

October 2025



### October 8th Luncheon Program:

Heathrow CC Doors open 10:30

### Menu

### Salad

Mixed Greens and Romaine, Assorted Toppings, Buttermilk Ranch and Sherry Vinaigrette Dressings

### **Entrees**

Crispy Chicken Schnitzel with Lemon Cream Sauce Oven Roasted Salmon with a Dijon Brown Sugar Glaze Braised Red Cabbage
Roasted Redskin Potatoes with Garlic and Parsley
Rolls and Butter

### **Dessert**

Apple Streusel with Fresh Whipped Cream

RSVP if you are planning to attend the October 8th luncheon by hitting the white button below; \$32 payment (cash or check) at the door. The deadline for reservations and cancellations is Friday, October 3 @noon. Any walk-ins or reservations received after that date are \$36. FYI, our club makes no money on the luncheon. This is what the country club charges Spokes. (Please do not reply to this email.)

### **Luncheon RSVP HERE**



**Annie Sanders President** 



Charity & Friendships are at the



of Spokes Ladies!

### From My



### Helloooooo my Young at Heart Spokes Ladies!

Our first month is under our belt and what a great month we've had! From Casual Cooking Polka Dot Party, to our fabulous September Fashion Show (thanks to Cyd Law and Em'z on Fifth), to our many games & activities, we're staying busy in avenues of entertainment, cerebral (?!) challenges, charity awareness, supporting ill & recovering conditions of Spokes Gals, & planning for the next few months...girls just wanna have FUN!

Our October Game Day is one of our two big fundraisers...some of the best baked goods anywhere, fun games with friends, camaraderie, and just plain good times! Plan to attend, bring lotsa money/checks for delicious baked goods, money for Raffle tickets for wonderful creations by our own Spokes Dynamic Ladies...get them for yourself or for Holiday Gifts for friends/family.

Remember...your Newsletter goes out to you on the 20th of the month. If you don't get yours:

- 1. Look in your SPAM or JUNK folders.
- 2. Check your Membership Directory to make sure your

email is correct.

3. Contact Madeleine Taub to see if her report can supply any info:

madeleinetaub@gmail.com 407-353-7847



Fun, fun, and more fun.

Game Day Bake Sale

### Pat Knopka

Time to bake, to cook and to buy. Brownies, cookies, little cakes, breads and cupcakes too. It's all good and it all goes, especially chocolate. If you bring in a pie you are the hit of the day! Everyone loves pie, and it brings in a lot of money! If you are coming to Game Day, please don't come empty-handed. If you don't bake, then pick something up at Publix, Fresh Market, or Costco and bring it in. The success of the Bake Sale depends on you and you know that every penny goes to charity.

On the savory side, Diane will make chicken pot pies. Besides the sweet things I make, I will also have strawberry freezer jam and blueberry freezer jam. All these things will come frozen in coolers with plenty of hard ice packs and ice.

Please make sure that everything is small: 4 or 6 cupcakes instead of 12 on a plate, cakes are small and everything is

in small batches. Everyone likes to buy a variety of things. Please make sure that your food is covered and in something that we can see through. Make sure that it is in something disposable or something that you don't want back.

Once again, we are depending on you to make this Bake Sale a success, and you have always come through in the past. This is an easy and delicious way to make money for our charities and have fun at the same time. Thank you in advance for everyone's effort.

### October means GAME DAY at SPOKES

It is when we gather, play games, share great food and support our community. Last year SPOKES donated \$6,000 to 3 charities. On an ongoing basis, SPOKES has collected gift cards for Seniors First, lipsticks for Find Your Fabulosity and contributed to our handmade pillows for cardiac surgery patients.

In addition to the games, there is our fabulous BAKE SALE, Book Club Raffle, 50/50 and NEW this year, a raffle for Spectacular GIFT BASKETS.

Game Table Requests - Table Captains - Please organize your tables by the number of players and game you will be playing, and PROVIDE the equipment for your game. Please include this information when you RSVP - if you are playing in a group, please indicate your Table Captain and the game you are playing. If you come as a single, you can play at a Singles Table. We can learn new games, socialize, and buy and enjoy items from our BAKE SALE!

### **Game Day Committee Contacts:**

Wendy Dorn: Co-Chair Kim Rohter: Co-Chair Pam Skaggs: Co-Chair Pat Knopka: Bake Sale

Jessica Petravich: Reservations



### A Baker's Dozen Goals

- 1. Increase lunch attendance
- 2. All members participate in at least one activity
- 3. Progression initiative to 501 C3 instead of 501 C7
- 4. Recruit more members
- 5. Be more inclusive of new and existing members
- 6. Volunteer your skills
- 7. Share Spokes Business Cards
- 8. Consistently check Facebook and our Web Page
- 9. If you know of anyone connected to Media coverage in the area, arrange for special events to be covered
- 10. Encourage all members at your table to check Membership Directory for up-to-date info and pics
- 11. Encourage all at your table to check Spam or Junk Folders for not receiving newsletters
- 12. Improve Communications
- 13. Get passionate!

### **FunTimers! Coordinators**





### MaryAnn Halko Kimberly Halko



### The FunTimers!

Love to eat? Come join us for lunch! Great food and conversation. We will meet Friday October 24 at Chili's in Lake Mary at 11:30. Please RSVP Kimberly at 206-228-4663. Text only please.

4565 Lake Mary Blvd., Lake Mary



Membership Coordinator

Tina Rasi



If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2025-2026 Membership Year, which runs June 1 - May 31...

### YOU'RE VERY LATE

& your name has been removed from Spokes Directory.

But lucky for you, we are still accepting your membership dues.

Please use the Membership Form **button below** to renew your membership now!

### **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

### **Welcome New Members:**

Sheri DiGeorge
Ellie Heinzman
Dawn Heukshorst
Marilyn Horsley
Ann Marie Lombardi
Jeannie Morris
Debbie Walker
Pat Zajkowski

### 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: <u>https://centralfloridaspokes.com/</u>

### The *updated* Membership Directory is in every newsletter!

Click the button below to access it. You can print it out if you choose OR download it as a PDF to your cell phone for easy use! *Please open it now to check for accuracy in your email, phone, birthday...contact Glenda Bogan for changes (407-257-9421).* 

### **Click here for Membership Directory**





Activities & Game Day Co-Chairs

**Kim Rohter Pam Skaggs** 

Click here to print activity group listing

**Casual Cooking Coordinator** 



### **Mary Young**

Hostess: Madeleine Taub Co-Hostess: Sheila Merrigan

12 lovely ladies are able to join the fun at this wonderful lunch! Friday, October 3rd @ 11:30 a.m.

Home of Madeleine Taub 9639 Bennington Chase Drive Orlando, 32829

It's a longer drive than usual, but worth it to join the Brits!

Call or text Madeleine by October 1 at 407-353-7847

or click below to email her.

### Click here to RSVP to Madeleine for Casual Cooking



**Treasurer** 



### **Pam Stewart**



### **Bunco 1 Coordinator**

### **Sharon Schneck**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.

Meet at Members' Homes

Drinks, Snacks, and Dessert Provided

Bring \$5 for the game

Email Sharon at:

sharon.schneck@gmail.com

or call her at 407-948-2758

### Click HERE to RSVP to Sharon



### **Bunco 2 Coordinator**

Linda M. Smith

Bunco 2 will be playing the 3rd Wednesday of each month at



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

> 407-463-0845 1gator1@earthlink.net

The fun begins at 11:15am

Players bring \$6.00 with them. \$5.00 is for the game itself - \$1.00 goes to our charity fund.

We place our order for lunch when we arrive. This way, it is waiting for us when we take our break.

We are always looking for new players and would love to see you there.

Incidentally, Duffy's has plenty of free parking.

**Message Linda** 

**Community Involvement** 



# Coordinator, Game Day Co-Chair, Samba, Hand Knee Foot Shanghai

**Kim Rohter** 

### **New Game - SAMBA**

### Samba is a card game, a cross between HKF and Shanghai

There has been a tremendous response to organizing a SAMBA group.

Who: 28 players.

Where: Duffy's Sports Bar in Lake Mary

When: First Thursday of the month @ 11am.

Contact coordinator Kim Rohter @ 727-458-3163 klear123@hotmail.com



**Book Club Coordinator, Parliamentarian, Heart Pillows** 

**Linda Cornell** 



### The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches

### Sangu Mandanna

A warm and uplifting novel about an isolated witch whose opportunity to embrace a quirky new family—and a new love changes the course of her life. As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon knows she has to hide her magic, keep her head down, and stay away from other witches so their powers don't mingle and draw attention. And as an orphan who lost her parents at a young age and was raised by strangers, she's used to being alone and she follows the rules...with one exception: an online account, where she posts videos "pretending" to be a witch. She thinks no one will take it seriously. But someone does. An unexpected message arrives, begging her to travel to the remote and mysterious Nowhere House to teach three young witches how to control their magic. It breaks all of the rules, but Mika goes anyway, and is immediately tangled up in the lives and secrets of not only her three charges, but also an absent archaeologist, a retired actor, two long-suffering caretakers, and... Jamie. The handsome and prickly librarian of Nowhere House would do anything to protect the children, and as far as he's concerned, a stranger like Mika is a threat. An irritatingly appealing threat. As Mika begins to find her place at Nowhere House, the thought of belonging somewhere begins to feel like a real possibility. But magic isn't the only danger in the world, and when peril comes knocking at their door, Mika will need to decide whether to risk everything to protect a found family she didn't know she was looking for...

Join us for a discussion of The Very Secret Society of Irregular

Witches on October 22 at 10am at the home of:

Jessica Griggs (adorable daughter of Bonnie Buesching)
209 Thistlewood Circle
Longwood, FL 32779

RSVP to Bonnie at C: 614-266-7281 or grayduck2705@gmail.com

### **RSVP for Book Club**



### **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

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 <a href="mailto:klear123@hotmail.com">klear123@hotmail.com</a>, 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 from January - October at 11:00 a.m. (November and December play dates fall during the holidays).

We come together for a fun and friendly game. Each session offers a wonderful opportunity to connect, have lunch, enjoy some laughs, and sharpen your card-playing skills in a relaxed and sociable atmosphere.

If you are interested, but not familiar with the game, you can come 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

The Vineyard 1140 Townpark Ave The Oak Room Lake Mary, 32746



### **Mexican Train Coordinators**

Tina Rasi & Pam Skaggs





Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

Location: Q Boutique Realty Building 122 West Crystal Lake Ave. Lake Mary Time: Doors open at 12...play starts at 12:30
ALL levels from never played to experienced welcomed!
To join, contact <u>pamelaskaggs@gmail.com</u>



### 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 below

### Click HERE to RSVP to Rosemary





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

Liaison for Seniors First Holiday Gift

<u>Drive</u>

Carol Baker



### Seniors First Holiday Gift Drive

Join us in supporting the Seniors First Holiday Gift Drive! Last year, your kindness brought joy to the holiday season by providing 96 \$20 gift cards to seniors in need. This year, we aim to make a similar impact.

### How You Can Help:

- Bring \$20 gift cards from Publix or Walmart, checks payable to Seniors First (noting Spokes HGD in the memo) or cash to the October luncheon.
- Donations will also be accepted at our November meeting for those who may need more time.
- You can also donate online, select "Holiday Gift Drive" as the solicitation and Central Florida Spokes to www.seniorsfirstinc.org.

Your support matters. Every contribution brings happiness to seniors in our community. Thank you for considering a donation. Your generosity will help make a difference in the lives of local seniors.

Click here to see Seniors First flyer



## **Dining In Coordinator Tiffany Casey**

**Dining In**, the only activity where your hubby, fiancé, boyfriend, or significant other is invited to attend, will be held three times this year at the dinner hour time:

December at the home of Tiffany Casey February at the home of Marcela Mojica &

May at the home of TBD (Contact Tiffany to offer your home to the *Spokes Dining In* group for May.)

text or call 407-782-7176 (text preferred) sticasey1@yahoo.com



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



### **Community Involvement 2025/2026**

This year we are again requesting your charity nominations. Thank you for your response to last year's request for charity nominations. There were many worthy causes nominated, and your responses showed your varied interests and participation in local activities.

The committee chose three charities to be the recipients of Spokes' generosity. The charities were:

- One Purse
- Pathways to Care
- Safehouse of Seminole

Because Spokes is a local women's organization, the chosen charities provide much-needed services to our local community, and have women in leadership and policy-making positions.

### 2024/2025 Committee Members

Janice Czaikowski, Wendy Dorn, Lydia Gwynn, Barbara

Hilton, and Mary Volpe.

Thank you for your time and input. Hopefully, you will serve again this year.

Charity nomination forms are due December 1, 2025, a link is provided below.

### **Click nomination form here**

### **October Birthdays**

Carol Baker **Bonnie Buesching** Chyrrell Carroll Tiffany Casey Mary Ann Colvin Dede Fluhr Carol Hall Marilyn Martin Sheila Merrigan Barbara Morris Muriel Mueller Diane Nye Suzy O'Connor Tina Rasi Kim Rohter Vicki Sorensen **Audrey Tobman Ingrid Watson** 

Please click on the link below to print October calendar:

### **Calendar**



# Central Florida Spokes



### **Spokes September 2025 Luncheon**



























### **President:**

**Annie Sanders** 

### **Vice President:**

Pam Skaggs

### **Recording Secretary:**

**Bonnie Buesching** 

#### **Treasurer:**

Pam Stewart

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Brenda Dost

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Wendy Dorn

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