



January 2022

the **NEWSCOMER**



CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

Dear Members,

I've had many of the new members ask the best way to meet people. My answer is always, "Go on trips, and check out the Special Interest group activities." Basically, meet us in smaller groups. At December's Lunch Bunch, one of the attendees who has been with us awhile told me, "The more you get involved in helping plan things, the more you work to keep the group going, the more people you meet."

She's right, of course, and I should have realized that when I beg for volunteers. Working on the activities committee gets you acquainted with the area quickly and you get to know other members when they sign up for your activity. Remember, we won't overburden you but we'd be glad to have you.

Speaking of the Lunch Bunch, and I'll add the Dinner Bunch to that, the monthly lunches that Ruth Merk and Irene Magerman plan are great ways to meet others. There is usually a group of between 15-25 attending, and the people coming vary each month.

We've had such good participation at the different artistic workshops we've planned. Well, we have groups who meet regularly for beading, painting and glass classes. Marlis Hartung and Jan are talented and Jan Bauer has worked in the glass industry for years so she has such valuable information to share.

And, if you enjoy physical activity, try the kayak group or go with the Hiking/Biking group. Kathy O'Donahue and Lina Argote do the planning and you explore the area while enjoying the wonderful opportunities in the Nature Coast.

Finally, if you love to play games, we offer everything. If we don't offer your favorite, Gail Roughgarden will be glad to help you start a group of your own. We'll do the signups for you.

We always need help with selling Share the Wealth tickets, activities, the board, etc. But mostly, we need you to enjoy your membership and the area.

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

Carol Adair
Marilyn Felmer
Vicki Gibson

Sandy Stites
Sue Ward
Shirley Young

Bonnie Groves
President

jabongro@gmail.com

Luncheon Meetings

We love our luncheons!

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

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

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."

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED AT ANY LUNCHEON

January's Program

Annual Birthday Bash along with White Elephant Swap - Everyone Please Bring a wrapped gift and get a wrapped gift!

Luncheon February 17, 2022

ROYAL OAK

Cost \$20 / Guest \$25

11220 SW 69th Cir, Ocala

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 Sign Up Deadline – 2/10/22

Italian Wedding Soup for all

Hot Meal

Breaded Pork Chops with Scalloped Potatoes, Zucchini and Summer Squash & Tomato Medley

Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter

Cold Meal

Caesar Chicken Salad (Croutons & Caesar Dressing)

Dessert: Brownie with Ice Cream

Coffee, Ice Tea or Soda

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 \$20 / Guest \$25 – January & February

Mail your check to:

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

For more information contact Cyndiksheftel@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.

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

January Program Poem

At our age, we've accumulated much too much stuff,
Our homes are quite full – it's enough, enough!
Come January, we offer you a solution,
Instead of the same old trite resolution.

Make a promise to yourself instead,
to get rid of something under your bed.
Or maybe from your closet, or pantry, or drawer.
Surely you have something you don't want anymore.

It's perfectly fine, could be old, could be new,
just no longer useful or desired by you.
Maybe a trinket, a vase or a pot,
just an item you don't use a whole lot.

The gift you bring just might be a treasure,
that brings someone else an immense pleasure.
Wrap it up nice, all tied with a bow.
Bring it to our birthday celebration so...

During our first ever white elephant trade,
You'll pick out a birthday gift, and don't be afraid,
You might just get something perfectly great,
something that was meant for you by fate.

Now go search your home for a very nice gift
that will give another Newcomer a definite lift.
While you'll get rid of something you don't need,
our January luncheon will be lively, and fun indeed.

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

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 17, 2022, 1:00 pm – THE POT SHOP in Inverness - Cost: \$45.00 - SOLD OUT

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. **Still have 2 open spots. Cost: \$45.00**

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 to confirm your attendance.

Monday, February 7, 2022- Glass Fusing Class with Jan Bauer. Classes are limited to six artists and there will be two classes that day. Classes are at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. **There is only one opening left in the morning class.**

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 - Katch Twenty-Two, 5:00 PM - Join the DINNER BUNCH at Katch Twenty-Two, 2924 W Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto FL 34461
<https://www.katchtwentytwo.com/>

Chef Richard’s menu features locally sourced seafood, as well as some of his favorite and most raved about dishes from his extensive 20-year hospitality career. Katch Twenty-Two is closed on Tuesdays but will host the Newcomers for this special evening.

Come alone or bring a guest or spouse. All reservations must be accompanied by a \$10.00 check per person payable to CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB. Check will be returned to you at the restaurant. RSVPs made and not cancelled by Feb 13 will be subject to a \$10 charge per person. Contact Irene Magerman at 480 216-4800 or Irene.Magerman@gmail.com.

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.

Thursday, February 24, 2022 - Lunch Bunch returns to Ocala to enjoy a great meal at Sammy's in the Jasmine Plaza on Route 200. This little spot has the best pasta fagioli. Be sure to save room for dessert because zeppoles are a must.

Friday, February 25, 2022 - A DAY AT THE RACES at Tampa Downs - For a nominal fee of only **\$31.00**, you will be located in the club house and have a delicious buffet lunch. This event sells out fast, so please don't delay in contacting Carolyn. Don't miss out on this upcoming event. Carolyn Moss ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com

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. **Only two spots remain** on this popular adventure. For reservations, contact Barbara Greco at bgreco519@gmail.com. For only \$67.00 you enjoy a two hour safari

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

World Equestrian Center in Ocala with lunch at the Yellow Pony Weekie Wachee

A bus trip back in time to the Al Capone era.

Boat tour in Mount Dora

Winery tour in Claremont

Sunday, October 30, 2022 a ladies only cruise on board the Harmony of the Seas. When was the last time you ice skated? This is only one of the fun things to do on this magnificent ship.

Email sent with details.

Are you interested in learning about gun safety?

Do you have a gun in the house, but have never shot it?

Perhaps you are an experienced shooter who wants to brush up on safety regulations and practice your shooting?

Shooter's World in The Villages is the place to learn.

Citrus Newcomers will be offering a six hour course, INTRO TO GUN SAFETY, **in February**, if enough people are interested. Cost is \$100.00 per person. A date has not been confirmed at this point.

If you are interested in exploring the world of firearms, contact Barbara Greco @ bgreco519@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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