



April 2022

the **NEWSCOMER**



CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

Dear Members,

At March's luncheon, the slate of officers for the 2022-2023 year was presented. You may not be aware of the math, but all the Newcomers Club work is done by about 35 members, or, just over 10% of our 310 members. We had four new volunteers come forward at that meeting and we are so glad to welcome them. My problem is this, please treat our volunteers with respect and understanding. They give up their own time to make the club fun and interesting. If you have a concern or question, please be civil or volunteer to help. Our volunteers are people who deal with the same problems as you.

Throughout this past year, several board members have lost parents and dealt with the grief and the estate concerns. Several have had surgeries, traveled back and forth to Moffit for treatments or cared for husbands with severe health problems without a complaint and with barely a mention of what they were experiencing. So, if you have had a problem, contacted one of the board members for resolution and did not receive an immediate response, please don't be disrespectful when you address them. Perhaps, you could ask if there is any way you could help. Remember the old adage about not judging a man until you have walked in their shoes.

The other thing that came up at the March meeting was asking why their check hadn't been cashed, yet. Checks are not turned over to the Treasurer for deposit until an event is over and all paperwork for reimbursement is also turned over to the Treasurer. Trust me, the organizer of your event wants her reimbursement from the club as she has paid the venue ahead of time. Because just a small group of members work on the Activity Committee, most of them are arranging more than one trip at a time. If they are moving right on to a different event, they may wait to hand all the paperwork in at the same time. And, of course, the Treasurer often waits to do all the banking at one time because she has other things to do, too. No one is deliberately trying to make your life difficult.

Remember, if you don't like the way it's being done, we'd love to have you help. Well, that's my lecture for today!

On a more friendly note, please join me in welcoming our new members:

Mary Burgess
Brenda Clark
Joyce Cook
Patty Dougherty
Gerda La Grasse

Denise Larnar
Marian Marek
Mary Ocasio
Jules Paiva
Lori Priselac

Shirley Wall

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 Walk It

Events will be on the 2nd Friday of the month **April 8 – Barge Canal, Crystal River**. Open to member/non-member/spouse. Please contact Michele Seith at 301-335-0866 or seithmic3@yahoo.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 once a week on Weds. at 1:30 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 am 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. **April 18 - Turner Camp Ramp Withlachoochee: B/I**. Contact Lina 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

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 group. We will meet on the 2nd & last Monday of the month in Pam Depew's home. Contact Pam Depew 249-7031 or kerplunk498@msn.com for more information.

Murder & Munchies:

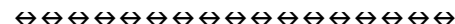
This mystery book group meets the second Friday of most months at 1:00 pm in member homes. Contact Carolyn Moss, 352-746-6445 ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com. The group is at capacity and not accepting new members at present.

Simple Suppers

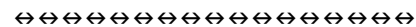
Meet in members' homes and share a meal in groups of 6 or 8. Contact Barbara Borchert @ 816-668-7306 or bdborchert12@gmail.com

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



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."



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.

Please, no denim and you may want to bring a sweater. No outside food or beverages are allowed.

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 \$23 / \$28

Hot Meal

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

Cold Meal

Cup of Minestrone 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

GLUTEN FREE AND VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Luncheon May 19, 2022

Royal Oaks Golf Club

11220 SW 69th Cir, Ocala

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 Sign Up Deadline – 5/12/22

Cost \$22 / \$27

Homemade soup for all

Salad Bar

Assorted Greens, Chicken Breast, Sliced Ham, Turkey, Cheeses, Feta, Olives, Tomato, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Assorted Dressings and an additional Homemade salad

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

Coffee & beverages

Take Home Bags will not be allowed at this Buffet Luncheon. "Take what you can eat, eat what you take."

PAYMENT 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. Also, please designate your choice of cold or hot food, as well as any special dietary requirements.

April - Members \$23 / Guest \$28

May – Members \$22, Guests \$27

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.

April's Program – Fashion Show

Join us for our annual fashion show. This year with a twist...it's our **PURELY PERFECTLY PEARLY PARTY!!!!** Come decked out in your favorite pearls while you enjoy the latest styles from Chico's Outlet in Ocala. Feel free to invite a guest.

May's Program – To Bee or Not To Bee

If you love honey, you won't want to miss our May luncheon. Not only is it the last luncheon until September, but our speaker will be **Leo Bush** from Homosassa-based **Bush Boys Honey**. Leo will educate us on his bees and the honey they produce. Trust us, it's fascinating!

Membership 2022-2023

Our membership form for the 2022-2023 membership year is available on our website at www.citrusnewcomers.org under the "Join" tab. Also, you can view the up-to-date Membership Directory 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 Membership VP Cathy Schafer at catschafer@gmail.com. In addition to viewing the Membership Directory on our website, a printable PDF of our directory is emailed to members once a month. **IMPORTANT: Please share the Password with current Club Members only. Our directory is not be used for other organizations, businesses, or solicitation purposes.**

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, 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. **SOLD OUT**

Wednesday, April 27, SEAGRASS WATERFRONT CANTINA, 4:30 PM. Join the DINNER BUNCH at **SEAGRASS**, 10386 W Halls River Road, Homosassa FL 34448. We will be seated in the outdoor screened area providing us with a river view. The restaurant is asking us for a dinner selection in advance to make serving our large group more efficient.

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, or I can hold it toward a later dinner event. RSVPs made and not cancelled by April 24 will be subject to a \$10 charge per person. Contact Irene Magerman at 480 216-4800 or Irene.Magerman@gmail.com.

Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 12:30 - 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. Contact Ruthie Merk Rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com.

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

Thursday, May 12, 2022. Last bus trip until the fall. Flappers, Zoot Suits and bathtub gin were the norm during prohibition and alive today in **Al Capone's Speakeasy**. **Cost of \$70.00** which includes bus, lunch, show, beverages and partial gratuity. Contact Barbara Greco at bgreco519@yahoo.com.

Friday, May 20, 2022 – SKYDIVING - 12:00. We will be doing a tandem jump at **SKYDIVE CITY** at noon. **Cost is \$209.00 per person**. Contact Barbara Greco at bgreco519@gmail.com.

Thursday, MAY 26, 2022 -12:30. Lunch Bunch Is headed to **Fish Tales** on the Suncoast in Homosassa. Rumor around town is the Lobster Rolls match anything you can find in Maine. For reservations contact Ruthie Merk at rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com

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).**

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

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

3rd Monday MON - APR 18	9:00 AM	Planned Launch Sites Turner Camp Ramp Withlachooshee	Rating 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	

Here are your nominated officers and appointed positions (by acclamation)

For 2022 – 2023

<u>NOMINATED OFFICERS</u>		<u>APPOINTED POSITIONS</u>	
President:	Bonnie Groves	Media Coordinator – Facebook/Website/ Drop Box:	Cathy Uvanni
VP:	Regina Keadle	Publicity & Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce:	Chris Lyman
Treasurer:	Olga Heineman	Hospitality:	MonaLisa Young
Asst. Treasurer:	Joan Cellana	Special Interest:	Lori Priselac Marcie Schunema
Recording Secretary:	Karen Goodall	Photographer/Historian:	Jan Bauer
Asst. Recording Secretary:	Sharon Reiber	Newsletter:	Barbara Hamerling
Parliamentarian:	Susan Hnat		
VP Membership:	Cathy Schafer		
Asst. Membership:	Marie Klun		
VP of Luncheons:	Cyndi Sheftel		
Asst. Luncheons:	Bunny Bucci		
VP Programs:	Linda Belanger		
Asst. Programs:	Gloria Frank		
VP Activities:	Barbara Greco		
Asst. Activities:	Nancy Harney		
Corr. Secretary:	Jackie Moore		
Asst. Corr. Secretary	Peg Fowler		

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