



# Central Florida Spokes



December 2023



*Make Your Reservations Today to Attend*

## **SPOKES' HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

December 13th  
Heathrow Country Club @ 11 a.m.

**Catch the Magic!**

Come to our December luncheon to be surrounded by the

Magic of the Season!! Our members are decorating festive themed tables, and they are always fabulous! Each one demonstrates the love and commitment members have to our group and to share their joy in the season. If you have never been, this should definitely be a first! The menu is a special holiday menu, and the program is sure to extend your happiness.

Our favorite magician, James Songster, is designing an interactive holiday magic show to open the door to Holiday magic. Words can't express how magical this whole event will be. Please don't miss it!

### **Menu**

*Heathrow Cranberry Salad  
Mixed Greens, Dried Cranberries, Candied Pecans,  
Crumbled Bleu Sherry Vinaigrette Dressing*

*Chicken Breast Piccata with Creamy Lemon Caper Sauce (GF)  
Grilled Salmon with Roasted Garlic-Spinach Chimichurri  
(GF)*

*Penne Pasta Alfredo  
Glazed Carrots*

*Red Velvet Cake with Cream Cheese Icing*



**B's Buzz**

**Brenda Dost  
President**



## **Smiles. Spokes. Sparkle. Friendships. JOY!**

I am writing this column with warm memories of our November meeting dancing in my head. Pat Knopka and Wendy Dorn celebrated Game Day's success—we raised nearly \$2,500 for local charities! Chef and cake designer, Iris Stiverson, decorated beautiful and delicious cakes, which were baked by our fabulous Linda Cornell. The \$194 generated by raffling off these cakes was donated to Seniors First to help fund Christmas dinners. A beautiful display of donated jewelry and scarves was created by Kim Halko and Barbara Coenson for our 2<sup>nd</sup> jewelry exchange and members wore delighted smiles after selecting new-to-them accessories.

Pure joy and excitement fills my heart as we enter the holiday season. A group of Spokes members enjoyed the Orlando Art Museum's Festival of Trees, organized by Holly Herrington. I was singing, "Oh, Christmas Bee, Oh, Christmas Bee," as I walked through the sparkling rooms of Christmas trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses, and more.

Our Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 13, will certainly be a highlight of the Spokes' year and your holiday season. Please plan to join us to enjoy the 12 beautifully decorated holiday tables designed by Spokes members, and the engaging holiday magic show to follow. There is a Casual Lunch on December 15 and Dining-In on December 16 if you want to celebrate more with us!

I admit, I LOVE Christmas and





Christmas movies—from classics to Hallmark. I will leave you with one of my favorite quotes from Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street. It is my wish that you experience all of the joy and magic of the season with family and friends—and that you carry it with you throughout the year.

*RSVP for December Luncheon--\$30 at the door...exact cash or check.*



## Membership Coordinator

**Tina Rasi**

***Do you enjoy your Spokes membership?***  
**Share Spokes with a Friend--or Two!**

Invite a friend to one of our upcoming great 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday luncheons at Heathrow or bring a friend to sit in on a game, book club discussion, or other activity. Non-members may attend an activity no more than twice, after which they are asked to join.

Dues remain at \$25/year--a real value for access to our many opportunities to connect and to give back. Our website ([centralfloridaspokes.com](http://centralfloridaspokes.com)) can help you share what Spokes is all about.

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

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Newsletter Editor & Membership Directory](#)

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## Activities Coordinator

**Bonnie Buesching**



### Central Florida Spokes Activity Groups 2023-2024



Name	Leader	Email	Phone	Time and Place
Book Club	Linda Cornell	<a href="mailto:lindacornell8@gmail.com">lindacornell8@gmail.com</a>	407-628-3055	4 <sup>th</sup> Weds, 10:00 am, @ member homes
Bunco 1	Linda Richcreek	<a href="mailto:linrob1574@yahoo.com">linrob1574@yahoo.com</a>	708-201-8941	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs, noon, @ member homes
Bunco 2	Kim Rohter	<a href="mailto:klear123@hotmail.com">klear123@hotmail.com</a>	727-458-3163	3 <sup>rd</sup> Weds, 12:30 pm, @ 500 Golf Tee Ln, #101, Longwood
Evening Bunco	Sharon Schneck	<a href="mailto:sharon.schneck@gmail.com">sharon.schneck@gmail.com</a>	704-323-1274	4 <sup>th</sup> Sat, 7:00 pm, every other month @ member homes
Casual Cooking	Marcia Miller	<a href="mailto:madordancer16@cfl.rr.com">madordancer16@cfl.rr.com</a>	407-340-0776	1 <sup>st</sup> Fri, 11:30 am, @ member homes
Dining In	Tiffany Casey	<a href="mailto:sticasey1@yahoo.com">sticasey1@yahoo.com</a>	407-782-7176	4 times/year
Excursions	Holly Herrington	<a href="mailto:hoh4jc@gmail.com">hoh4jc@gmail.com</a>	407-720-0788	3-4 times/year; group visits to Central FL places of interest
Hand, Foot, Knee	Chris Stouffer	<a href="mailto:cstouffer@cfl.rr.com">cstouffer@cfl.rr.com</a>	407-333-1276	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues, 11 am, @ Duffy's Sports Bar, 951 Market Pr, Lake Mary
Hand, Foot, Knee 2	Linda Schnaufer	<a href="mailto:lschnaufer4@gmail.com">lschnaufer4@gmail.com</a>	407-948-2758	4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs, 11 am, @ Duffy's Sports Bar, 951 Market Pr, Lake Mary
Ladies Poker	Kay Payne Janice Czaikowski	<a href="mailto:paynekay50@yahoo.com">paynekay50@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:janice162@aol.com">janice162@aol.com</a>	321-363-1561 407-739-6862	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri, 11:00 am, @ member homes
Mah Jongg	Wendy Dorn	<a href="mailto:growler2@live.com">growler2@live.com</a>	407-463-2111	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri, 11-3, @ Duffy's Sports Bar, 951 Market Pr, Lk Mary
Scrabble	Marilyn Martin	<a href="mailto:dmgolf@cfl.rr.com">dmgolf@cfl.rr.com</a>	407-718-5215	4 <sup>th</sup> Tues, 12:30-3:30, @ 500 Golf Tee Ln, #101, Longwood

**Have another activity idea? Contact Bonnie Buesching at [grayduck2705@gmail.com](mailto:grayduck2705@gmail.com) or 614-266-7281**

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## **SeniorsFirst, Inc. Betty Smith, Liason**

Gift cards will still be accepted by the next meeting, December 13.



## **Casual Cooking Coordinator**

**Marcia Miller**



Hostess: Brenda Dost

Co-hostesses: Cyd Law & Holly Herrington

Location: 1884 Wingfield Drive, Longwood, FL 32779

Date/Time: Friday, December 15th at 11:30 a.m.

Optional dress: Wear a fun Christmas hat!

RSVP: To Brenda Dost by phone or text to 708-217-7982 or by  
email,  
[brendacdost@gmail.com](mailto:brendacdost@gmail.com)

Limited to 20 people

*\*\*Note the different date than is customary for Casual Cooking*

**RSVP to Brenda for Casual Cooking**



**Dining In Coordinator**

**Tiffany Casey**



**Christmas Dining In at the Kringle Caseys!**

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Couples are invited

1735 Billie Lynn Point  
Sanford 32773

Gate code: #1961  
Heatherwood Subdivision

Beautiful Christmas Decorations



&  
Entertainment by Concert Violinist

**Text or call Tiffany at 407-782-7176**

and let her know what dish you will bring to accompany  
the main dish of

***Chicken with Tomato-Caper Sauce***



**Bunco 1 Coordinator**

**Linda Richcreek**







3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 12 p.m.  
Meet at Members' Homes  
Drinks 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**



Holiday Bunco -- *Note Location Change*  
Wednesday, December 20

1884 Wingfield Drive  
Longwood  
12:30-3

Bring an appetizer or dessert.  
Our hostess, Brenda Dost, will provide holiday beverages.

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

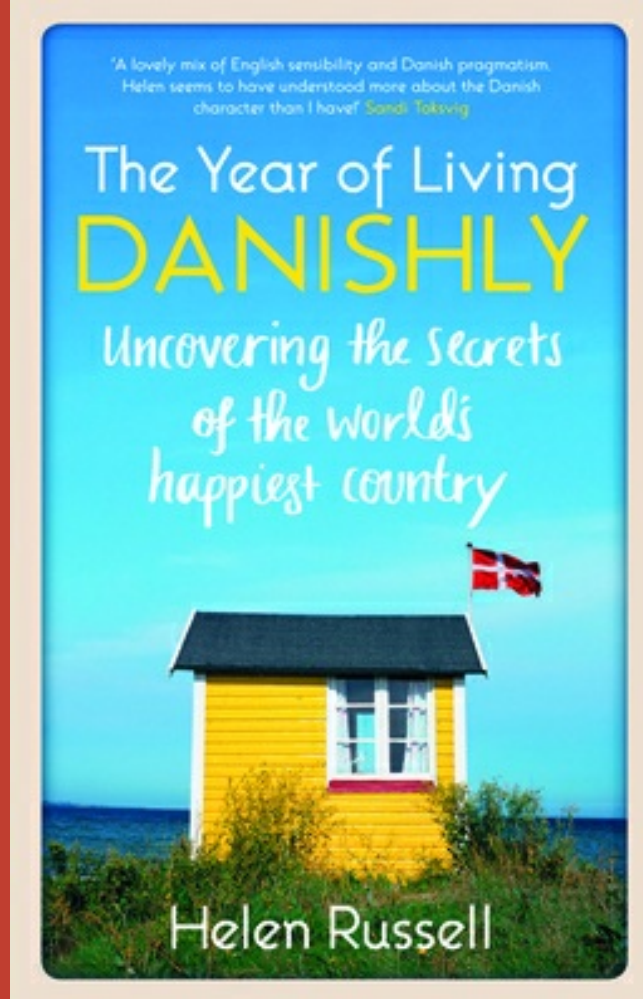
Future Bunco2 Dates FYI:  
Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21



**Book Club Coordinator**

**Linda Cornell**

**Click [HERE](#) to join book discussion**



*A hugely enjoyable romp through the pleasures and pitfalls of setting up home in a foreign land.*

*- Guardian*

Given the opportunity of a new life in rural Jutland, Helen Russell discovered a startling statistic: Denmark, land of long dark winters, cured herring, Lego and pastries, was the happiest place on earth. Keen to know their secrets, Helen gave herself a year to uncover the formula for Danish happiness. From childcare, education, food and interior design to SAD and taxes, *The Year of Living Danishly* records a funny, poignant journey, showing us what the Danes get right, what they get wrong, and how we might all live a little more Danishly ourselves.

Join us for a discussion of *The Year of Living Danishly* on Tuesday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of:

Sue Leidner  
146 Cypress Drive  
DeBary, FL 32712

RSVP to Sue at [syleidner13@gmail.com](mailto:syleidner13@gmail.com) or 407-712-3784  
or 386-320-0838.

Hope to see you there!



## Scrabble Coordinator

**Marilyn Martin**



4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month ~ 12:30-3:30

Have lunch prior to...but bring a snack & beverage of choice



540 Golf Tee Dr. #102 (conference)

RSVP to  
Marilyn Martin ~ 407-718-5215, dm4golf@cfl.rr.com  
if you have questions



## Playful Poker Coordinators

**Kay Payne  
&  
Janice Czaikowski**

Meeting time 11 a.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Chris Stouffer**

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 Chris at 407-810-8616 or [cstouffer@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cstouffer@cfl.rr.com).

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



**Hand, Knee, and Foot 2**



Coordinator

**Linda Schnaufer**

## Hand, Knee, and Foot 2

We are happy to report a second Hand, Knee, and Foot group will begin on Thursday, January 25, 2024. We will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Duffy's Sports Grill in Lake Mary.

We are currently 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 have lunch and observe. 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](mailto:lschnaufer4@gmail.com)

Duffy's Sports Grill  
951 Market Promenade Ave.  
Lake Mary 32746



Community Involvement

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# Mah Jongg Coordinator

**Wendy Dorn**



## **National MahJongg League** (with annual card)

Join us at

### **Duffy's Sport Bar**

951 Market Promenade Ave.

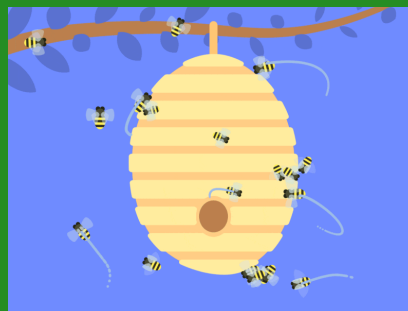
Lake Mary 32746

(year round) on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

**P**ut 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



## Correspondence Secretary

**Audrey Karwandy**

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?



Email Audrey: [HERE](#)



## **December Birthdays**

**5 ~ Jessica Petravich**

**5 ~ Veronica Schirmacher**

**6 ~ Mary Young**

**7 ~ Brenda Dost**

**8 ~ Marily Lanzana**

11 ~ Sandy Bove  
13 ~ Audrey Karwandy  
17 ~ Sandra Borg  
20 Barbara Coenson  
20 ~ Maria Flood  
31 ~ June Bryan



Things got pretty spooky at Book Club...



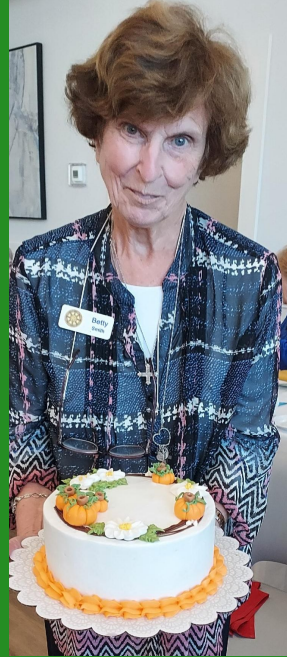




**A grand time was had by all at the Rock Painting Class & the Monthly Luncheon...**









### Spokes Calendar December 2023

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 MahJongg@11	2
4	5 Shanghai@10:30	6 Board Meeting@11	7	8 Poker@11	9
11	12 Shanghai@10:30 Hand, Knee & Foot@11 Book Club@10	13 Spokes Luncheon 11	14	15 MahJongg@11 Casual Cooking@11:30	16 Dining In@6:30
18	19 Shanghai 10:30	20 Bunco2@12:30	21 Bunco1@12	22	23 Evening Bunco@7
25	26 Shanghai@10:30 Scrabble@12:30	27	28	29	30

**CFS Website: [HERE](#)**



# Central Florida Spokes



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