



Central Florida Spokes



December 2024



**December 11th
Holiday Luncheon**

**Heathrow CC
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Are you feeling joyful with all the holiday songs, decorations up and ready for holiday gatherings? Or are you feeling like a holiday scrooge, not in the mood, feeling a bit blue, or just feeling overwhelmed? No matter what's going on in your life, your Spokes Sisters want you to join us for our annual holiday luncheon.

This wonderful holiday get-together features twelve uniquely decorated tables, a delightful Heathrow holiday buffet, and beautiful Spokes members and guests -- old friends and new. Topping everything off, we will be serenaded by the sounds of the season, performed by a young and very talented violinist. You won't want to miss this memorable afternoon!

Menu

Salad Plates on Buffet
Heathrow Cranberry Salad, Deconstructed

Chicken Breast Asiago with Basil Cream Sauce (GF)
Grilled Salmon with Roasted Garlic-Chimichurri (GF)
Rice Pilaf
Oven Roasted Glazed Carrots

Cherry Pie with Ice Cream

RSVP for the December luncheon by **hitting the white button below**; \$32 at the door (**new price set by Heathrow Country Club**); reservations made by **Friday, December 6 @noon** are \$32/pp, and walk-ins or any received after that date are \$35. (Dec. 6 is deadline for reservations & cancellations.)

(Please do not reply to this email.)

Luncheon RSVP HERE

B's Buzz

**Brenda Dost
President**



When I count my blessings this Thanksgiving, the friends I have made through Spokes in the past four years will be high on my list. I am looking forward to our holiday luncheon to enjoy the season with all of you. This is a special group with wonderful, warm women.

We've just completed Game Day as I am writing this December letter. What fun (and games), delicious baked goods, great buy now/auction items -- and \$2,200-ish raised while having fun! Kudos to Wendy Dorn, Linda Cornell, Pat Knopka and her bake sale team, Kim Rohter, Judy Zellers, and their silent auction team, Sonia Beltrane who handled registration and the massive job of assigning teams and seats. Last, special thanks to our wonderful board members who stepped up and did whatever was needed to make the event flow smoothly.

We are always looking for members who want to get more involved in helping with Spokes and our activities. Especially in the area of game groups. So many new members want to play games with us!!

Please send me an email at brendacdost@gmail.com or call me at 708-217-7982 if you would like to talk about ways you can get more active. Or talk to any Board member. We really try to be welcoming and inclusive. CF Spokes is OUR club!

One more quick shout-out, to Annie Sanders, our amazing newsletter editor, who keeps us on-track and boosts our community with her beautiful and creative newsletters.

PS Please read Barbara Coenson's article about Seniors First -- we are well on our way to a great donation year again!



New Activity Group Announcement:

Do you like to go out to lunch?

Mary Ann Halko has graciously offered to organize a group for ladies who enjoy dining out. After our first lunch, locations will be set by members each month. This is a great way to get to know other lovely Spokes members.

The first lunch will be held in January, 2025. Full details to

come later.

Please contact Mary Ann at 253-678-7532 if you have questions.



**Membership
Coordinator**

Tina Rasi

**Welcome New Member...
Beatrix Morris**

Want to share CF Spokes with a friend?

- Invite them to a luncheon or activity group (a guest can attend up to 2 Spokes meetings prior to joining)
- Share the link to our website:

<https://centralfloridaspokes.com/>

[Click here to download & print Membership Form](#)

[Click HERE](#) for membership directory



**Activities &
Mah Jongg Coordinator**

Wendy Dorn



Save the Date

January 16, 2025

Heart Pillow Stuffing Party



Casual Cooking
Coordinator, Newsletter
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Annie Sanders

Hostess: Linda Cornell

Co-Hostesses: Glenda Bogan & Mary Young

18 lovely ladies are able to join the fun at this wonderful lunch!

Date/Time: Friday, December 6 at 11:30 a.m.

call or text Linda **by December 1**

or click below to email her

(Do not reply to this email!)

[Click here to RSVP to Linda for Casual Cooking](#)

Dining In Coordinator,



Treasurer

Marcela Mojica

Coming in January



Community Involvement Coordinator

Kim Rohter

Throughout the years, many charities have been the recipients of SPOKES generosity.

In 2023/24 CFS supported 3 local charities:

**IDignity
Journey's End Animal Sanctuary
Fabulosity**

Please nominate a charity that you would like to have considered in 2024/25. You will find the Charity Nomination Form in the link below.

Click [HERE](#) to download and print the Charity Nomination Form

Bunco 1 Coordinator

Linda Richcreek



3rd Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.

Meet at Members' Homes

Drinks, Snacks, and Dessert Provided

Bring \$5 for the game

Call Linda at 708-207-8941

[Click HERE](#) to RSVP to Linda

Bunco 2 Coordinator

Kim Rohter



Third Wednesday of the Month

12:30-3

Florida Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Center
351 S. SR 434
Altamonte Springs
(Located at the corner of 434 and West Town Parkway)

If you are interested, please contact
Kim Rohter - Coordinator
727-458-3163 (call if you have questions)
klear123@hotmail.com.

Future Bunco 2 dates:
Dec 18



Book Club Coordinator

Linda Cornell



When Christmas Comes by Andrew Klavan

After a confession of murder, a sleuthing English teacher will need a Christmas miracle to prove a condemned man innocent. Colorful Christmas lights dapple the family homes in the idyllic lakeside town of Sweet Haven when Jennifer Dean, a young librarian at the local elementary school, is brutally murdered. There are witnesses and her boyfriend Travis Blake confesses to the crime...but something doesn't quite add up. Blake is a third -generation Army Ranger, awarded the Silver Star for his heroism in Afghanistan--how could a beloved son of this tight-knit burgh commit such a grisly deed? As a community of military families a few miles down the road from an Army base, no one in Sweet Haven wants to investigate a war hero like Blake, not even the top brass at the police department. In steps Cameron Winter, a rugged and lonesome English professor haunted by the ghosts of his own Christmas past, whose former lover asks him to prove Blake innocent. The Sweet Haven murder reverberates in his mind, echoing a horrific yuletide memory from his youth, and Winter knows there are darker powers at play here than a simple domestic dispute. If he can solve this small-town mystery, just maybe he can find peace from his inner demons as well.

Please join us on December 10th at 10:00 at the home of:

Mary Young
2789 Lake Baldwin Lane #C 501
Orlando, FL 32814

RSVP to Mary at H: 407-628-3985 C: 407-739-7185 or
mary.meme.young@gmail.com

RSVP for Book Club

Playful Poker
Coordinators

Kay Payne
&



Janice Czaikowski

Meeting time 11 a.m. the 2nd Friday of the month

Poker seems to have a reputation of smoke-filled rooms, men with visors and serious money involved. Not for us! We get together to have fun, share laughs and stories, and play some really interesting poker games where so many things are wild except for us.

Come join us & share our good times.

[Click HERE to RSVP to Janice](#)

Hand, Knee & Foot Coordinator

Kim Rohter

Second Tuesday of the Month...

Even if you don't know how to play and are interested in learning, you are welcome to join us at 11:00 to observe and have lunch. I can then put you on our sub list once you think you are comfortable playing. Remember, we all were new at the game at one time!

Contact Kim at klear123@hotmail.com, 727-458-3163.

Duffy's Sport Bar
951 Market Promenade Ave.
Lake Mary 32746



Hand, Knee, and Foot 2 **Coordinator**

Linda Schnaufer

Hand, Knee, and Foot 2

Fourth Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not play HKF2 in the months of
NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER due to the Holidays

We will resume in January 2025

We are looking for those of you who are interested in joining as a Sub. If you are interested, but not familiar with the game, you can stop in to observe and have lunch. Once you are comfortable with the game, we can add you to the sub list.

Contact Linda Schnaufer at 407-948-2758 or
lschnaufer4@gmail.com

Duffy's Sports Grill
951 Market Promenade Ave.

Lake Mary, 32746



Mexican Train Coordinators

Tina Rasi & Pam Skaggs



Meet on the 3rd Monday of the Month

Location: Q Boutique Realty Building
122 West Crystal Lake Ave.
Lake Mary 32746

Time: Doors open at 12...play starts at 12:30

ALL levels from never played to experienced welcomed!

To join, contact pamelaskaggs@gmail.com



National MahJongg League (with annual card)

Join us at

Duffy's Sport Bar

951 Market Promenade Ave.

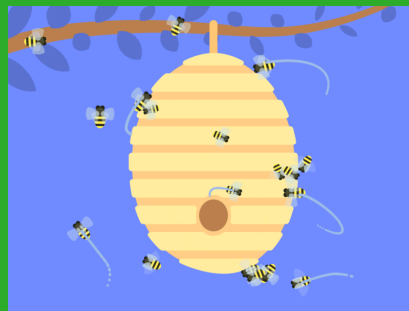
Lake Mary 32746

(year round) on the 1st & 3rd Fridays MONTHLY from 11 a.m. to 2
(or longer). We purchase lunch as the room is free!

WE'LL TEACH BEGINNERS! Come join us for a fun time and learn
a new skill!

Contact Wendy Dorn at 407-463-2111 or click on the Email link
below.

[Click HERE to RSVP for Mah Jongg](#)



Shanghai Tuesday
Coordinator



Rosemarie Soper

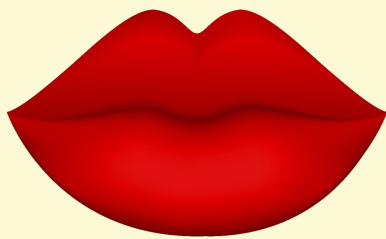


Every Tuesday, year-round play

10:30

Bob Evans on 436, Casselberry
call Deby Seymour at 407-970-9661
or

[Click HERE to RSVP to Rosemary](#)



Find Your
Fabulosity

Put a bright smile on a victim of domestic violence by donating your new lipsticks. Women who come into a shelter often have nothing other than the clothes on her back, making her feel emotionally and physically insignificant. By looking at herself in the mirror, she will begin to see the beauty in her outer self which will help to transform her inner self-confidence.

Find Your Fabulosity appreciates your donations, which you can bring to any luncheon.

Sandy Bove, 407-463-9437

[Click HERE to arrange lipstick drop off with Sandy](#)



Corresponding Secretary

Kimberly Halko

A big part of our social club is letting our members know how much we care!

Do you know of a member coping with an illness, recovering from surgery, grieving a death, or needs encouragement?

Let Kimberly know...

206-228-4663

kimberly_d_h@yahoo.com

[Click here to send info to Kimberly](#)

Seniors First Liaison

Barbara Coenson



Let's Brighten the Holiday Season for Seniors

WOW, ladies, we are well on our way to meeting our goal of a 10% increase over last year! (We set a 10% increase goal because of the increase in seniors that Seniors First serves in our area.) As of GAME DAY, we have collected gift cards and cash totally \$1,050 or 52 gifts of \$20 for senior gift baskets.

So, we are hoping to raise at least \$360 more in cash and \$20 gift cards (Publix and Walmart) by our December 11 meeting. Let's brighten the holiday season for numerous seniors in our community by supporting the **Seniors First Holiday Gift** drive.

Please open your hearts as purses as you can to bring cash, checks made payable to "Seniors First", or \$20 gift cards from Walmart or Publix to the next luncheon meeting. Or, if you prefer, you can gift online at <https://bit.ly/3P5KjqL>. Select "Holiday Gift Drive" as the solicitation and "Central Florida Spokes" when donating online.

Thank you for all you do to make this program a huge success year after year. You are amazing!



December Birthdays

2 ~ Kathy Boyd
 5 ~ Jessica Petravich
 5 ~ Veronica Schirmacher
 6 ~ Mary Young
 7 ~ Brenda Dost
 7 ~ Barbara Whittemore
 8 ~ Marilyn Lanzana
 11 ~ Sandy Bove
 13 ~ Audrey Karwandy
 15 ~ Susan Van Houten
 16 ~ Michelle Triano
 17 ~ Sandra Borg
 20 ~ Barbara Coenson
 20 ~ Maria Flood
 23 ~ Sharon Dwyer
 31 ~ June Bryan

Please click on the December calendar below to print:

Spokes Calendar December 2024

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2	3 Shanghai@10:30	4	5	6 Casual Cooking @ 11:30 MahJongg@11	7
9	10 Shanghai@10:30 Hand, Knee & Foot@11 Book Club@10	11 Spokes @11	12	13 Poker@11	14
16	17 Shanghai@10:30	18 Bunco2@12:30	19 Bunco 1 @ 12:30	20 MahJongg@11	21
23 Mexican Train@12:30	24 Shanghai @10:30	25 Christmas	26	27	28 Evening Bunco @7
30	31 Shanghai @10:30 New Year's Eve				



Central Florida Spokes

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Brenda Dost

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