



May the
Luck o' the Irish
be with you!



Let's hope the luck of the Irish will be with you at our March luncheon. We'll be playing games and giving away prizes so be sure to bring your lucky charms with you.

We'll also have door prizes for some lucky ladies. And don't forget to bring your rabbit's foot, keep your fingers crossed, and wear a touch of green while enjoying a fun-filled afternoon.



Please be assured that COVID-19 safety protocols including proper distancing at tables and server precautions will be in place at the luncheon.

PROCEDURES FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

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 and say your phone number. Please be sure to indicate your choice of entrée unless it is a buffet luncheon. You will receive a phone confirmation. You must be confirmed. Email reservations are not valid.

PLEASE, NO CALLS AFTER 5 P.M.

A to K Paula Ritchie 407-222-5205

L to Z Marlene Radloff 407-920-3084

You may pay by CASH 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 MARCH 11, 2021, THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE LUNCHEON. ANYONE WHO CANCELS AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL REIMBURSE THE CLUB. NO WALK-INS ALLOWED.

Special Needs at Luncheons

For those who have difficulty walking into or out of our luncheon venues, or need help carrying your food plates at a buffet, please tell our Reservations team when you make your reservation. They will contact our Helping Hands team to assist you. Please **do not** call the venue.



LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

March 18, 2021

Heathrow Country Club
1200 Bridgewater Drive
Lake Mary, FL 32746

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

March Menu

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Bourbon Glazed Salmon
with Green Beans and Carrots

Corned Beef and Cabbage

SALAD AND SIDES

Mixed Greens with Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Carrots
Sweet & Sour Dressing
Rolls and Butter

DESSERT

Individual Apple Pie
with Caramel Sauce and Whipped Cream

BEVERAGES

Regular and Decaf Coffee
Iced and Hot Tea

LUNCHEON COST: \$25

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 ½ mile then turn left onto Bridgewater Drive. Heathrow sign is on the stone wall.
- From FL-417: Drive toward Sanford to the end of 417 and take Heathrow exit 55C. Turn left onto International Parkway and proceed about 2.5 miles. Turn right onto Bridgewater Drive – just after AAA headquarters building.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ladies,
With a chill in the air, February's Board Meeting continued via Zoom with discussions focusing on our luncheons and activities for the next few months.

We continue to come up with dining venues and activities while keeping health and safety in mind. All Newcomers functions are following CDC protocols and will continue to do so for as long as they are needed. We miss seeing many of you and hope to see significant attendance increases in the near future. While March brings the first day of spring, and possibly the start of new beginnings for many of us, science marches on with steady progress in developing vaccines that can help mitigate the pandemic.

Signs for a brighter future are everywhere. We see the grass is getting greener, flowers are beginning to bud, and even chocolate is on sale after somewhat subdued celebrations for the Valentine's Day holiday!

Did you know March 1 is National Women's History Day? Neither did I. It's easy to get caught up in the grind of daily life, but this month is an excellent opportunity to shine a spotlight on all of the major accomplishments we women master each and every day. From domestic chores to fighting wars and governing countries, women are pretty darn amazing. We can observe this month several ways. Think of someone you look up to and admire in your personal life or a public figure. Write her a note or give her a call to let her know the impact she has had on your life. Your thoughtful gesture is sure to be appreciated. Or have a ladies' lunch, breakfast, bite to eat, or dinner – it doesn't matter. Having the chance to spend some one-on-one time with the lovely women in your life is a great way to reconnect and remind them how much they mean to you. You might even hear some interesting stories you've never heard before. This is also a good month to catch up on women's history. Many museums set up special exhibits to commemorate National Women's History Month. Try an in-person visit or check the wide variety of wonderful online museum offerings.

Now it's time to think about the major holiday coming up this month--St. Patrick's Day. Do you feel lucky? Our Programs team has something special planned for you lucky ladies. Be sure to get your reservation in for the March luncheon and try your luck!

Hope to see you soon. Be safe and be well!

Betty Little

INSIDE THE ARTS



Co-Chairs: Linda Hargreaves 407-227-3828
Helen Hoppmann 772-521-5877

Congo River Golf

Followed by lunch at Marlow's Tavern

MINIATURE GOLF

When: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Time: 10 a.m.
Where: 12193 East Colonial Dr., Orlando
Cost: \$9.44 + tax for one round

LUNCH (optional)

Where: Marlow's Tavern, Waterford Lakes Time: 11:30

RSVP by Wednesday, March 3

Join your friends for a fun morning of miniature golf followed by an optional lunch on the patio of Marlow's Tavern in nearby Waterford Lakes.

Can't join us for golf? You can still meet us for lunch.

Please RSVP by the March 3 deadline. You may text or email Linda or Helen, and they will send you a response.

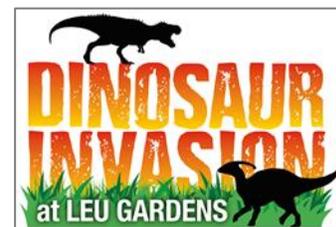
NOTE: The back nine has stairs to climb! If you choose, you may play the front nine twice with different holes to score.

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, April 7
10 a.m.

Leu Gardens presents
"Jurassic Gardens"

Sign-up deadline is March 31



Join us as we investigate the dinosaur invasion at Leu Gardens in Orlando. This special exhibit features 20 life size dinosaurs from 14 inches to a massive 33 feet displayed in a botanical oasis. Afterwards, we will go to Firebirds Wood Fired Grill for lunch in their outdoor seating area. We must have a confirmed number of people going to lunch because the restaurant can only seat about 20 outside and won't reserve all outdoor tables until we have a firm number.

Please RSVP by text or phone to Helen Hoppmann 772-521-5877 or Linda Hargreaves 407-227-3828 if you plan to attend.

Admission is \$10. (\$8 if we have enough people for group rate and make one single payment). Please note that Leu Gardens annual passes will not be honored for this special event.



Please continue collecting the can tabs for Ronald McDonald House and bring them to any luncheon.



March Birthdays

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| 1 Sharon DeRose | 14 Barbara Rasmussen |
| 2 Lona Love | 15 Charlotte Becker |
| 6 Anita Blackwelder | 20 Bunny Hayden |
| 7 Diana Hochstetter | 21 Diane Arserio |
| 7 Linda Selby | 25 Sue Gaddone |
| 8 Diana Engling | 29 Brenda H. Jones |
| 8 Evelyn LaBruto | 30 Helen Hoppmann |
| 11 Maria Clonch | 31 Sherry McFarland |



MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Brenda Jones 407-366-7751

Current Membership: 125

HOOKED ON BOOKS

The book club met in February via Zoom to discuss *In an Instant* by Suzanne Redfearn. The author's inspiration for this book was her own childhood experience of being stranded in a snowstorm. The club members would agree with the review by *USA Today* bestselling author Julianne MacLean when she says "it digs deep into an emotional and thought-provoking exploration of our humanity and what it means to make difficult moral choices in the most harrowing of circumstances."



The Zoom format will continue to be used for our March meeting on Tuesday, March 9, at 1:30, when the book *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett will be discussed. To join the meeting, please contact Carol Smith at smith4cr@gmail.com by Thursday, March 4, in order to receive the Zoom invitation and a copy of the discussion questions.



Ladies, I Need Your Help!

Thank you to all those who have let a Board member know of a member who could use a card from our group! I appreciate the help as I am not always aware of members who are ill, had surgery, lost a loved one or just need some encouragement. In addition, the Board voted this past August to send out

birthday cards to our members during this pandemic. We hope you have or will enjoy your birthday card.

You can email me at vanum77@aol.com or call/text me at 813-395-3611.

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki Nidzgorski

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611



Cooking Club met via Zoom on February 11 where we shared our successes and challenges with our recipes for our theme "Date Night," ranging from Appetizers to Dessert. A good discussion ensued, and we saw a couple of samples of the recipes. Below you will find the five ingredient dessert recipe that Vicki Nidzgorski shared. Thank you to all our participants. We are eternally grateful to Carol Smith for compiling each month's recipes into a PDF.

On March 11, we will meet again on Zoom thanks to our Zoom facilitator Karyll Shaw. The theme for March is "What's in a name?" Please submit a recipe that starts with the initial of your first name. Maybe extra points if you find a recipe that has the initials of your first and last name, LOL. So it looks like I'm looking for a Vodka, Veal, Venison, etc. recipe for my "initial" recipe. If it is a new recipe, please make it PRIOR to our Zoom meeting to be able to discuss it. Please RSVP to me (Vicki) by March 4 with your recipe that starts with the initial of your first name. I will confirm your recipe to avoid duplicates, and your participation. Due to Zoom time constraints, participation is limited to 8-10. Happy Hunting for your "initial" recipes!

Chocolate Coffee Mousse

<https://www.kyleecooks.com/5-ingredient-chocolate-espresso-mousse-choctoberfest/>



Ingredients

- 8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
- 3 large egg yolks
- 2 tsp instant espresso powder
- 6 Tbsp. sugar, divided
- 2 cups heavy cream, divided

Instructions

1. Melt the chocolate (either in a bowl over boiling water or in small increments in the microwave).
2. In a saucepan, whisk together the egg yolks, espresso powder, 4 tablespoons of the sugar, and ¾ cup of the cream. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly with a rubber spatula for 2 minutes until the coffee dissolves and is blended completely. The color will be a caramel brown.
3. Add the mixture to the melted chocolate and whisk until smooth. Refrigerate until completely chilled.
4. Beat the remaining cream and sugar until stiff.
5. Remove the chocolate mixture from the fridge, and whisk a little until smooth and mixable, then fold the whipped cream in.
6. Divide mousse into serving cups or bowls, and chill until needed (at least an hour).
7. Decorate with whatever you like – whipped cream, chocolate covered coffee beans, chocolate shavings... or not at all!
8. Devour :)



MONDAYS

MAH JONGG

Marge Ahearn 407-834-5625

Mah Jongg is currently on hold.

TUESDAYS

HOOKED ON BOOKS

Joan Bové 407-971-3911
nurseynurs@icloud.com

When: Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Currently meeting via Zoom
Email Carol Smith by
March 4 to receive a
meeting invitation:
smith4cr@gmail.com

MAR *The Vanishing Half*
by Brit Bennett

APR *Apeirogon*
by Colum McCann

MAY *Firefly Lane*
by Kristin Hannah

JUNE *The Offing*
by Ben Myers

CHICK FLICKS

Margie Rick 732-763-5277
mrick1953@gmail.com

Chick Flicks is currently on hold.

CHATTER ARTICLES

Please email *Chatter* articles to Carol Smith
by the 16th of the month. Send articles to

smith4cr@gmail.com

WEDNESDAYS

LADIES BRIDGE - 1st Wednesday

Sue Horn

Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088

LADIES BRIDGE - 4th Wednesday

Pat McRee

407-359-1228 patmcree@bellsouth.net

Both bridge groups are currently on hold.

ON-LINE LADIES BRIDGE



Several of the bridge players have been playing on-line bridge using trickster.com while we can't play in person. 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:
Home: 321-424-5973 Cell: 303-807-4088

THURSDAYS

BOARD MEETING

Betty Little 407-719-3066
brlittle7@gmail.com

When: 1st Thursday of the month
10 a.m. - Noon

Where: TBD

Please RSVP to Betty Little.

COOKING CLUB

Vicki Nidzgorski 813-395-3611

When: 2nd Thursday - March 11
12 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Theme: What's In a Name

Limit: 8-10 participants

Recipe submissions and RSVP for the Zoom meeting on March 11 should be submitted to Vicki Nidzgorski at vanum77@aol.com by March 4.

NEWCOMERS of Central Florida, Inc.



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

P.O. Box 620384, Oviedo, FL 32765-0384

FRIDAYS

BUNKO - Dacey Bunkettes

Lona Love sunsh132@bellsouth.net

We hope to be able to meet again soon.

When: 2nd Friday of the month
10:30 a.m.

Where: Contact Lona Love for location.

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 and BYOB. The host couple provides soft drinks and dessert.

Please be aware that some Newcomers activities are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 concerns.

Contact the group leader for more information.

See pictures from
our February
events on our
website:



www.newcomerscfl.org