



March 2022

the **NEWSCOMER**



CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

Dear Members,

I had a call from a New England friend who is spending her first winter in Florida. She was quite concerned because she had no idea it would get so cold here. I'm sure many of our new residents are having the same reaction. Actually, I don't remember too many colder winters in the 25 years I've lived in the state.

It was so nice on Sunday that I decided it was probably time to trim all the frost-bitten plants. My four Tibouchina were about 7 feet tall and they had been badly frozen. Most of the leaves were on the ground by this time and the ones that still clung to the tree were dry and stiff. In I waded. It took a while to trim all the bushes, putting all the cuttings in the lawn waste bags. However, the problem started when I emerged from the bushes.

I was covered from head to toe in leaves and I didn't want to track them into the house. I tried to pull them out of my hair and clothes, but they clung fast. Those little buggers have hooks on them! So, I closed the garage doors, stripped my shirt and pants off inside out, and headed into the house to change. Then I took the leaf covered clothes outside and attempted to shake the leaves off. There was a little wind so a lot of the debris just came back and covered the clean clothes. Hours later, I was still picking leaves out of my hair.

The lesson from this little anecdote: Sometimes I feel like being President of the Newcomers has a correlation to trying to pick leaves off your clothes. Sometimes it isn't possible to pick the right method of solving a problem or arranging activities. There are always impacts you can't foresee. Just like life, right? So, you do your best and just keep going. I always try to find the humor in the situation. As I was doing my cleanup, I thought it was too bad it wasn't Halloween as I had a great costume...paint my face green and I was a possible bush!

Please join me in welcoming our new members:

Kathy Antoni
Mary Murphy

Edith Patterson
Becky Thurn

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 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

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

March's Program - Chair Yoga by Cathy

Loosen painful muscles - Reduce stress -
Improve circulation

Luncheon April 21, 2022

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

509 E. Hartford Street, Hernando, FL

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 Sign Up Deadline – 4/11/22

Cost TBD

Hot Meal
Tossed Salad with Ranch & Italian Dressing
Chicken Piccata with Chef's Blend Vegetable & Mashed Potatoes

Cold Meal
Cup of Minestone Soup
Grilled Chicken, Shredded Lettuce, Toasted Almonds, Shredded Carrots, Green Onion and an Orange Balsamic Dressing in a Flour Tortilla

Rolls & Butter

Dessert: German Chocolate Cake w/ whipped cream

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 – 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.

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

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

Tuesday, March 2 - World Equestrian Center in Ocala at 10:00 am. Join Pat West and Josie Henjes. They will be meeting everyone in the hotel lobby for a brief overview of the property. There is not a set agenda, you plan your own day. Maybe you want to tour the property or shop in the upscale stores; the choice is yours. For those individuals who prefer riding to walking, there are golf carts available for only \$20.00. Bring your camera.

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 – Come celebrate Ruthie Merk's birthday. Lunch bunch at **Millie Kylas Cafe in Brooksville** at 12:30 PM. After enjoying a delicious lunch in this unique tea room you can browse in the nearby shops. If you would like to join in the celebration, contact RMerk8@tampabay.rr.com

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - President's Hall of Fame in Clermont. Meet the Lamers Bus at 9:00 A.M. in the Inverness Walmart Parking Lot, which is behind Wendy's at 2461 E. Gulf to Lake Hwy. After our guided tour, lunch **(\$18.00)** 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. There is a wait List. Contact Chris Harvey @ chrisharvey70@gmail.com or call 352-228-9501 (cell). **SOLD OUT**

Monday, March 28, 2022 - Plantation on Crystal River, 5:00 PM - 9301 W Fort Island Trail, Crystal River 34429. Join the **DINNER BUNCH**. Cocktails at 4:30 pm, Dinner at 5:00 pm. 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 March 25th will be subject to a \$10 charge per person. Contact Irene Magerman at 480 216-4800 or Irene.Magerman@gmail.com.

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.

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. **SOLD OUT**

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – 9:00 am - Mount Dora - Pat Sherman will be hosting a spectacular two-hour boat ride with plenty of time for shopping and lunch on your own. Bus will leave the Walmart in Inverness. Cost for this exciting trip is **\$55.00** which includes bus, boat ride and driver's tip. Please contact Pat Sherman rsherman320@tampabay.rr.com

Thursday, April 28, 2022 - Lunch Bunch will be headed to Peck's Old Port Cove in Crystal River. If you are a fan of blue crabs, this is the place to go.

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 12:00 pm, a group of enthusiastic ladies will be gathering at **PAINT THE TOWN in the Crystal River Mall**. The goal is to create a 16 x 20 masterpiece which will be suitable for hanging above your fireplace (in reality, probably behind a closet or bathroom). No experience necessary, actually, no talent either. This four-hour experience is geared to both the casual painter and those who never picked up a paint brush. The instructor will lead

us every moment of the process. Space is limited. **Cost is only \$25.00** for those who admit to being a senior citizen and **\$30.00 for the younger members of our group**. Contact bgreco519@gmail.com

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Weekie Wachee

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

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

SKYDIVING - The information you have been waiting for is here!!!. Admit it, you checked your inbox hourly waiting to hear from me about skydiving.

We will be doing a tandem jump at SKYDIVE CITY in Zephyrhills on May 20th at 12:00 pm. **Cost** for this once in a lifetime experience is **\$209.00**. If we sign up five individuals, the cost is reduced by \$15.00 and when we reach ten brave and daring people it will be only \$189.00.

Now is the time to commit (email Barbara at bgreco519@gmail.com) and secure your spot. You know you really want to do this...be brave and write that check. Simply send your check to Barbara Greco at 519 West Olympia Street in Hernando 34442. Make the \$209.00 check payable to Citrus Newcomers. Adjustments will be made once we have the final count.

I keep looking at the word commit and wonder if my daughter will have me committed when I tell her I am jumping again. Darn, I knew I should not have signed all those papers.
Barbara

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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