



**October 2022**

*the* **NEWSCOMER**



**CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

Well, we've all survived the first meeting of the year. I've heard lots of great feedback regarding both the venue, Central Florida College, and the caterer. Those of us on the board also want you to know that the building's staff was wonderful and the media equipment worked. Lori Priselac put together a good selection of photos which ran on four screens while we entered and ate.

This was a hard meeting for the board as our Assistant Membership VP, Marie Klun, had died in her sleep, very unexpectedly, just one week before. I want to thank the other board members who stepped in to fill Marie's shoes. I also want to thank one of our new members, Lorie Miller, who volunteered to step into that job.

More volunteers were necessary to fill roles in welcoming all 35 of our new member attendees. Carolyn Moss did a great job of coordinating all of that, although many board members helped with recruiting volunteers for that project. You couldn't come near us without being asked to help. I told some of you that people run when they see me coming because they're sure I'm recruiting them for some job or the other.

Once again, we have had some problems at the Activities table with people wanting special treatment. Sorry, no can do! We want every one of you to enjoy your experiences with us and that requires equal treatment of each and every one of you. **Please don't abuse our volunteers.** They give freely of their time to organize the activities you enjoy and there are too few who are willing to do that.

Finally, please join me in welcoming our new members:

**Mary Alcott  
Joanne Beck  
Dawn Buckingham  
Wendy Cochran  
Kathy Davis  
Eileen Gross**

**Nancy Haley  
Patricia Kalavsky  
Flo Johnson  
Margaret May  
Linda Rosenthal  
Debbie Watkins**

**Charlene Wood**

Bonnie Groves  
President  
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# 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.

## October Luncheon Thursday, October 20, 2022

### Kellner Auditorium

102 Civic Circle  
Beverly Hills, FL 34465

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00** **Sign Up Deadline – 10/13/22**  
**By 4 PM**  
**Cost \$25 / \$30**

### Buffet

Rolls w/ Butter

Salad – Caesar Salad

Lemon Pepper Chicken, Top Round of Beef  
Broccoli & Cheese Casserole, Corn Soufflé, Rice Pilaf

Dessert: Chocolate Cake w/ Icing

Beverage Bar – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

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

## November Luncheon Thursday, November 17, 2022

### College of Central Florida

Charles S. Dean, Sr. Educational Center  
3800 S. Lecanto Highway  
Lecanto, FL 34461-9026

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00** **Sign Up Deadline – 11/10/22**  
**By 4 PM**  
**Cost \$25 / \$30**

### Buffet

Butternut Soup

Harvest Salad – Baby Green, Nuts, Cranberries, Apples,  
Sliced Grilled Chicken, Cider & Honey Vinaigrette,

Slice Applewood Pork Loin & Gravy, Roasted Red  
Potatoes w/Parsley & Butter, Whole Green Beans, Sliced  
Apple

Dessert: Fruit Cobbler

Beverage Bar – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

## PAYMENT REMINDER

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.

**October – Members \$25, Guests \$30**  
**November – Members \$25, Guests \$30**

Mail your check to:

Joanie Cellana  
2141 N. Heritage Oaks Path  
Hernando, FL. 34442  
727-804-7830

For more information contact  
[icellana@msn.com](mailto:icellana@msn.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 **Joan Cellana at 727-804-7830. Please do not send a friend in your place. Your meal is not transferrable.** No-Shows will forfeit luncheon payments and meals. **Walk-ins are not allowed. We cannot guarantee you a seat.**

## October luncheon

Melissa Bowmaster from **Jessie's Place**, a children's advocacy center in Citrus County, will speak to us about the important investigative and support services the center provides on behalf of abused children in our area.

This month's Luncheon your **Newcomers Club** will be **collecting canned goods and dry goods** to donate to the local food pantry CUB (Citrus United Basket), Inverness, FL. Our food drive will help hungry families in our community.

Did you know that in 2008, more than 4.5 million children benefited from food pantry services in the United States? Community food drives, like ours, help make sure those children and their families can get emergency food assistance when they need it.

Please give what you can. One grocery bag of food can provide as many as 11 meals. Every single donation helps, and together we hope our combined donations will make a real difference for those in need. The food pantry is asking for nutritious canned and dry goods. Here are some suggestions:

**Peanut Butter**  
**Grape Jelly**  
**Multigrain and low-sugar cereals**  
**Tuna Helper**  
**Canned Tuna**  
**Spaghetti Sauce**  
**1LB White Rice**  
**Pasta & egg noodles**

**Canned Vegetables**  
**Dried Beans**  
**Fruit canned in its own juices**  
**Applesauce**  
**Canned soup**  
**Beef Stew**  
**Canned Chicken**  
**Granola bars**

Donations will be collected at our October Luncheon. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to CUB of Inverness. Write Citrus Newcomers on the memo line. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Cyndi Sheftel or Bunny Bucci. 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.

Thank you for your Help!

## November Luncheon

You won't want to miss our November luncheon. Did you know our beloved Sunshine State is home to numerous scary legends and mysterious creatures? Join us as the authors of **Eerie Florida**, Mark Muncy and Kari Schultz, uncover the history behind the state's creepiest stories and unusual locations.

This year we'll be holding our **annual toy drive** during the November luncheon. Unfortunately, we have many needy children - and teenagers - in Citrus County, and the **Family Resource Center** is always thankful for our generosity. In addition to toys, clothes, shoes, and toiletries are also needed.

Your Program team is currently in the process of booking speakers/entertainers for next year, from September through May. If you have suggestions or topics you'd like to learn about, please send them to Linda Belanger at [lindab-jewels@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindab-jewels@sbcglobal.net). We can't promise all of them will happen, since we only have 9 luncheons and lots of good ideas, but we will consider them all!

### **Wanted: Talented Newcomers!**

For our March luncheon, we're planning a talent show. If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, write poetry, do stand-up comedy, or whatever artistic gift you may possess, we want you!

Please contact me if you'd like to take part in the show. Let me know what talent you'll be sharing with our members, so we can be sure to have some variety.

Don't be shy.....it'll be fun!! As someone with no artistic gift whatsoever, I can assure you that I - and the rest of us - will be in awe of your abilities.

Please email me at [lindab-jewels@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lindab-jewels@sbcglobal.net)

### **Membership 2022-2023**

Our membership form for the 2022-2023 membership year is available on our website at [www.citrusnewcomers.org](http://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](mailto: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**

**Thursday, October 6, 2022 – Show Evita -. SOLD OUT**

**Monday, October 10, 2022 - SINGING RIVER PONTOON - 1:00 pm – 4 spots available**

Join us for a hour and forty minute pontoon ride on the Rainbow River. During the journey, our guide will explain the ecosystem of the river and take us to the site where the river empties into the Withlacoochee River. See this amazing phenomenal and rare site. Witness the sighting of the amazing wildlife and serene setting of our local rivers. Learn the cycle of water from rain to river, the aquifer and how toxins enter our drinking water. The journey ends with our guide singing local folklore. Two tours will be offered, with optional lunch at the Blue Gator. Spouses are welcome. **Cost: \$24.00** and covers excursion and tip. Event coordinator is MonaLisa Young – **11:00 am SOLD OUT**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022 - BEGINNER KUMIHIMO BRAIDING** - 10:00 am - 111 West Main St, Inverness - TRY SOMETHING NEW - This class is for learning the basic round cord. You will learn how to prepare the braiding disk and bobbins, you will learn the steps for braiding the cord and work until the completion of a 24 inch cord. You will learn more to take the finished cord off the disk and secure the ends with a magnetic closure.

**Cost \$40.00** per person- includes your braiding disk and Bobbins, 16 yards of braiding cord and a magnetic closure.

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – Dinner Bunch – 5:00 pm - BLACKWATER GRILL**, 6301 Riverside Dr, Yankeetown - 40 minutes from Citrus Hills

**Thursday, October 27, 2022 - Lunch Bunch - Sammy's** - The best Italian Restaurant ever.. A taste of Brooklyn in Ocala. It's in Jasmine Square. Remember the fun we had last year and surprise dessert. Contact Ruthie Merk.

**Saturday, November 5, 2022 – Scavenger Hunt, Cost: \$18.00 – 4 spots available**

A rare Saturday adventure discovering how the citizens of Citrus County honor their deceased loved ones. Form a team of two to six individuals to find specific information on the gravestones throughout the unique cemeteries of Citrus County.

The kickoff will be in the Walmart parking lot on Route 44 in Inverness at 10:00 am. Directions to each graveyard will be provided along with the list of deceased individuals that will answer each and every question. You will be amazed what you will learn about citizens of central Florida.

Everyone will meet back at the home of Barbara Greco at 519 West Olympia Street at 4:00 pm to check the results and enjoy a catered meal. Prizes will be awarded for the team with the most correct answers.

Contact Carolynn Moss [ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com) or Barbara Greco [bgreco519@gmail.com](mailto:bgreco519@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, November 9, 2022** - Your Activity Host, Nancy Harney - We are going holiday **shopping at the Tampa Outlets and the Shoppes at Wesley Chapel. Cost \$30.00** which includes bus and driver's gratuities. This trip will leave the Inverness Walmart Parking Lot at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Greco ([bgreco519@gmail.com](mailto:bgreco519@gmail.com)), then mail a check made payable to: Citrus Newcomers Club to Barbara Greco 519 West Olympia Street, Hernando, FL 34442. **SOLD OUT**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:30 - Straight No Chaser** is a very popular professional American male acapella group who dance and sing popular music without the use of any instruments. They are kicking off Their 25th Anniversary Celebration tour and will be performing in Orlando at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on. Shows typically last about 90 minutes. They will have you laughing, singing and dancing. Tickets are selling fast! **Cost: \$87 for tickets, taxes, fees and bus transportation.** You won't regret it! **SOLD OUT**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - Tea at Sweeties's in Dunelleon** – Cost: \$30.00 - tickets will be on sale at the October luncheon

SAVE THE DATES - details to follow

January 20th - bus trip to Museum Row - St. Petersburg

February 24th - Tampa Bay Downs

## 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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