Gospel Choir

Dec. 3 7:30 pm Instrumental Holiday Gala

Valencia Community College, Performing Arts Center, 701 N. Econlockhatchee Trail, 407-582-2332

Dec. 11 7:30 pm Fall Strings Concert

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2021 West Aloma, Oviedo 407-365-3408

Nov. 30 7 pm

Dec. 1 2 pm and 7 pm



WILD CHILD

Pat Fluno

407-482-2146 or pmfluno@yahoo.com

Monday, Dec. 3 at 8 am

We're off to the 2000+ vendor **flea market in Webster!** The market is only open on Mondays and they start early! It may be the most famous flea market in Florida.

When: Monday, Dec 3 at 8 am. We'll be carpooling. It should take between 1.5 and 2 hours to get there (60 mi).

Where: Pick up points in Oviedo, Waterford Lakes—additional ones as needed.

Cost: \$8 per passenger for gas and tolls assuming 3 passengers in a car, payable in cash to your driver.

Reservations: RSVP by Saturday, Dec 1. Please give me your cell phone number at reservation time.

Notes: Wear comfortable shoes. Webster is large, so each of us will have the listing of cell phones. When you return is up to you and your driver. No group lunch is planned — it's up to each car to decide.

November Luncheon at the Culinary Institute



Left: Birthday girls Nilsa Salerno and Nancy Jaeger



Above: New member Learae Mera, center, surrounded by the many guests who attended the luncheon.

Here are the Wild ones that played miniature golf !



L to R:
Front: Claudia Downs, Pat Coyle, Pat Fluno
Back: Dottie Cumello, Dru Juhl, Ann White, Betty Huff, Nancy Jaeger, Barb Zeyn,



Left: One of the teaching chef's at the Culinary Institute giving us a demonstration and a lot of tips and tricks. Now THAT's a hot pan—look at that smoke!



Above: Membership VP Dru Juhl and Betty Huff handing out directories.

Gaylord Palms ICE display with buffet lunch

Several members have mentioned that they would like to see the ICE display at the Gaylord Palms Resort and stay for lunch. Unfortunately they do NOT give group discounts and the cost would be \$20 for lunch and \$17 for a ticket (over 55) or \$20 (under 55) plus tax. If you are interested call Pat Fluno at 407-482-2146. If we have enough members we'll go !!



Left: Mary Ann Rubini and Donna Flandreau with the beautiful gifts that were raffled off at the luncheon. Included were a bracelet, necklace, and several items for the home.

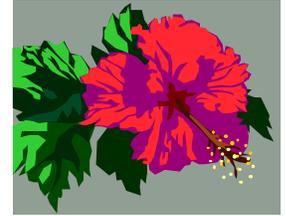


Above: Barbara and Jacqueline Smith. Jacqueline attends Syracuse University. LET'S GO ORANGE!



INSIDE THE ARTS

Eleanore Smith & Anne Lowe
407-380-2564 407-737-6858



When: Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 10 am

Where: Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando

Cost: \$7.00 Please mail check to Anne Lowe, 1230 Royal St. George Dr., Orlando, FL 32828
by Wednesday Nov. 28. Your check is your reservation.

Directions: Take Mills Ave. (1792) to Virginia. East on Virginia to second traffic light. Turn left on N. Forest Ave into Gardens.

Notes: Plan on walking for approximately two hours on a guided home and garden tour. Comfortable shoes and clothing are in order. There are no restaurants on property, but there are snack and soft drink vending machines. Tour will finish at noon. There are many fine restaurants in the area for those that would like lunch after.



Left: Photo from the left: Anne Lowe (in foreground), guest of Eleanore Smith, Eleanore Smith, Marie Bankert, Rita Collins

Lavender & Lace Luncheon

Right: Aileen Steed enjoying the delicious food and conversation during lunch. Others in photo include Lois Boulicault, Dru Juhl, and Joan Bove



POTLUCK DINING

Pat Fluno, 407-482-2146

10861 Piping Rock Cr., River Oaks Landing
Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 6:30 pm

Please call Pat for reservations and to choose what to bring. You can bring either an entrée, appetizer, salad or dessert for 12. Call early if you want to choose, latecomers may have no choice! Make sure you get the gate code! Singles and new members are always welcome.



Would you like to hostess in January 2008? Call Joan at 407-971-3911.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tina Kevish

407-366-6321

tkevish@cfl.rr.com



- Thank You cards were sent to the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary & Robert Vincent Sims, The Garden Rebel.
- A Get Well card was sent to BJ May.
- A Sympathy card was sent to Martha Stauffer.

Please contact me if you know anyone who would appreciate a card from our club!!

INTEREST GROUP FOCUS: Mah Jongg



Left: First Annual Fall Potluck—Yummy!

Right: Group Coordinator Mike Frazier on the left with Mary Jane Godfrey (back to us) and Martha Stauffer on the right.

There are normally between 12 and 16 players each week. Join us! Mah Jongg is addictive...



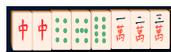


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There are no strangers, just friends
we haven't met.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Potluck Dining 
2	3 Mah Jongg  Wild Child 	4 Inside Arts 	5 Happy Hanukkah 	6 Board Meeting 	7	8 Euchre 
9	10 Mah Jongg 	11	12 Bunko Belles 	13 Luncheon 	14 Couples Bunko 	15
16	17 Bunko Babes 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Merry Christmas 	26 Kwanza Begins 	27	28	29
30	31	A HAPPY NEW YEAR 	Jan 2, 2008	Jan 3, 2008 Board Meeting 	Jan 4, 2008	Jan 5, 2008 Potluck 