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# Citrus Four and More

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## LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### Autumn Greetings

Fall is officially here, and I can attest to that since I just returned from beautiful Vermont where the leaves were just beginning to turn their magnificent colors. Even though we don't see a lot of change in our Florida colors, we do see a lot of change in our CFAM Club.

I was curious about the meaning of the word change. According to the dictionary it's "the process of becoming different" or "to make someone or something different." Let's talk about some of the changes we've seen already this year. We have 17 new members for a total of 85; had a wonderful kick-off luncheon with 44 members present, which is way more than we ever have for a first luncheon; and let's not forget our awesome Activities Committee giving us many events from which to choose.

So as we enjoy fall this year, I hope that each of you will come to make good changes in how you view the friendships you've made within CFAM and hold tight to all the good in each other.

Fondly, Your President, Barbara Cooper



P.S. Thank you for your prayers for my brother who has Alzheimer's Disease. As of this writing he has improved 50% and is able to be up in a wheelchair. The nurses and doctors are calling him a miracle.

## OCTOBER LUNCHEON

October 13, 2015

**Seagrass Restaurant, 10386 Halls River Road, Homosassa**

Doors open at 10:30 - Meeting at 11:00 – Lunch will be served at approximately 11:30.

## NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

November 10, 2015

**Brunch at 10 am (note the earlier time)**

**Citrus Hills**

December 8	Old World Restaurant
January 12	Outback Steakhouse
February 9	Tuscany
March 8	Peck's Old Port Cove
April 12	My Friend's Place (Bentley's)
May	Citrus Hills

## Save the Date for the Christmas Party, Thursday, December 17

**IMPORTANT:** Please, please be courteous and do not talk while a speaker is talking, whether it is the president, members making announcements, or a guest speaker. The parliamentarian may remind you about this courtesy throughout the meeting. Catch up with friends before, during, and after lunch.

## ACTIVITIES

**Marleen Mahon, Activities Director**

465-8973 or [marleen52@gmail.com](mailto:marleen52@gmail.com)

Applicable fees are due at the time of signup and cannot be refunded.

Thursday October 29, Gypsy Gold Vanner Horse Farm, 12501 SW 8th Ave, Ocala, FL. 10 am at the farm. Cost is \$20. The facility is senior friendly. We will have a 2 hr. informative, all-access private guided tour to see the world famous Gypsy Vanner Horses. Please wear closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothing. It is considered a light walking tour. After the tour, we can all go to one of the many restaurants in Ocala. A carpool will be set up once we have the sign-up sheet. Edna Bartolucci will host. Sign up at the October luncheon or contact her at 527-1772 or [Bartolucci\\_edna@yahoo.com](mailto:Bartolucci_edna@yahoo.com).

Monday, November 2, Robert's Christmas Wonderland, 2951 Gulf to Bay Blvd, Clearwater, FL. This is one of the largest, most beautiful Christmas specialty stores in the southeast United States. They carry ornaments, collectibles, and thousands of gifts. They also carry life-like Christmas trees and lights and Christmas villages. The brands they carry are Annalee, Byer's Choice, Charming Tails, Christopher Radko, Fontanini, Gold Key, and Jim Shore. The store is very big and has a lot for you to see. They take most credit and debit cards. Marti Smith is hosting. We will have lunch at Smoky Bones Grill, located at 2693 Gulf to Bay Blvd—just a few streets west from Robert's. Car pools depart from the **OLD** Publix Shopping Store on route 41 in Inverness at 9:45 a.m. It should take us about one and a half hours to get there. Marti plans on taking the SunCoast Parkway down there. (US 19 is too congested and too many lights). If you don't have a Sun Pass you will need change/cash for the toll booths. Sorry don't know how much.

We also need drivers to carpool. More info will follow once we have a headcount. So sign up at the luncheon or contact Marti at 637-1257 or [martismith813@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:martismith813@tampabay.rr.com).

Saturday, November 21 (the weekend before Thanksgiving), bus trip to **The Stetson Mansion**. **THIS ACTIVITY IS SOLD OUT**. The members who have signed up need to bring the cost of the trip (\$55) to the luncheon meeting in October. Checks should be made out to CFAM. If you are not going to the luncheon, you could mail me your check. The bus pick-up will be at 8:30 a.m. at the Citrus County Resource Center, 2804 W Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto, returning around 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Edna Bartolucci at 527-1772 or email [bartolucci\\_edna@yahoo.com](mailto:bartolucci_edna@yahoo.com)

### **PLANNED LUNCH BUNCHES:**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, AT 11:30 A.M.** at **Bangkok Thai** Restaurant, 4025 N. Lecanto Hwy (491) in Beverly Hills. A lot of our members enjoy Thai food at this restaurant because they have lots of yummy dishes. Frances Hamilton is hosting this lunch bunch and she can be reached at [fhamilton11@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fhamilton11@tampabay.rr.com) or 341-3911. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October luncheon.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, AT 11:30 A.M. at Lunch On Limoges**, 14139 South Seventh St. (US Hwy 301) Dade City, FL 33526, phone # 352-567-5685. Williams Fashion and Lunch On Limoges is a "must see" stop in the historic Downtown Dade City. This event is hosted by Barbara Hawver, 613-0460. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October luncheon.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 12 NOON** at Romeo's Restaurant (which is part of the Juliette Fall Golf Club, Dunnellon). There are several quaint little shops in downtown Dunnellon for people who may want to do some Christmas shopping before or after lunch. Fun little town! Lannie Stewart is our host for this luncheon. She can be reached at [ronlannie@rocketmail.com](mailto:ronlannie@rocketmail.com) or 527-4808.

## **SURVEY SUGGESTIONS**

Here are some suggestions that members gave the Activities Committee. **MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST ONE THAT INTERESTS YOU! If you do, please let Marleen Mahon, Edna Bartolucci or Nancy Wentworth know.**

Jo Roskow and Jeannette Taylor would like to do this if there is enough interest. The activity is called **Cash Mob**. It is an activity that would help the small businesses in Citrus County, the concept is that a small group of people (15 or 20) would commit to spending \$20 each as a group monthly or every other month at a local business. The purpose is to target small, local businesses to help stimulate the local economy. If you have questions, please talk to Jo or Jeannette.

**Publix Apron Cooking School.** It is a demonstration - style cooking class where a number of their chefs show you how to make various dishes from a preselected three course menu and then serve you wines appropriate for each course. The Publix is right off the Suncoast before you get into Tampa. There is more info on the internet.

**YaLaHa Bakery.** This is a German bakery in the area, wonderful bakery and also lunch. There is also one in the Villages.

**The Circle Square Cultural Center** is having their 13th Annual Craft Fair on October 17th from 10 am to 3 pm. The event is free. Address: 8395 SW 80th Street, Ocala FL 34481.

**Christmas in Toyland** - The 22nd Annual St. Augustine Bed and Breakfast Holiday Tour. This is two days of festive hospitality and history. Tickets are \$30 and you get to see 24 B&Bs from 1 to 5 pm Dec. 12th and 13th where you will savor the season's sights and sounds, St. Augustine style. Each Inn has its own décor reflecting Christmas in Toyland and sample offerings from top restaurants and eateries.

**The Tilted Teacup** in Brooksville, FL. The tea house is in one of the old Roger's Christmas houses that used to be in Brookville. They have tea sandwiches, fresh baked scones, quiche, soups, and desserts. It would make a lovely lunch bunch.

**Ocala's Dancing with Horses.** Sylvia Zerbini leads magnificent horses through elaborate performances. The Grande Liberte Farm, 18552 NE 81st St., Williston, FL 32696, offers a 2 to 2 1/2 hour farm tour presentation. We need at least 15 people. The seating is undercover. You start out with a meet and greet (question and answer) presentation followed by a box lunch for \$10 if you choose. The cost of the tour is \$25. If you need more info, see Edna Bartolucci at the October luncheon.

The **ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** has received many ideas for lunch bunches and activities but we need to have **HOSTS** come forward and help us fill up the calendar from Jan.- May 2016. Members can check out some of the suggestions in the newsletter or the results of the survey when it has been completed. We have Frances, Nancy, and Marti all doing an activity, so we need a few more activities and 5 more lunch bunches. If we could get this scheduled through May, then everyone will know ahead of time what is on the calendar so you can make plans. See below for current lunch bunches

Also, we will look into the Hudson Theater. A lot of members want to see West Side Story and Grease. We will plan to schedule these on a Sunday and make it open for guests.

Your Activities Committee, Nancy, Edna and Marleen

## **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

### **BUNCO:**

A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting for substitutes or regulars for Bunco 3. Bunco 1 meets the first Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm. Bunco 2 meets the second Friday at 12:30 pm. Bunco 3 meets the third Thursday at 12:30 and needs more players. We have regulars at 1 & 2 but very often need a substitute. Plus, sometimes we have room for 4 tables, so need more players. Contact Sunny Wiard for Bunco 1 at [wiardse@embarqmail.com](mailto:wiardse@embarqmail.com), Marleen Mahon for Bunco 2 at [marleen52@gmail.com](mailto:marleen52@gmail.com), Jan Baker or Peggy Stillman for Bunco 3 [hermail@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:hermail@tampabay.rr.com) or [Pegalas1@gmail.com](mailto:Pegalas1@gmail.com)

### **MAH JONGG:**

The Mah Jong group plays the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month. The group alternates playing at each of the members' homes. If you are interested in joining or learning to play, please contact Barb Karow at 476-4332 or [bjkarow@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bjkarow@tampabay.rr.com)

### **KAYAKING:**

Our first paddle for the year will be on Monday, October 19, and we will be paddling on Lake Panasoffkee. We will plan to meet at the launch site at 8:45 so we can begin paddling about 9 a.m. Time may be adjusted as it gets closer to paddle date depending on weather conditions that day. The cost of the paddle is \$32 if you are renting a kayak from Matt and \$10 if you are bringing your own kayak. Paddle is open to all members and guests and all level of paddlers are welcome to join the

outing. All checks should be made payable to CFAM. There will be carpooling at spots to be determined once we have a full list of paddlers. Dutch treat lunch after the paddle and carpooling will be available.

**Our November paddle will be the 16<sup>th</sup> and we will be paddling Hog Island.**

### **GAME NIGHT:**

Frances Hamilton has volunteered to chair game night. Sign up at the luncheon or contact Frances at 341-3911 or [fhamilton11@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fhamilton11@tampabay.rr.com)

### **DISCUSSION GROUP:**

The WOW (Women of Words) discussion group meets the second Monday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Homosassa library. If you don't have time for a Book Club, but enjoy good conversation on timely subjects, you might want to join our group. Come join us. Ellen Evans, 344-0839, or Judy Herron, 860-0232, or [jlherron2@aol.com](mailto:jlherron2@aol.com) for information about the meetings.

The October 12 group will give quick one-minute, fun-filled answers in response to questions to describe what we are doing, how we feel, and what we are thinking as a good way to get to know one another.

November 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a quest speaker to talk about seniors and fraud—how to identify, responses to fraud, and how not to become a victim.

December will be a lunch at a place and date to be decided upon.

## **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

If you need to make a change or correction to the membership listing, please contact Marti Smith, [martismith813@hotmail.com](mailto:martismith813@hotmail.com), who will make the change to the membership list, AND contact Sunny Wiard, [wiardse@embarqmail.com](mailto:wiardse@embarqmail.com), who will post the change in the newsletter.

If you know someone who should receive a greeting card, contact Marge Wenner, Secretary, 746-5268, or [margewenner@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:margewenner@tampabay.rr.com)

Get Well cards this month were sent to:

Irene Swanton

Cathy Young

Betty Stokes

Cindy Cusak

### **SEPTEMBER WINNERS!**

50/25/25 – Elaine Reed and Nancy Gomes

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Name tag drawings – Adele Jacobson (guest), Diane Mancini, Frances Hamilton, Sil Low

I hope to see YOUR name here next month

### **HELP**

Some of you may not know that there is a HELP page located on our website. It was added to the website a few years ago to encourage members to tell other members about favorable experiences with various services. We only post positive comments and in most cases you will be told who posted the comments. If you would like to add someone to our list (we can add new categories) just e-mail me at [judie@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:judie@tampabay.rr.com). Please add CFAM on the subject line.

**FYI:** the current CFAM treasury balance is \$4,554.82

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## CITRUS FOUR AND MORE: SIGN-UP PROCEDURES FOR TRIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

In order to promote smooth and orderly signup for the various trips/events offered by Citrus Four and More each month, the following procedures will apply:

1. **COURTESY is first and foremost!!!** Please inform the trip or event leader ASAP if you signed up for something and later need to cancel—whether or not money is involved. This will not only help the leader conduct a successful trip or event, but also enhance the image of Citrus Four and More in the eyes of the vendors we have contracted or made reservations with.
2. **Only checks will be accepted for payment.** Please bring blank checks with you. Cash will NOT be accepted. If money is involved for a trip or event, **NO SIGNUPS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT.** If you don't have your check with you at the meeting, you must send it to the trip/event leader, who will then add you to the trip/event list or put you on the waiting list in the order that your check was received.
3. **Make checks out to CITRUS FOUR AND MORE.** Write a separate check for each trip or event, indicating in the memo section of the check which trip or event the check covers. Please note that your check will probably not be cashed until shortly before the trip/event, which could be several months depending on the trip or event date vs. when you signed up.
4. **Spouses and Significant Others** may participate in many trips and event, unless “members only” is indicated in the announcement.
5. **Other guests may be invited in two instances:** 1) The member signup deadline indicated in the announcement has been reached and there is still room in the trip or event; 2) participation in the trip or event is unlimited, as indicated in the announcement.
6. **Cancellations:** If a member has prepaid for an event and finds that she is unable to attend, no refund will be made. That member may, however, choose to find a CFAM replacement.