



December 2021

the **NEWSCOMER**



CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

Dear Members,

I recently read a book called "Talking to Strangers" by Malcolm Gladwell. It dealt with how we interact with each other and how it impacts our lives. Take diplomats, on both sides, who think they understand what they are hearing without allowances for the other country's customs and subtleties, and the fact that the conversation passes through two interpreters.

How does that relate to Newcomers? We've been greeting a lot of new members, new residents of the area, and I've been getting a lot of questions that we long-term members think everyone knows. So, I thought I'd address some of those questions. If they are unknown to one person, they must be mysteries to others, too.

First, our membership is open to women so our luncheons, which are our monthly membership meetings are limited to members (women) or guests who may attend two meetings before becoming members. Your spouses or male friends are welcome to attend our events with you so long as our members are accommodated first. If we have a limit on attendance, we'll keep males on a waiting list.

Our Lunch Bunch and Dinner Bunches are separate from our membership luncheons. Any member may sign up for those events. You don't have to join the group, just attend any of the lunch or dinner arrangements that you are interested in. We do require a \$10 deposit check when you sign up which is returned when you come to the event. This is to ensure that we don't leave any restaurant or waitstaff with disappointing attendance. Once you get to the event, your meal will be at your expense.

That said, please have Happy Holidays and welcome our new members:

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| Glenda Bivona | Stephanie Gombrelli | Liz McGuire | Elsie Price | Cindy Tino |
| Maria Davison | Patricia Hallberg | Nancy McLaughlin | Barbara Schaffer | Gail Towell |
| Jan Dawson | Chris Hogarth | Karen O'Brien | Michelle Seith | Judith Vang |
| Nancy DiRocco | Jean Larrivee-Statile | Ann Poirier | Michelle Talamini | Susan Wallace |
| Donna Dominic | Susan Levey | Joyce Power | Connie Tice | Ivy Zito |

Bonnie Groves
President
jabongro@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups

10,000 Dice Game:

Meets 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Location Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Contact Jan Minik jmweaver3@aol.com or 352-513-4189

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 on the 2nd Friday of the month. **December 10 - Barge Canal, Crystal River.** Open to member/non-member/ spouse. Contact Kathy O'Donoghue, 425-786-6012 kathyodhome@gmail.com

CCNC 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 Wednesday from 1:30 to 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 Carla Hunter at: 352-513-3172 or carla_hunter@hotmail.com

Bunco 2.0:

Constantly changing group, meeting 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 each month at Kellner Auditorium, 102 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills Contact Betty Sarachik at newcomersbuncobetty@gmail.com

Bunco PM:

We play three rounds on the second Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm in various member's homes. Contact Pam Depew at 249-7031 or kerplunk498@msn.com

Kayaking:

Our kayaking group explores local rivers and waterways with a guide during the club year. We usually paddle on the 3rd Monday of the month. Cost \$45. **December 20 - Hog Island Boat Ramp, Bushnell Rating: B/I** Contact Lina C Argote, linacpa@tampabay.rr.com

Mah Jongg or Pinochle Lessons:

Interested in learning to play Mah Jongg or Pinochle? 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. We will meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month. 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 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 theatre events & more. Contact Bonnie Groves 527-3577 or jabongro@gmail.com

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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."

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If anyone would like to start a special interest group, please contact Gail Roughgarden @ groughgarden@hotmail.com.

Luncheon Meetings

We love our luncheons!

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

Luncheon December 16, 2021

Citrus Hills Cost \$24 / Guest \$29

509 E. Hartford Street, Hernando, FL

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 Sign Up Deadline – 12/9/21

Soup and Salad Bar

Cream of Tomato Bisque
Mixed Greens, Tomato, Cucumber, Shredded Carrots,
Green Pepper, Bacon, Cheddar Cheese, Grilled Diced
Chicken, Egg Salad
Ranch, Italian and Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing

Dessert: Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce

Coffee, Tea and soft drinks

**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 – Al Chance

You won't want to miss our December holiday luncheon. Besides the festive atmosphere, we'll have entertainment by a local singer, Al Chance, whose style is reminiscent of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Prepare to sing along with Al as we celebrate the holidays together.

**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 20, 2022

Sugarmill Woods Cost \$20 / Guest \$25

1 Douglas St, Homosassa, FL

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 Sign Up Deadline – 1/13/22

Soup Cream of Broccoli for all

Hot Meal
Pork Loin with Sweet Potatoes and Green Beans

Cold
Club House Croissant Sandwich with Chips

Dessert: Hot Fudge Sundae

Coffee, Tea and soft drinks

REMINDER

**Checks must be made out for the current luncheon
only. A separate check must be prepared for
attendance at each luncheon. Checks will not be
accepted for multiple luncheons.**

Checks must be made payable to:

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB or CNC – The check must include the name of the person attending the luncheon. If paying for an additional member/guest, please provide their name on the memo line.

**Choice of meal should be written on the Check i.e.
Hot / Cold for all luncheons**

Members \$24 / Guest \$29 – December

Members \$20 / Guest \$25 – January

Mail your check to:

Cyndi Sheftel
1278 N Cherry Pop Dr
Hernando, FL. 34442
860-541-1795

For more information contact
Cyndisheftel@gmail.com

A reservation exists when your check has been received. Cancellations - May be made by the Thursday prior to the luncheon date. Your check will be returned to you or voided. If a cancellation is made after the deadline date you will forfeit your luncheon payment unless there is a waiting list and we are able to sell your reservation seat. For last minute cancellations please call Cyndi Sheftel at 860-541-1795. No-Shows will forfeit luncheon payments.

Looking ahead to December, specific needs of the Family Resource Center are:

1. Children's underwear
2. Blankets
3. Boy's & girl's sneakers – Sizes 6, 7, & 8
4. Girl's size 8 clothing - anything
5. Craft supplies (adult coloring books, colored pencils, small art sets)
6. Science kits
7. Stuffed animals
8. Bicycles (new or slightly used)
9. Men's sneakers – Sizes 6, 6 ½, & 7
10. Books authored by James Patterson

You are more than welcome to make a monetary donation to the Family Resource Center, too. If that is the route you choose to go, **please make your check payable to Citrus County Family Resource Center, Inc., write Citrus Newcomers on the memo line, and give it to Bunny Bucci at the December meeting or mail it to Family Resource Center 3660 N Carl G. Rose Hwy. Hernando, FL 34442.**

Another way you can offer support to the Family Resource Center is to help them wrap the gifts. If you'd like to be a part of this worthwhile task, just stop by any weekday during their regular hours of 9:30 am- 4:30 pm and they'll put you to work.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. These projects are ways that we, as members of the Citrus Newcomers Club, can share some of our many blessings with those in need to help make their holidays a little brighter.

Bunny Bucci
(352) 746-6389
bbucci456@gmail.com

Membership 2021-2022

Applications for the 2021-2022 membership year is available on our website.

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, Cathy Schafer at catschafer@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.

ACTIVITIES

You must pay by check, made out to CNC (Citrus Newcomers Club.) You do not have a reservation until your check is received. There will be a sign-up table at all luncheons and details of activities will be listed in the monthly newsletter, or sent out by e-blast, so you can sign up by mail. Members are accommodated before guests. No refunds if cancelling after the deadline date. Lunch and Dinner Bunch participants must deposit a \$10.00 check, refundable if they attend.

If carpooling - SHARE THE RIDE, SHARE THE COST

Wednesday, December 1, WALLACE'S AT THE GREENHOUSE, 4:30 PM

Join the **DINNER BUNCH** at Wallace's at the Greenhouse, 2420 South Suncoast Boulevard, Homosassa, FL 34448 - **4:30 PM – Waitlist Only**

Saturday, December 4, 2021, 7:30 PM - OCALA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE REILLY CENTER

Matthew Wardell, Music Director and Conductor

Back by popular demand, the OSO will bring Howard Blake's score to the animated short film, The Snowman, to life, live along with the film itself! You can expect sleigh rides and sing-alongs, and hopefully a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, too! **Cost: \$28.00 per person**

Checks made out to Citrus Newcomer's. Must be signed up by October 30. If want further information call Carolyn Moss 352-7745719867 or email ckmoss43@gmail.com.

Monday, December 6th - SEA GLASS CLASS - Classes are held in Homosassa and cost \$48.00. Opening for 6. For further information, contact Barbara Greco at bgreco519@gmail.com. **SOLD OUT**

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - A Dickens Christmas at the Appleton Museum - Revel in the holiday spirit with "A Dickens Christmas: The Urban Family Holiday Exhibition." This annual, beloved display adorns the first floor of the museum with themed trees and other holiday décor from the collection of Ocala cardiologist Dr. Paul Urban, his wife, Joyce, and daughters, Katie, Kristie, Kassie and Karlie. In addition to ornately decorated trees, the first floor will feature miniature villages, nutcracker soldiers, caroler dolls and more. **Admission: \$6.00 per person.** For further information contact MonaLisa Young at mly2puppies@yahoo.com

WE WILL MEET AT 10:00 AM AT INVERNESS WALMART PARKING LOT NEAR WENDY'S to car pool; the museum is approximately 1 hour away.

Lunch will be at the Mojo Grill, 4620 E. Silver Springs Blvd Ocala at 12:45 PM. This will give us 1hr 45 mins to tour the museum.

Thursday, December 9, 2021 – Lunch Bunch - Las Margaritas, 4414 SW College Rd, Ocala (Route 200) at 12:30 pm. The restaurant is inside the shopping center so you can do some Christmas shopping at the Home Goods, Chico's, Dillard's, etc. after the luncheon. Please contact Ruthie Merk at rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com to reserve your space. Many people believe this is the best Mexican restaurant in the area.

Thursday, January 5, 2022 - MARCELINA'S, 4:30 PM - Dinner Bunch - WAITLIST ONLY

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 10:00 AM – The Chronicle - SOLD OUT

Monday, January 10, 2022, 1:00 pm – THE POT SHOP in Inverness - Cost: \$45.00 - SOLD OUT

Thursday, January 13, 2022, 9:00 AM – The Chronicle - SOLD OUT

**Thursday, January 13, 2022 - Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, Hudson
RING OF FIRE - The Johnny Cash Show - 2PM – SOLD OUT**

RING OF FIRE will make you want to get up, dance, and take a trip down memory lane with the classics. Performed by five incredible actors, singers, and musicians who play 20 different instruments. This exciting musical features the songs “I Walk The Line,” “A Boy Named Sue,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” “Ring of Fire,” and more than two dozen classic hits. This portrait of The Man in Black is a foot-stompin’, crowd-pleasin’ salute to a unique musical legend, climaxing in a final concert that will both move and exhilarate. **Cost: \$60.00 per person.** Contact Barbara Greco at bgreco519@gmail.com

Monday, January 24, 2022 - 1:00 Learn to “throw” clay at The Pot Shop in Inverness. Class is designed to accommodate both beginners and seasoned “throwers”. Each student will create two lively art pieces. Remember you are playing with mud, dress accordingly.

Thursday, January 27, 2022 - Lunch Bunch 12:30 pm, at The Braised Onion, 754 SW 25th Ave., Ocala. We usually hit this restaurant when we visit any venue on the east side of Ocala. Again, contact Ruthie Merk at rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com in confirm your attendance.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 10:00 AM – SOLD OUT

Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 9:00 AM – STILL AVAILABLE

Join us for a tour of The Chronicle in Crystal River - John Murphy | Digital Manager & Regional Sales Manager will guide us on how The Chronicle is “put together”, from layout, editing, setting to printing of the daily newspaper. We will begin with a lecture and visit the floor of the actual printing. This should give you a first-hand viewing and fully understanding of all the work it is to put a newspaper together. **LIMITED TO TWELVE** members at a time. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED.** If you wish to participate in this worthwhile opportunity, contact MonaLisa Young at mly2puppies@yahoo.com or (504) 669-5220.

Monday, March 7th – 11:00 AM BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - Giraffe Ranch, 38650 Mickler Street, Dade City - Interact up close and personal with exotic animals and other endangered species. This is a self-drive activity.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

February- Winery tour and President’s Hall in CLERMONT

March - Capone’s in Orlando

April - Weekie Wachee

Bike It!! Hike It!! Schedule for the Year

Contact Kathy O'Donoghue, 425-786-6012 kathyodhome@gmail.com

Friday	December	10	Barge Canal, Crystal River
Friday	January	14	Fort Island Trail, Crystal River
Friday	February	11	Gulf junction to Holden
Friday	March	11	Inverness to Floral City
Friday	April	8	Barge Canal, Crystal River
Friday	May	13	Floral City to Istachatta CR 476
Friday	June	10	Tubing on Ichetucknee Springs

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

Questions or concerns should be address to Lina Argote, Mobile: 954-551-0123
linacpa@tampabay.rr.com.

3rd Monday		Planned Launch Sites	Rating
MON - Dec 20	9:00 AM	Hog Island Boat Ramp, Bushnell	B/I
MON - Jan 17	9:00 AM	Chassahowitzka River- Potters Creek	B/I
TUES - Feb 15	X 10:00 AM	Halls River at Greenhouse Bistro \$10 launch fee/ \$5 credit for Bistro lunch	I
MON - Mar 21	9:00 AM	Dunnellon Public Boat Ramp- 1 way to Goldendale Boat Ramp. Withlachochee Requires carpool at each end (4 miles)	I/C
MON - APR 18	9:00 AM	Turner Camp Ramp Withlachochee	B/I
MON - May 16	9:00 AM	Chassahowitzka- The Crack	I
MON - June 20	9:00 AM	Rainbow River. KP Hole to Head Springs	B
River Rating		B= Beginner I= Intermediate C= Challenging	

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