I have asked our Elected Officers to give you some insight on their lives.

Sherry Wilson - VP Activities

During this time of year when we reflect on what is good in our life, I count Citrus County Newcomers as one of those good things. The other things are my family and many friends. I have one son, one daughter-in-law, one stepson, four grandchildren and two (soon to be three) great grandchildren and too many friends to count. Not a bad return on my investment.

I worked for the City of New York as an Assistant Deputy Commissioner in the Finance area of the Human Resources Administration. I loved my job but took an early retirement (I was 57) and moved to Citrus County in 2005. My friends up north thought I had lost my mind when I agreed to move to where my husband, Jeff, could play golf every day, if he wanted to (and he usually did). Sometimes in life you make the right decision. Moving to Citrus County was the best decision for a great retirement that I could have made.

I especially realized this in 2016, when I lost Jeff to cancer. My family is up north, but my Citrus family made me feel protected and loved. I want to thank you all.

I, along with Ruthie Berg, run the activities committee. I hope you enjoy the trips we and the committee have planned and encourage you to let us know if there is a place you would like to go.

I ask each of you to reflect on all your blessings whether big or small and enjoy this holiday season. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukkah.

Sharon Maxwell
susette0326@gmail.com
Special Interest Groups

10,000 Dice Game:
Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Citrus Hills Auditorium in the Activity Center. Contact Jan Minik jmweaver3@aol.com

Art Journaling
An art journal is a journal in which you combine art and words to express yourself. There will be an $8 fee for paint, ink, paper, art stamps, magazine images, stencils and spray ink. The group will meet on January 8th at 10:00 am at Betty’s new store, 2143 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto (behind Paige’s Root Beer). Contact Betty Sarachik at bsarachik@gmail.com for more information.

Beading:
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 the first Thursday or Friday for an afternoon of fun with good friends. Contact Janet Bauer 249-7543 janetebauer@gmail.com

Bunco 2.0:
Constantly changing group, meeting 3rd Tuesday at 9:15 each month at Citrus Hills Auditorium in Activity Center. Contact Nancy Newman at newman477@aol.com or Betty Sarachik at newcomersbuncobetty@gmail.com

Bunco PM:
Bunco PM - We will be playing the second Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm. Those interested will go out to dinner. We play three rounds. Contact Pam Depew at 249-7031 or kerplunk498@msn.com

Kayaking:
Our kayaking group explores local rivers with a guide during the club year. As of October, we are kayaking with Nature Coast Eco Tours at $40 per person. We usually paddle on the 3rd Monday of the month. January 13 – Kings Bay, Crystal River. Contact Mary Lerman 513-4281 or marylerman409@gmail.com.

Mah Jongg Lessons:
Interested in learning to play Mah Jongg? Contact Chris Harvey 400-4961 chrisharvey70@gmail.com

Mah Jongg Players Group:
NEW!!!
Please join our group if you know how to play Mah Jongg or have had Chris Harvey’s Mah Jongg lessons, and would like to be part of a rotating group of players in different homes. Contact Pam Depew 249-7031 or kerplunk498@msn.com for more information

Murder & Munchies:
This mystery book group meets the second Friday of most months at 1:00 pm in member homes. Contact Chris Harvey 400-4961 chrisharvey70@gmail.com, or contact Carolyn Moss 352-746-6445 - ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com

Simple Suppers
Meet in members’ homes and share a meal in groups of 6 or 8. Contact Barbara Borchert @ 816-668-7306 or bdborchert12@gmail.com

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

Wizard Card Game:
Meet at Citrus Hills Auditorium in the Activity Center. Last Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. Contact Julie DePinto at 726-7787 or jdvango@yahoo.com

Looking for someone that would like to start up the following groups:
Decorating Basics
Adult coloring books
Line Dancing
Foreign languages
Photography
Golf

Bike It or Hike It
Events will be various Thursdays each month. Open to member/non-member/spouse. Thursday, January 30 Barge Canal, Crystal River. 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 860-0232 for more info.

Bridge
We meet the 1st and 3rd Monday from 1:00 to 4:00 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

Visit Gail Roughgardener groughgardener@hotmail.com, or Margaret Bush 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!

Luncheon January 16, 2020

CITRUS HILLS
509 E. Hartford Street, Hernando, FL
DOORS OPEN AT 11:00

SOUP & SALAD BUFFET
Cream of Tomato Bisque soup
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Shredded Carrots, Green Pepper, Bacon, Cheddar cheese, Grilled Diced Chicken, Egg Salad, Chicken Salad
Ranch & Italian Dressing
Rolls & Butter
Dessert - German Chocolate Cake Dessert

GLUTEN FREE AND VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

NO SAVING SEATS PLEASE
Take Home Bags will not be allowed at any Buffet Luncheons. “Take what you can eat, eat what you take.”

December’s Program
Did you enjoy last year’s program on American Madams? Well, Lisa Didier is coming back to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women’s Suffrage with her program on famous women and their consorts. Prof. Didier is energetic and entertaining. You will not be bored!

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED AT ANY LUNCHEON

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

Luncheon February 20, 2020

SUGAR MILL WOODS
1 Douglas St, Homosassa, FL
DOORS OPEN AT 11:00

Cup of Chicken Noodle soup for all
Hot - Chicken Francese with Rice and Vegetable
Cold---Grilled Summer Salad in Shell with ground hamburger
Dessert - Lemon Meringue Pie
Coffee & Tea

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

Effective September 1, 2018 there will be a surcharge of $1.00 for all luncheon payments by credit card.

Checks MUST be made payable to:
CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB
Choice of meal on check. If not, you will receive a hot meal

NEW !!! Deadline for reservation is Thursday before the luncheon.
50/50 Share the Wealth Raffle Winners

For the month of December:

Lori Wood  Joanne Rosenberg  Carolyn McManus

ACTIVITIES

Activity guidelines: Always bring your checkbook to the meetings as we cannot accept charge cards or cash. Checks are always made out to Citrus County Newcomers. Sometimes we have limited access to tickets or seats. Club members are accommodated prior to guests or spouses. Last minute cancellations cannot be accommodated unless we have a waiting list but you are welcome to find your own replacement.

Friday, January 10, 2020: Sweeties Café: High Tea – 3:30 pm: Join us for High Tea at Sweeties Café, 20789 Walnut Street, Dunnellon. Phone 352-216-2510. Located next to the Grumbles House this is a delightful venue. They have hats and costumes for you to use if you so desire. The menu includes scones, quiche, finger sandwiches, fruit and cheese. The tea is brewed.

Lasts about 1 ½ hrs. Please arrive no more than 10 minutes early, unless you wish to explore the Grumble House next door first.

Cost is $31.75 including tax and Gratuity.

For additional information, reservations: contact Sherry Wilson at slb215sherry@aol.com.

Tuesday, January 14: Escape Room – 12:30 pm: Shirene Thomas has arranged for us to spend an afternoon thinking our way out of Room Escape, 8470 Mayo Dr. Suite #5, Crystal River. You will have a choice of 4 rooms and will be placed in a room with about 6 others and you follow clues to find your way out. (They do let you out if you fail to solve the clues). This ends about 2:00 pm. The cost is $22.

For additional information or reservations contact Shirene at shirenespicy@gmail.com.

Wednesday, January 15: Workshop with Marlis Hartung. Enjoy relaxing with your friends creating a Pine Needle Basket. No experience is necessary. Cost is $28 and includes all materials needed to complete project. There will be two sessions 9:30 am and 2:00 pm. Address is Highlands Art Studio, 3060 E. Marcia Street. If interested please call Marlis at 352-410-6762 or email to highlandsartstudio@gmail.com.
Friday, January 17th: Show Palace Dinner Theater: Million Dollar Quartet – 6:00 pm. The theater is located at 16128 US Highway 19, Hudson FL. The Tony Award Winning musical, Million Dollar Quartet is set on December 4th, 1956, when an extraordinary twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. Before the show there is an all you can eat buffet. Dinner service starts at 6:15 pm. Show starts at 7:30 pm.

This is a self-drive trip and husbands are welcome. The cost is $65 per person including dinner, show and all fees. If you desire to leave your server a gratuity that is not included. We only have 4 tickets so get your reservation in soon. Contact Sherry Wilson at 352-270-3339 or slb215sherry@aol.com.

Tuesday, January 28: DINNER BUNCH - Lakeside Country Club, 4555 E. Windmill Drive, Inverness. You, (single or with a spouse/guest) are invited to join the Dinner Bunch at 6:00 pm. Lakeside is located where the former Van Der Valk Restaurant used to be. Please RSVP with names and email addresses to Shirene Thomas at shirenespicy@gmail.com by January 21.

Thursday, January 30th: Lunch Bunch will be at West 88 in the Plantation Inn in Crystal River. Contact Pam Depew at kerplunk498@msn.com for more details.

Thursday, February 13th: The Wild Women of Winedale at the Gatsby Early Bird Dinner Theater in Clearwater – 11:00 am. The cost is $36. The buffet lunch includes a full salad bar, entrees (ham, roast beef salmon, chicken, baked ziti or meatballs in marinara sauce) sides, dessert plus coffee or tea, A full bar is available at your own expense. The play begins at 1:00 pm. This play focuses on three women at crossroads in their lives. It has equal doses of hilarity and heart. This is a self-drive trip. The theater is located at 13355 49th St N. Clearwater. Contact Ruth Berg at 352-270-8363 or ruthb421@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.

Saturday, February 15th: Reilly Art Center Theater at 3:00 pm. A concert of epic Hollywood proportions to celebrate John Williams 88th birthday! The Ocala Symphony Orchestra plays the very best of John Williams amazing movie scores side by side with images and clips from some of the most endearing films of our time! Cost $25 to $28. Contact Carolyn Moss for further information. ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com.
**Friday, February 28th: Tampa Bay Downs.** Carolyn Moss is planning our annual trip to the ever-popular Tampa Bay Downs. The cost is $24 per person and includes prime seats and a fantastic lunch buffet. We are limited on our number of seats available so sign up early. This is self-drive event as people stay for different lengths of time. You will be meeting the group at the Downs at 11:00 am. If you need a ride let Carolyn know. For information or reservations Carolyn can be reached at 746-6445 or ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com.

**Thursday, March 26th: Giraffe Ranch – 11:00 am:** Animal prints are in this year- not stripes, but SPOTS. We are going to the Giraffe Ranch in Dade city. The tour (on a bus) starts at 11. It is recommended that you arrive 30 minutes prior. The tour is approximately 2 hours and the cost is $51 pp. Husbands are welcome.

You will be seeing giraffes and other savannah animals. There are other opportunities at additional cost to feed lemurs, bongos and otters. It is recommended that you wear long pants and closed shoes.

We are carpooling and lunch will be on your own. There are some great restaurants in Dade City.

Please contact Gloria Frank at gloriamyky@aol.com.

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**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 at citrusnewcomersfacebook@gmail.com

**Ladies, please share your photos** with Janet Bauer, Historian/ Publicity Director at janetebauer@gmail.com

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

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**Our correspondence secretaries Peg Fowler – 527-3892, email pegfow@aol.com or Cathy Schafer – 586-6875, email citschafer@gmail.com who would be happy to send a note to a member who is ill, recuperating, etc.**
PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

If you take pictures for the club, please post on Facebook. No need to contact Janet Bauer

Membership

The current up-to-date Membership Directory can be found on our website at www.citrusnewcomers.org under the "Meet Us" tab.

The Directory requires a password that has been previously sent out by email. If you do not have the password please contact VP of Membership, Dawn Holley at dholley76@gmail.com.

In addition to viewing the Membership Directory on our website, an email with an attached PDF of our Membership Directory, that can be downloaded and printed, will be sent out once a month.

IMPORTANT: Please share the Password with current Club Members only. Our directory is not to be used to promote business in any manner.

Please welcome our new members when you see them at our luncheons and activities.

Jan Pittman  Lorraine Crawford  Linda Banecker