The President’s Message

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

Dawn Holley – VP Membership

My husband and I moved to Citrus County in January 2016, so we are relatively new to the area.

I grew up in a small town in upstate New York called Mariaville. When I married, my husband Dave and I moved to Altamont and we raised our 2 boys on a small hobby farm. I became very involved in the school and the Parent-Teacher Organization as Fundraiser Chairman, President, followed by 4 years on our School Board.

I worked in the main office of a regional supermarket chain in many different capacities with the last as an Analyst for the General Merchandising/Health and Beauty department. In 2007 we decided to move to Myrtle Beach, SC for warmer weather.

When we moved to Citrus Hills, a friend told me about the Newcomers Club and what a great opportunity it was to meet some very incredible women and to learn more about all the offerings that Citrus County has. I have enjoyed being the Membership Chair and meeting many new women at the different functions and luncheons.

I hope that when you see me at a function, you will introduce yourself and that you enjoy all the activities and meetings this great group of women has to offer as much as I have.

Have a wonderful 2020 and I look forward to meeting you.

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. The group will meet on first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. This month is February 5th at Betty’s new store, 2143 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, LeCanto (behind Paige’s Root Beer) and free to members. Contact Betty Sarachik at 366-255-5730 or 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

Bike It or Hike It
Events will be various Thursdays each month. Open to member/non-member/spouse. Thursday, February 27 Fort Island Trail, 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 jherron2@aol.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. February 17 – Ozello Tour at Pirates Cove. 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.

Painting with Marlis Hartung:
Tuesday February 25th at 9:30 am
Project: Sunset
Call Marlis at 352-410 6762 or email highlandsartstudio@gmail.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

Visit Gail Roughgarden groughgarden@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.”
We love our luncheons!
With friends, interesting programs, and delicious food, who wants to miss one of these luncheon meetings!

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

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.”

February’s Program – Mike Hall
We will be having a speaker from the Nature Coast Emergency Services. You will hear about their experiences, their training, their new citizen’s academy program and even get a demonstration on the chest compression only CPR techniques.

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 March 19, 2020
PLANTATION IN CRYSTAL RIVER
9301 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL
DOORS OPEN AT 11:00

Lunch Buffet
Field Green Salad
Pasta Salad
Sliced Oven Roast Turkey Breast
Roast Beef
Smoked Ham
Sliced Cheddar Cheese, Swiss, and American cheese
Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Pickles
Assorted Bread & Croissants

Dessert - Brownies & Cookies

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 – CHECK MUST BE SIGNED BY MEMBER. IF SIGNED BY SOMEONE ELSE, THEY MUST HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE MEMO LINE.

Choice of meal on check. If not, you will receive a hot meal

NEW !!! Deadline for reservation is Thursday before the luncheon.
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. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHECKS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE MEMBER OR IF SOMEONE ELSE IS SIGNING THE CHECK, IT MUST HAVE YOUR NAME IN THE MEMO LINE AT THE BOTTOM LEFT.**

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 Sherry Wilson at 352-270-3339 or slb215sherry@aol.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.

From Our President

In December, our club was audited by the **IRS.** Needless to say, it was a very stressful time for our Treasurer, Olga Heineman getting paperwork together and answering all their questions. I was there supporting Olga and praying we had all the answers. WELL, Olga was highly praised for her expertise and we are so very lucky to have her as our Treasurer. We are required to make some minor changes that you will not notice, however, **we will no longer offer Share the Wealth** at our Luncheons. For the last 2-1/2 years Share the Wealth team has been available and more than willing to make it a success. Thank you so very much Sue Fendenheim, Barbara W. Jurgens, Barbara L. Jurgens, Barbara Michels, Sue Moline, and Bonnie Swenson.

Sharon Maxwell
President
Friday, February 21st at Little Italy in Inverness: We are planning a 7 course Little Italy experience. Please let Carolyn Moss know if you are interested at 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 am. 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.

Monday, March 30th: High Tea at Royal Oaks in Ocala 11 am: This event is open to the public and fills up quickly so please sign up ASAP. The cost is $16 with tax (price does not include gratuity) and includes homemade soup, salad, hot entree, fresh fruit, tea sandwiches, scones, and assorted teas. There is also a dessert bar. Specialty drinks are available at the individual's cost. If you would like to sign up or have questions, please call or email Sherry Wilson 352-270-3339 or slb215sherry@aol.com.

Thursday April 17th: Sunset Cruise 7:15 pm. – Join us for a 1.5 hr. guided sunset cruise on a 24-passenger vessel. We will depart from the State Park visitor center's dock and travel out to the Gulf to gaze upon a spectacular sunset. Enjoy a “laid back” Friday evening with friends & indulge in light refreshments of cheese/crackers, wine, water & small dessert.

The cost is $26 per person. The address to meet at is 3266 N Sailboat Ave, Crystal River. Interested in having dinner before the cruise? We can meet at a local Crystal River restaurant, to be determined. Just let us know if you want to join us for dinner. If interested in this event sign up at the next luncheon or contact Ruth Berg at ruthb42@yahoo.com or call her at 352-270-8363 or 201-747-6634.
Tuesday April 21st: Sugar Sand Festival/Florida Aquarium- Clearwater- We are planning a trip to The Sugar Sand Festival and then the Florida Aquarium. “Head to Clearwater Beach and gaze at the artists at work creating their amazing sand sculptures under a 21,000 square foot structure. 1,000 tons of Clearwater Beach’s famous sugar sand will be transformed into pristine sculptures” We will then go to the Florida Aquarium before we head home.

This will be a bus trip leaving promptly at 9:00 am and returning approximately 5:00 pm.

Cost will be $30. If interested in this event sign up at the next luncheon or contact Sherry Wilson at slb215sherry@aol.com or call her at 352-270-3339.

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 catschafer@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
**Welcome New Members**

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

Brenda Kurtz                Judy Margulies

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.