January 2017

the NEWSCOMER

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB
Citrus County, Florida

≪ The President's Message ≫

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fabulous holiday and enjoyed good food, good friends, and much laughter. On behalf of the whole board I want to thank you for your generous donations of toys and checks for our families in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas. You all made a difference and I am certain there were extra smiles because of your thoughtfulness.

Welcome 2017! It is time to get started having fun and enjoying Newcomer friends. Be sure to check out the activities in the Newscomer so you will see what is happening and what you might enjoy. Be sure to check out the Special Interest Groups. After all, you are never too old to learn something new! It is good exercise for your brain, too.

"Life is about using the whole box of crayons." We tend to use our favorite crayons and return to them over and over again. While we enjoy our favorites, why not try using a new color and add new dimension to your life. Sometimes we have to take a chance and color outside the lines we keep comfortably for ourselves. This New Year I challenge each of you to use more colors and to stretch the borders of your activities by becoming more involved. Try signing up for a lunch bunch and meet a small group of ladies. Sign up for an activity that sounds interesting. Learn a new card game or walk with the Hike It, Bike It group. Just give it a try!

Our Newcomers Board is like that same box of crayons. We use many of the same colors each year. We have the same comfortable borders each year. Don't misunderstand me. They work! They blend and they are successful. But we need more colors and we need to expand our borders and color outside the lines. As we start to put a roster of officers together for the 2017-2018 year, we need new faces and ideas. Let's add new colors from the ever-changing box of crayons.

If you would like to be on the board, organize a special interest group, or serve on one of our committees, please let Bev Goethe or me know. If you would like to become more involved but don't know what you want to do, let us know and we will help you find the 'perfect fit.' When you share your expertise and ideas our club becomes stronger.

We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Bev and Sharon

Bev Goethe
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Sharon Gatz
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Special Interest Groups

10,000 Dice Game:
Meets 1st Tues of each month at 1:00 pm in Card Room of Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Lunch at 12:00 pm upstairs in the Grille. Contact Jan Weaver jmweaver3@aol.com or Nancy Newman newman477@aol.com to be added to list by 30th of previous month.

Beading:
We are not meeting in month of January. Usually meets first **Thursday and Friday at 1:00 pm**. Our goal is to have fun and create beautiful jewelry. We will be working on restringing old beads or creating new designs. There will be different teachers sharing new techniques and they will provide a supply list if needed. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun with good friends. Keep on beading! Contact Janet Bauer 249-7543 janetebauer@gmail.com

Bike It or Hike It
Events will be the first Thursday of each month. **January 5** - Cross Florida Greenway Dunnellon CR-39 Trail. Open to member/non-member/ spouse. Contact Kathy O'Donoghue, 425-786-6012 kathyodhome@gmail.com

Book Club:
Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Lakes Region Public Library, Inverness, 1:30 pm.
Contact Judy Herron at 352-860-0232 for more info.

Bridge:
We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday from 1:30 to 4 or 4:30 pm in homes. We are an informal, fun group and play open bridge as many of us are just getting back into the game. Contact Judy Herron at 860-0232 jlherron2@aol.com

Bunco 2.0:
Constantly changing group, meeting 3rd Tuesday at 9:30 each month at Citrus Hills CC Grille. Lunch afterward at Citrus Hills CC if you choose to stay. To be put on email list: Nancy Newman at newman477@aol.com or Pat Ellis at patmellis@mac.com

Bunco PM:
Bunco PM We will be playing the second Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm. We play three rounds and then go out to dinner. Contact Bev at citrusnewcomerspresident @gmail.com

Discussion Group/WOW:
Want to discuss without having to read? Come join us for a women's discussion group called WOW (Women of Words). **January 9** - Round table of quick one minute questions and answers. WOW meets the second Monday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Public Library Contact Judy Herron 860-0232 or jlherron2@aol.com or Ellen Evans at 344-0839 sevans3@tampabay.rr.com or

Kayaking:
If you are interested in joining the kayakers exploring local rivers during the club year. **January 31** - Weeki Wachee, Rogers Park - This is a beginner-intermediate event. Contact Mary Lerman 513- 4281 or marylerman409@gmail.com

Knitting/Crocheting/Sewing with Friends:
First Tuesday at Central Ridge Library, Beverly Hills at 1:00 pm. (No date yet). Please contact Mary Ebhardt 352-344-0880 or maryebhardt@yahoo.com if interested.

Mah Jongg:
Contact Chris Harvey 400-4961 chrisharvey70@gmail.com

Looking for someone that would like to start up the following groups:

Basic computer
Decorating Basics
Adult coloring books
Line Dancing
Foreign languages

Murder & Munchies:
This mystery book group meets the second Friday of each month at 1:00 pm in member homes. Contact Sheryl Siebenborn at 341-0093 or mycanoe@centurylink.net

Simple Suppers:
Simple Suppers will start a new season in January. Meet new friends and enjoy an evening out once a month. We will have a meeting early in January to be set up in groups, and you will have a chance to meet your new dinner partners and choose your dates (good idea to bring a copy of your event calendar). It seems like we've had mostly Citrus Hills area residents this go around. I'm hoping to see more Crystal River and Inverness newcomer's join. Looking forward to having our Snowbirds back.
Any questions, please call me, Lynn Mazzie at 352-270-8212 (H). We've had a great time this season. Looking forward to the new one, too.

Singles Group:
Meet other singles in Newcomers to attend activities, carpooling, game nights, lunches, movies & more. Contact Bonnie Groves 527-3577 or jabongro@aol.com

Wizard Card Game:
Meet at Citrus Hills CC restaurant until further notice on Last Monday of each month. Contact Julie DePinto at 726-7787 or jdvango@yahoo.com

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Visit Janell St. Blanc at the Special Interest Group area at each luncheon meeting or call a group leader for a complete description of the group and information about the next meeting or activity. Meet new friends through your special interests in our "clubs within our club."

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Luncheon Meetings

We love our luncheons!
With friends, interesting programs, and delicious food, who wants to miss one of these luncheon meetings!

January Luncheon

January 19, 2017 – Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club
DOORS OPEN AT 11:00
509 E. Hartford Street, Hernando, FL

Soup – Chicken and Rice Soup

BLT Wrap sandwich served with potato salad

Or

Small plated salad

Kahlua Pork with glazed baby carrots and oven roasted potatoes

Dessert - Chocolate Mousse topped with whipped cream

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January's Program – Where in the World?

Trudie Myers is our first guest speaker in 2017. She will answer that and many other questions, including

The world's oldest sperm was discovered here & Tinder, the Android Dating App, is alive and well here.

Coincidence?

- What desert is also a continent?
- What is the coldest place on Earth?
- What Desert has the highest average elevation of all the continents?
- What is the only continent without reptiles? Or a time zone?
- Where on earth can you find Blood Falls – a five-story bright red waterfall?

Trudie holds a doctorate in Education Administration. She has been a teacher and a principal. She was one of seven teachers selected to teach school in the former Soviet Union. Trudie has traveled extensively around the world, visiting 71 countries as well as all seven continents. She is more than qualified to convince you why you should make this destination your next vacation.

PLEASE NOTE: The Country Clubs do not allow denim to be worn. Also, we have no control of the AC, so please bring a sweater.

February Luncheon

February 16, 2017 - Sugar Mill Woods CC
DOORS OPEN AT 11:00
1 Douglas St, Homosassa, FL 34446

Soup – Chicken and Rice Soup for all

Turkey and brie croissant sandwich served with cole slaw

Or

Sliced pork with gravy, roast potatoes and mixed vegetables

Dessert – Brownie a la mode

Make luncheon reservations by mailing your check to:
Anne Lundberg
1766 West Foxglen Ct.
Hernando, FL 34442
or
Call Anne 513-3161
for more information. She can also be contacted at lunchar11@gmail.com
Members $20 / Guests $25

Checks should be made payable to:
CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

NEW !!! Deadline for reservation is Thursday before the luncheon.

A RESERVATION EXISTS WHEN YOUR CHECK HAS BEEN RECEIVED. Cancellations may be made prior to the deadline and a full refund will be provided, but after that date, you will only receive a refund if **we can "sell" your lunch**. If, at the last minute, you find you cannot attend the lunch, call Anne Lundberg. There is the possibility she has a waiting list and will be able to "sell" your reservation.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

ACTIVITIES

Please note that you cannot sign up for an event without a check made out to CITRUS NEWCOMERS. Also, once the deadline to cancel passes, no refunds are given. If there is a waitlist, we will try to help sell your ticket.

JANUARY 11: **360 DEGREES OF AWESOME, ORLANDO "DAY OF FUN" BUS TRIP,**
$60/pp, Depart At 7:45 AM from Wal-Mart Parking Lot in Inverness (By Wendy's). Price includes bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, iDrive 360 combination ticket for admission to The Orlando Eye, Sea Life Aquarium and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum. Lunch is on your own and there are several interesting and nice restaurants, a snack bar and ice cream shop close by plus other things to do if you have the time. This event is a go regardless of weather as everything is located indoors. Carol can be reached at CarolMBouldin@aol.com or cell (703) 231-3992.

JANUARY 15: **CLOSED: MENOPAUSE**

JANUARY 20: **DINNER BUNCH, FLORIDA ARTIST CAFÉ & GALLERY**
6:00 PM, 8219 E. Orange Avenue, Floral City, $10 Check made out to Citrus Newcomers that will go towards cost of dinner. Special menu selections are beef, chicken, and fish. Includes salad, dessert, one glass of wine. Meal selections must be made at sign up and range from $20-$25 plus tax and tip. Kathy can be reached at (425)786-6012 or kathyodhome@gmail.com. If you try to contact Kathy between December 11 thru January 9, please use e-mail address.

JANUARY 24: **LUNCH BUNCH, Skeets Smokehouse and Grill**
12:00 PM, 3887 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills**.** Skeets specializes in pulled pork, smoked turkey and chicken, beef brisket and some seafood dishes. They also offer 6 flavors of barbeque sauce. After lunch, visit their homemade ice cream store. For reservations or more information, please contact Pat Sherman at rsherman320@tampabay.rr.com or phone (352) 270-3118.

JANUARY 29: **CLOSED: CABARET**

JANUARY 31: **HAPPY PAINTING AND MORE**
1645 W. Gulf to Lake Highway, Lecanto. 2:00 PM. $25/pp. Discover your inner artist as instructors use a step-by-step method to help you paint your masterpiece. You are welcome to bring wine, beer, soda and snacks. Some of the drinks mentioned may help you relax and become very creative! I'm just saying! Contact Gail Roughgarden by email groughgarden@hotmail.com or phone (352) 423-4350 for reservations or questions

FEBRUARY 08: **PUBLIX APRONS COOKING SCHOOL**

The Shoppes Of Citrus Park, 7835 Gunn Highway, Tampa
11:00 AM, $45/pp. Menu: Red Diamond, Crab Quiche, Roast Pork Tenderloin with Garlic and Herbs, Seared Spiced Salmon with Balsamic Marinated Portabella Mushrooms, Cherry Tomato Salad, Dark Chocolate and Coffee Brownies. Sit back, relax, and enjoy as chefs and staff prepare delicious dishes before your eyes, complete with tips and tales from kitchens they have known. Then enjoy being served each course of what's on the menu and take home the recipes. Mona Lisa can be reached at (504) 669-5220 or mly2puppies@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 12: **CLOSED: WICKED**

FEBRUARY 24: **TAMPA BAY DOWNS**

11225 Race Track Road, Tampa 33626 - $21/pp. BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!! $21 includes buffet lunch, program, and reserved seating in the club house. Come join us for a fun day. Betting on your own. Contact Carolyn Moss for more information via e-mail ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com, phone (352) 746-6445, or mail check to 693 W. Doerr Path, Hernando 34442.

FEBRUARY 25: **A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS**

Reilly Arts Center, 500 NE 9TH Street, Ocala, 7:30 PM: $20/pp. (with Group Tickets Of 20+ or more, otherwise $25/pp) - Oscar winning scores come to life side by side with clips from the films themselves. Contact Carolyn Moss for more information at ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com or call 352-746-6445. Checks may also be sent to Carolyn to reserve your seat at 693 W. Doerr Path, Hernando 34442.

MARCH 09: **GYPSY GOLD HORSE TOUR**

$20/pp. Come meet the beautiful Gypsy Vanner horses, which are part of the British Gypsy Culture. The owner, Dennis Thompson, will present the history of this breed and his efforts bringing these horses to America. After that, we will meet the stallions, mares and foals. Photographs are encouraged. The tour will start at 10:30 AM, however, we will meet at Inverness Walmart parking lot to have tickets distributed at 9:15 AM. Wear closed toed shoes and bring carrots – these horses love carrots. Contact Bonnie Groves at bonbongroves@aol.com or (352) 527-3577.

MARCH 12: **CLOSED: SOMETHING ROTTEN**

MARCH 20: **THE GRAND OAKS CARRIAGE MUSEUM**

Grand Oaks Resort and Museum, 3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale, $38/pp. The Grand Oaks Carriage Museum is home to one of the world's largest private collections of carriages and equine artifacts. Step back in time and enjoy the elegance and pageantry of over 160 European and American Carriages, including the elaborate 1850 Armbruster Dress Chariot once owned by Emperor of Austria, Franz Joseph, and his wife, Elisabeth. The museum uniquely offers a glimpse into the history of man and horse and clearly defines the manner in which the horse has helped shape the history of man. Contact Pat Sherman for more information at rsherman320@tampabay.rr.com or (352) 270-3118.

APRIL 03: **WREATH MAKING CLASS: LOCATION AND COST TO BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE.**

APRIL 09: **MIDNIGHT IN AMERICA: OCALA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Reilly Arts Center, Ocala 34470; 3:00 PM - Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster Gabriel Lefkowitz performs American composer Philip Glass' Violin Concerto No. 1 and Maestro Wardell finishes the OSO's final concert of the season in a tour of American greats: Copeland, Gershwin and Bernstein. Contact Carolyn Moss via e-mail ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com, phone (352)746-6445, or forward check to 693 W. Doerr Path, Hernando 34442.

FUTURE EVENTS: **OVERNIGHT TRIP, KEY CENTER TOUR, PICNIC**

Citrus Newcomers Club on Facebook

The Citrus Newcomers Club Facebook page is a closed group. Everyone on Facebook can see the group name and members, but only group members can see posts in the group. The site administrator must approve all requests to join. Check us out on Facebook. For more information, contact Cathy Uvanni citrusnewcomersfacebook@gmail.com.

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Ladies, please share your photos with Janet Bauer, Historian at citrusnewcomershistorianjb@gmail.com, Pat Crawley, Website at crawj@aol.com and Sue Pellegrino, Publicity at citrusnewcomersPRsp@gmail.com

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For pictures submitted to Publicity, be sure to include full names of people in photo, given from left to right.

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Contact Janet Bauer, our Historian at **249-7543**
or email to citrusnewcomershistorianjb@gmail.com

Sad News

Many of you have attended the Lunch Bunches and the Publix Aprons Cooking School events. Jane Ogawa graciously organized those events for the last few years. In fact, she planned the Dec. Lunch Bunch from her hospital bed. On Dec. 2nd Jane died from cancer. We have lost a very special lady way too soon. We are blessed to have had the pleasure of knowing her and spending time with her. We will miss her!

We would also like to acknowledge Pat Turner's husband, Joe, who passed away last month.

Please keep these members and families in your thoughts and prayers.

Be sure to add Carol Bouldin to your email address book to ensure you get all emails from the Club: citrusnewcomersemail@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

The current Membership Directory can be found on our website at www.citrusnewcomers.org under the "Meet Us" tab. The Directory requires a Username and Password that was sent out to members by email. If you do not have the current Username and Password please contact Cathy Schafer, VP Membership, at catschafer@gmail.com.

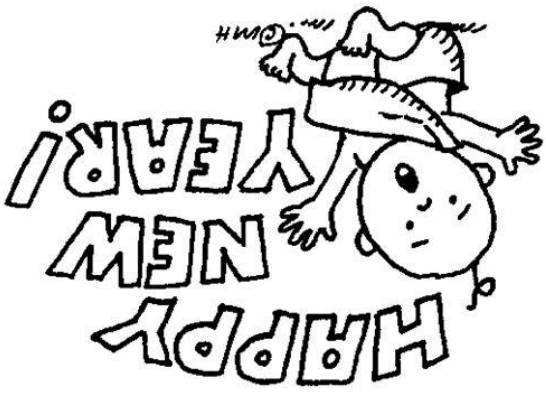
IMPORTANT: Please only share the Username and Password with current club members only. It is not to be used to promote business in any manner.

In addition to viewing the Membership Directory on our website, you will receive an email once a month with a PDF of the updated Membership Directory for you to download and print.

Welcome New Members

Bobbie Richmond
Arlene Lukas

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **New Year's Day**	2 1:30 - Bridge	3 1 PM 10,000 Dice	4	5 9:30 – Hike It Bike It	6	7
8	9 2:00 – Discussion/ WOW	10	11 7:30 Day of Fun, Orlando	12 3:00 – Bunco PM	13 1:00 – Murder & Munchies	14
15 5:00 - Menopause	16 1:30 – Bridge	17 9:30 - Bunco 2.0 9:00 - Kayaking	18	19 11 AM - Newcomers Lunch	20 6:00 – Dinner Bunch	21
22	23	24	25	26 1:30 – Book Club	27	28
29 6:00 - Cabaret	30 1:00 - Wizard	31 11:00 - Kayaking				

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