



March 2020

the **NEWSCOMER**

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB



◀ The President's Message ▶

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

Bonnie Buesching - Recording Secretary

I usually take the minutes at the Board Meetings and the Assistant Recording Secretary covers the luncheons.



I was born in Pittsburgh, PA and lived there until my dad was transferred to Longmeadow, MA (suburb of Springfield) when I was 11. I attended Denison University in Ohio and majored in biology. Grad School was at Indiana University where I met my wonderful husband, Bill, who was also in the microbiology department with me. We moved to Rochester, MN for Bill to do a post doc at Mayo Clinic and then back to Columbus, OH where we spent 34 years and raised 2 sweet daughters.

I worked at the Indiana Board of Health in Indianapolis running the enteric bacteriology dept. plus doing rabies exams. Then onto being a research assistant in a bacteriology lab at Mayo Clinic. I stayed home with my girls while they were young. When they grew up, I realized that the field of microbiology had bypassed me and my knowledge was no longer current. So, I worked retail a few years at Kohls then ended up as customer service manager for a small medical supply company.

When we both retired, we decided we were tired of shoveling snow! Plus, we figured the kids would visit us more in Florida than Ohio. So, we found Citrus Hills and built a house. A friend at the swimming pool suggested I join Newcomer's Club. I have met so many wonderful people and visited lots of new places while being involved in this group of ladies. We are definitely enjoying life in Florida!

Sharon Maxwell
susette0326@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups

10,000 Dice Game:

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm **Location: TBD**. 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 the **first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. This month is March 4th at Betty's new store, 2143 W. Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto (behind Paige's Root Beer) and free to members.** Contact Betty Sarachik at 336-255-5730 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, March 26** - Gulf Junction to Holder. 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

Bunco 2.0:

Constantly changing group, meeting 3rd Tuesday at 9:15 each month **Location: TBD**. Contact Betty Sarachik at newcomersbuncobetty@gmail.com

Bunco PM:

Bunco PM - We will be playing the second Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm. We play three rounds. Those interested will go out to dinner. 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. **March 16** – Chassahowitzka River Campground. 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.

Painting with Marlis Hartung:

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:

Location: TBD. 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

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Visit Gail Roughgarden

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."

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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 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

**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."**

March's Program – Bob Goethe, MD, and Bev
Goethe

Compassionate Care who will speak on uses of
medical marijuana, as well as information on
the use and reliability of CBD and hemp
products.

**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 APRIL 16, 2020

CITRUS HILLS

509 E. Hartford Street, Hernando, FL

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00

Hot--- Pot Roast, Glazed Carrots, Mashed Potatoes
Side Salad

Cold--- Tomato Bisque soup

Shredded Lettuce, Grilled Chicken, Toasted Almonds,
Shredded Carrots, Green Onion, and orange Balsamic
Dressing in a Flour Tortilla. Served with Potato Salad

Rolls & Butter

Dessert - Chocolate Mousse topped with whipped crème

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

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, 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.

Tuesday, March 31st: Kane's Cattle Co. 6:00 pm - Join the Dinner Bunch at the new Citrus County restaurant, Kane's Cattle Co., 508 N. Citrus Ave. Located in the historic district of Crystal River, this steakhouse uses all prime beef and their vision is to bring a culinary uniqueness to the area. Kane's transitions its casual lunch atmosphere into a casual fine dining experience by evening. Come along or bring a guest or spouse.

Contact Shirene Thomas at Shirenespicy@gmail.com by Friday 3/27. If you RSVP for more than yourself and your guest, please include (or cc) the email of who else you're responding for. They will be included in my email reminder. Note that RSVP's made and not cancelled by 3/27 may be subject to a \$10 charge.

Friday, 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 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 ruthb421@yahoo.com or call her at 352-270-8363 or 201-747-6634.

Welcome New Members

Welcome our newest member, **Kathleen Bergeron**.

Applications for the 2020-2021 membership year will be available in the April newsletter. You can print it off and bring it to the April luncheon. Our membership year starts on June 1.

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.

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