



**December 2019**

*the* **NEWSCOMER**

**CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**



◀ **The President's Message** ▶

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

**Bunny Bucci – VP Luncheons**

Our move to Citrus County started about 16 years ago. My husband of now 60 years, along with my best friend who is a widow, decided to move to Florida after we retired. Not wanting to become a concern for our children, we decided we could move together and help each other if the need arose. Bob and I retired to Laurel Ridge. Not knowing what to do with myself, I joined a small women's health club. One of the members of the health club invited me to a Newcomer Luncheon, and the rest is history. I have loved the club from that point on. I volunteered to become Vice President of Luncheons, as I am a retired Restaurant Manager. Being raised in the business, I feel Hospitality is most important. When I took on the position, I had no idea where any of the clubs were located. I had to adjust to the Southern way of doing things.



**A little slower!**

I have worked in many restaurants along the North Shore of Boston including the historic Hawthorne Hotel in Salem, Massachusetts. I am also involved in my community, Laurel Ridge, and have served on many committees. I also write a small recipe column for our community newspaper---"The Leaf". I love to cook!

Several years ago I became a certified SCORE mentor and am eager to help any restaurant in Citrus County that needs the help.

I have met so many wonderful women in Citrus Newcomers, that I look forward to every meeting.

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](mailto: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 the 1st Wednesday for November at my home (4225 N. Stanwyck Terrace, Beverly Hills) Contact Betty Sarachik at [bsarachik@gmail.com](mailto:bsarachik@gmail.com) for more information.

### Beading:

#### **Date Change - December 12 & 13**

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](mailto:janetebauer@gmail.com)

### Bike It or Hike It

Events will be various Thursdays each month. Open to member/non-member/spouse. Thursday, December 12 Hernando to Inverness. Contact Kathy O'Donoghue, 425-786-6012 [kathyodhome@gmail.com](mailto:kathyodhome@gmail.com)

### Book Club:

#### **No meeting November or December.**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jlherron2@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](mailto:newman477@aol.com) or Betty Sarachik at [newcomersbuncobetty@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. December 16 - Weeki Wachee River. Contact Mary Lerman 513-4281 or [marylerman409@gmail.com](mailto:marylerman409@gmail.com).

### Mah Jongg Lessons:

Interested in learning to play Mah Jongg? Contact Chris Harvey 400-4961 [chrisharvey70@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:chrisharvey70@gmail.com), or contact Carolyn Moss 352-746-6445 - [ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:bdborchert12@gmail.com)

### Singles Group:

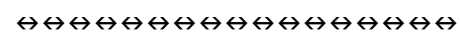
Meet other singles in Newcomers to attend activities, carpooling, game nights, lunches, movies & more. Contact Bonnie Groves 527-3577 or [jabongro@gmail.com](mailto:jabongro@gmail.com)

### Wizard Card Game:

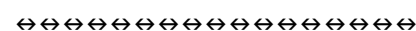
Meet at Citrus Hills Auditorium in the Activity Center. Last Monday of each month at 1:00 pm. Contact Julie DePinto at 726-7787 or [jdvango@yahoo.com](mailto:jdvango@yahoo.com)

### 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 [roughgarden@hotmail.com](mailto:roughgarden@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."



# Luncheon Meetings

We love our luncheons!

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

## Luncheon December 5, 2019

### ROYAL OAK

11220 SW 69th Cir, Ocala

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00**

#### Buffet

Garden Salad--- girls to serve

Chicken Romano

Roast Beef with a Cabernet Sauce

Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes Mashed

Orange Glazed Carrots

Rolls & Butter

Dessert - Cherry Cheese Cake---girls to serve

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."**

#### December's Program

The Ocala Civic Theater's Golden Troupers are going to entertain us at our December 5 meeting. They are a group of nine entertainers who volunteer their time to provide dancing, singing and comedy skits for the benefit of the Ocala Civic Theater's youth theater program. It should be a lot of fun for everyone.

**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 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

Make luncheon reservations by mailing your check to:

Anne Lundberg  
1766 West Foxglen Ct.  
Hernando, FL 34442  
or

Call Anne [513-3161](tel:513-3161)

for more information. She can also be contacted at [lunchar11@gmail.com](mailto: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 November:

**JoAnne Fetzer**

**Judy Herron**

**Lori Wood**

### 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.

**Wednesday, December 2: Painting Workshop** with Marlis Hartung: Enjoy relaxing with your friends painting a beautiful “Welcome” sign. **Cost is \$35** 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](mailto:highlandsartstudio@gmail.com).

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: Bok Towers:** Christmas at Bok Tower Gardens. This will be a bus trip. We will be touring the Pinewood Estate decked out for Christmas, and a 1 hr. concert of Christmas music on the Carillion Bells. Stroll the Gardens at your leisure. Lunch will be at the café on your own. Price is \$45. We will meet at the Inverness Walmart (near Wendy’s) at 7:45 am. For more information contact Pat Sherman 352-270-3115 or [rsherman320@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rsherman320@tampabay.rr.com). **This trip is full**

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Lunch Bunch: Katch 22:** “Chef Richard prepares every dish with care to ensure you enjoy the best dining experience possible”. If you have never eaten at this restaurant you are missing a treat. Please contact Pam DePew for additional information at [kerplunk498@msn.com](mailto:kerplunk498@msn.com).

**Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Dinner Bunch: Carrabba’s Italian Grill Ocala at 6:00 pm.** For a holiday treat, we are attending their Best of Beringer Wine Pairing Dinner. The cost is \$50 (and is payable to the restaurant that night). The menu includes Shrimp bruschetta paired with Holiday Sangria, garlic rosemary penne paired with Chardonnay, a 9 oz Tuscan marsala filet paired with a red blend and a chocolate bread pudding paired with Cabernet Sauvignon.

If you plan to attend (with or without a guest) please contact [shirenespicy@gmail.com](mailto:shirenespicy@gmail.com).

We expect this dinner to sell out so if you RSVP be certain to cancel asap if you cannot make it. More details can be found at [carrabas.com](http://carrabas.com)

**Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Appleton Museum: A Dickens Christmas:** **This trip is full but we are taking names for a waitlist.** This exhibit presents themed trees and other holiday décor from the collection of Ocala Cardiologist Paul Urban and his family. The first floor will feature decorated trees, miniature villages, nutcracker soldiers and other items collected by the Urban family. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will have trees decorated by community groups and businesses. We will then go to the Ivy house. Lunch is on your own from the full menu. For additional information contact Marcie Tuegel at [Marciejoy@outlook.com](mailto:Marciejoy@outlook.com).

**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](mailto: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. If you haven't experienced this, you 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](mailto: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](mailto:highlandsartstudio@gmail.com).

**Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 29 tickets so get your reservation in soon. Contact Sherry Wilson [slb215sherry@aol.com](mailto:slb215sherry@aol.com).



***Our correspondence secretaries Peg Fowler – 527-3892, email [pegfow@aol.com](mailto:pegfow@aol.com) or Cathy Schafer – 586-6875, email [catschafer@gmail.com](mailto: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



## Membership

The current up-to-date Membership Directory can be found on our website at [www.citrusnewcomers.org](http://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](mailto: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.

Bunny Benstock

Julia Fusco

Maryanna Curren Merchant

Gloria Shepard

June Wright

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