



February 2022

the NEWSCOMER



CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

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Dear Members,

I've been using the letters to address questions I've gotten from the members of the club, especially the new members. February is no exception. Several people have asked about activities and trips which appear in the newsletter already filled.

We nearly always have limits to the number of attendees to our trips and activities. Most limits are due to the capacity of the venue we are attending, not any arbitrary number we set. We have been announcing our activities in several ways: e-blasts, the newsletter, and at the luncheons. Signups have been available by e-mail response and at the luncheons. In the case of ongoing events like the Lunch and Dinner Bunches, often attendees will sign up for the next of those events at the last event.

Often the events mentioned in the newsletter have been announced through an e-blast so make sure you pay attention to those e-blasts. We use that communication avenue whenever we must get info to you quickly or we need your response quickly. If you don't get your reservation in when you read the info, others will.

When you sign up at the luncheons, you have the advantage of the organizer sitting right there at the activities table and can get answers to all your questions about the event. Also, remember that we always take names for a waiting list and we always have a cancellation or two. After all, life does get in the way of our plans. So, don't consider the event closed out, even if advertised as sold out. We really hope that you all take advantage of our activities. We try to offer a variety of opportunities to make you all happy.

I had great comments on the January meeting and I'm glad you had a great time.

Please join me in welcoming our new members:

Kelly Ingram

Donna Morrow

Lori Vaughn

Martha Zacharczyk

Keridak Silk

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 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

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

February's Program

Gloria Frank will be educating us on the History of Chocolate....Sin in a Bowl.

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 17, 2022

Sugarmill Woods Cost \$20 / Guest \$25

1 Douglas St, Homosassa, FL

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 Sign Up Deadline – 3/10/22

Hot Meal

Corned Beef and Cabbage with Carrots, Potatoes

Cold Meal

Summer Salad with Chicken in Shell

Dessert: Chocolate Cake with Bailey's Icing

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 – February & March

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.

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.

We'll be holding our annual fashion show during our April luncheon. We need 6-8 members who'd like to be models. If interested, please contact Linda Belanger at 860-518-1613 or Gloria Frank at 931-338-1770. **Deadline is March 1st**, so we can arrange for fittings.

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

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.**

Monday, February 7, 2022 - THE POT SHOP in Inverness - Cost: \$45.00 – 2 Openings

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

Friday, March 4, 2022, Skyview at Terra Vista, 5:00 PM - Join the **DINNER BUNCH** at Skyview, 2100 N. Terra Vista Blvd, Hernando FL 34442
<http://www.skyviewgolfandcountryclub.com/>

Skyview Restaurant offers unsurpassed culinary experiences in an atmosphere of casual elegance. We will select from a full dinner menu to satisfy every taste.

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 25** will be subject to a \$10 charge per person. Contact Irene Magerman at 480 216-4800 or Irene.Magerman@gmail.com.

Monday, March 7, 2022 – 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. For reservations, contact Barbara Greco at bgreco519@gmail.com. For only \$67.00 you enjoy a two hour safari. **SOLD OUT**

Wednesday, March 9th - Lunch bunch at **Millie Kylas Cafe in Brooksville** at 1:00 PM. After enjoying a delicious lunch in this unique tea room you can browse in the nearby shops.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - President's Hall of Fame in Clermont. After our guided tour, lunch will be on our own at THE CROOKED SPOON. After a delicious cooked from scratch lunch, the bus will take us to the Lakeside Winery for a bit of tasting. Cost per person is \$50.00 which includes the bus, entrance fees and driver's tip. Contact Chris Harvey @ chrisharvey70@gmail.com or call 352-228-9501 (cell). **SOLD OUT**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 - Sand Festival. Clearwater Beach. The bus will pick up the group at the Wendy's on Route 44 in Inverness (near the Walmart) at 10 AM and return at approximately 5:30 P.M. You will stroll through a 21,000 square foot tent filled with sand sculptures, which are truly pieces of art. There will be live music, sculpting classes and street performers. Cost for the bus, entrance fee and driver tip are only \$49.00. Contact Barbara Greco at bgreco519@gmail.com.

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.

April 26 - Tour in Mount Dora – Cost \$55.00 – Details to follow

Cruising Time:

Sunday October 30th to Sunday - November 6th on Royal Caribbean's HARMONY OF THE SEAS. The ports include: St. Kitts; St. Thomas; Coco Cay, Bahamas (private island); and 3 days of cruising. The ship leaves from/to Port Canaveral, roughly 2 hours from Citrus County. If we have enough people, we can get a van or bus. If not, driving and parking at the port are easy. **Friends who are not Newcomers members are cordially invited to join us.**

Adult daughters, too. *At this time, only vaccinated folks may travel on Royal Caribbean (RC).*

We will be booking the cruise with [Julie Boulanger-Taylor of Taylor Elite Travel](#). Her number is 754-732-1902. They have a group on this sailing and have cabins reserved in each category. Here are some sample per passenger cruise fares including taxes and port fees as of early November:

INSIDE CABIN - \$687.66 - OCEAN VIEW - \$1,029.66 - OCEAN BALCONY - \$1,159.32

I'm excited and booked! Please don't hesitate to call if you have questions. Ellen Saunders 352-527-6556

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

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

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| 3rd Monday TUES - Feb 15 | X 10:00 AM | Planned Launch Sites Halls River at Greenhouse Bistro \$10 launch fee/ \$5 credit for Bistro lunch | Rating I |
| MON - Mar 21 | 9:00 AM | Dunnellon Public Boat Ramp- 1 way to Goldendale Boat Ramp. Withlachooshee Requires carpool at each end (4 miles) | I/C |
| MON - APR 18 | 9:00 AM | Turner Camp Ramp Withlachooshee | 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 | |

PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

If you take pictures for the club, please post
on Facebook. No need to contact Janet Bauer



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