



November 2022

the **NEWSCOMER**



CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

The fall is here and we displaced Northerner's all broke out our sweaters and are enjoying the cooler weather. Don't get too used to it because you'll soon find that the whole winter will be a yoyo of a weather pattern. Enjoy the cool dry weather whenever you get it.

I hope you all enjoyed the October meeting. At least once a year, we try to introduce our membership to a non-profit in the county. Ben Kampschoer was at the meeting representing Jesse's Place, a group who works with children who have suffered from abuse. When we have a non-profit in, we usually pass a basket for donations and Jesse's Place has received \$547 from all of you.

In addition, this was the month we collect food for CUB (Community United Basket). Kathy Lemons was at the meeting to collect our donations for the relief of those in temporary need and reported a large uptick in requests for aid in the county. Kathy weighed the donations and called to let me know that we collected 863 lbs. For the CUB. She suggested that we ask everyone to make a guess as to the weight and award a prize. We decided to do that and, after going through all those entries, **Susan Buldinger has won a free lunch with a guess of 850 lbs.**

I want to thank you personally for your generosity and remind you that there are plenty of volunteer opportunities available at CUB, especially if you have some minimal computer skills or would like to help out in other ways. This would free up the permanent staff for other duties and it's a great way to get involved in the community.

Finally, to Regina, the real one, not the witch doll: we all missed your smiling face and your wonderful presence and hope that you recover quickly. We missed you!

Finally, please join me in welcoming our new members:

**Deanna Ciuffo
Tina Farrington
Arleen Howell
Pamela Kunkel
Valerie Lloyd**

**Chris Patullo
Martha Ann Reaper
Wendy Reinsel
Sandy Sharp
Rosanne Wenz**

Bonnie Groves
President
jabongro@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups

10,000 Dice Game:

We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. at the Good Sheperd Lutheran Church. \$5.00 Per Person
Contact Jan Minik – SIG Guide
jmweaver3@aol.com or
352-513-4189

Beading & Jewelry:

Our goal is to have fun and create beautiful beaded jewelry. Join us the first Thursday or Friday of the month. Contact Janet Bauer - SIG Guide
Janetebauer@gmail.com or
352-249-7543

Bike It or Walk It

Our events will be on the second Friday of the month. Open to members and non-member spouses. Contact Michelle Seith - SIG Guide Seithmic3@yahoo.com or
301-335 0866

CCNC Book Club:

The book club meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Lakes Regional Library at 1:30 in Inverness. Contact Judy Herron – SIG Guide at
352-860-0232

Hand & Foot Cards (New)

Easier version of Canasta. We meet once a month on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in homes. The group is informal and fun. Contact Carla Hunter - SIG Guide
Carla_hunter@hotmail.com or
352-513-3172

Jewelry Design (New)

Learn design lay-out and color combos, remake jewelry, and learn how to do basic jewelry repairs. Limited Class size. Contact Barbara McKinnon – SIG Guide at
nailtech91@gmail.com or
602-463-3368

Bunco 2.0:

Meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 10:00-12:00 at Central Citrus Community Center. Contact Carolyn Robertson - SIG Guide at cncbunco@gmail.com or
352-249-6215

Bunco Afternoon

Easy to learn Dice game. We play three rounds on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm in various homes. Contact Pam Depew at
Kerplunk498@msn.com or
352-249-7031

Kayaking:

Our kayaking group explores local rivers and waterways with a guide during the club year. We paddle on the 3rd Monday of the month. Cost is \$50.00 dollars per trip, and we provide the kayak. If you have your own kayak the fee is \$20.00 per trip. Contact Lina Argote -SIG Guide at
Linacpa@tampabay.rr.com or
954-551-0123

Mahjong Players

We meet on the 2nd and last Monday of the month in Pam Depew's Citrus Hills home. Contact Pam Depew - SIG Guide at Kerplunk498@msn.com or
352-249-7031

For lesson contact Chris Harvey at
chrisharvey70@gmail.com

Murders & Munchies Book Club

We meet the second Friday of the month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in member's homes. Contact Carolyn Moss - SIG Guide at
ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com or
352-746-6445

Wine and Dine Book Club (New)

This group will meet on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 in member's homes. We will choose books together and prepare simple meals to go with the theme of the book. The goal is to discuss what we've read, whether you liked the book or not. But mostly to enjoy each other's company over food. Contact Michelle Seith -SIG Guide
Seithmic3@yahoo.com or
301-335-0866

Simple Suppers

We share a meal in member's homes. The host provides the main dish and guests bring the sides. An evening of food and fun! In groups of 4, rotating monthly. Contact Cyndi Sheftel -SIG Guide.
Cyndiksheftel@gmail.com or
860-316-5481

Singles Group:

Meet Newcomers to attend activities, game nights, lunches and more. Contact Bonnie Groves – SIG Guide at Jabongro@gmail.com or
352-527-3577

Gardening Club (New)

We provide information on flowers, plants, vegetables, and the resources to help you make them stay healthy and look beautiful. We will meet at Lori's Citrus Hills home or take trips to specified spots. Contact Lori Priselac - SIG Guide at or
LWP7438@gmail.com or
352-586-2828

Fashionistas (New)

Having fun with fashion. A playful group of creative women who express their own unique look through fashion and the latest trends. Outings, design, fashion shows and more. Meetings are monthly. Contact Stephanie Gombrelli at or
sg@FloridaDetoxspa.com or
352-613-6111

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Become a SIG Guide, suggest a group or ask how you can get involved.

Text, email or call us.

We want what you want!

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.

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

Turkey with Gravy & Cranberry Sauce
Carved Ham
Sweet Potato Casserole
Cornbread Stuffing
Yellow Squash & Zucchini Casserole

Rolls & Butter

Dessert - Chocolate Parfait w/Cookie, Whipped Cream & Cherry

Beverage Bar: Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

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

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.**

December Luncheon Thursday, December 15, 2022

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

Hampton Room
505 E Hartford St, Hernando, FL 34442

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 **Sign Up Deadline – 12/8/22**
By 4 PM
Cost \$25 / \$30

Buffet

Hot Meal –

Tossed Garden Salad, Vegetable Medley, Rice Pilaf,
Baked Haddock with Buttered Cracker Crumbs or

Baked Stuffed Chicken Boneless Breast Chicken
Stuffed w/ Traditional Stuffing & Topped w/ Chicken Gravy

Cold Meal -

Cup of Soup -Tomato Bisque
Chicken Salad Wrap Served in a Croissant, Potato Salad

Rolls and Butter

Dessert: Strawberry Cloud Cake

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.

November – Members \$25, Guests \$30
December – 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

November Luncheon

Our beloved state of Florida is home to many scary legends and mysterious creatures. Join us in November as Mark Muncy and Kari Schultz, authors of *Eerie Florida*, share some creepy tales and fascinating history from all over Florida.

Don't forget, we're holding our annual toy drive in November this year. Our support for the Family Resource Center makes a huge difference to their clients. Giving means that needy children - and teenagers - in Citrus County will enjoy a good Christmas, something they might not otherwise have. Please be as generous as you can, especially this year, when so many are struggling. In addition to toys, clothing, shoes and toiletries are also needed and appreciated.

It is the time of year that we begin to collect toys, clothing and gifts to distribute to the children in the **Citrus County Family Resource Center**, Inverness, FL.

Virtually all children are looking forward to Christmas, although some won't find toys or gifts under the tree on Christmas morning. Families who are struggling to keep the electric turned on, or to have enough food so that the children aren't going to bed hungry, can seldom buy toys or other presents.

Every single donation helps, and together we hope our combined donations will make a real difference for those in need. The Family Resources is asking for toys, toiletries and personal items. Please give what you can. Here are some suggestions:

Art Supplies

Teenage Boys Toiletries – Cologne

Children's Underwear

Boy's & Girl's Sneakers – Sizes 6, 7, & 8

Bicycles (new or slightly used)

LED Room/Curtain Fairy Lights

Craft Supplies (adult coloring books, colored pencils, small art sets)

Roll of Gift Wrap & Clear Tape

Teenage Girls Bath Set

Toys for 3 and under

Blankets

Girl's size 8 Clothing – anything

Men's Sneakers – Sizes 6, 6 ½, & 7

You are more than welcome to make a monetary donation to the Family Resource Center, too. If that is the route you choose to take, **please make your check payable to Citrus County Family Resource Center, Inc., write Citrus Newcomers on the memo line, and bring it to the November meeting or mail it to Family Resource Center 3660 N Carl G. Rose Hwy. Hernando, FL 34442.**

Gifts and/or checks can be brought to our next luncheon on Thursday November 17, 2022 located at the College of Central Florida Charles Dean Bldg., 3800 S. Lecanto Highway. Lecanto, FL. 34461

Another way you can offer support to the Family Resource Center is to help them wrap the gifts. If you'd like to be a part of this worthwhile task, just stop by any weekday during their regular hours of 9:30 - 4:30 and they'll put you to work.

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. Your donation will make a child extremely happy this year.

December Luncheon

Celebrate everyone's favorite season with us in December. Wear your best holiday outfit. We'll make merry with holiday music, a sing-along, and a fun game. Bring a wrapped ornament or holiday item (around \$5.00 or so) for swapping (sorry, no corn for popping).

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

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

ACTIVITY	DATE	CONTACT	COST	COMMENTS
Dinner Bunch- Waterfront Social	Wednesday, November 2	Irene Magerman 480-216-4800	\$10.00 deposit	
Scavenger Hunt	Saturday, November 5	Carolyn Moss ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com Barbara Greco bag519@gmail.com	\$18.00 pp	2 openings \$10.00 Meeting place has changed from Walmart to Beverly Hills
Shopping	Wednesday, November 9	Nancy Harney bernieh833@gmail.com	\$30.00	4 spots available

Straight/No Chaser	Wednesday, November 16	Denise Lerner	\$87.00	Sold out Concert at the Dr. Philips Center for Performing Arts in Orlando
High Tea	Wednesday, December 7	Pat Sherman 352-270-3115	\$30.00 including gratuities	Sweeties Cafe at Grumbles House in Dunnellon
Lunch Bunch - Las Margarita	Thursday, December 8 12:30 pm	Ruthie Merk rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com	\$10.00 deposit - which is returned at lunch	Lunch and last minute holiday shopping in Ocala
Basket Weaving	Wednesday, January 11, 2023	Barbara Greco bgreco519@gmail.com	\$50.00 class and materials	Class will be held in Dunnellon. On sale at November luncheon
Day at the Museums	Monday, January 16	MonaLisa Young mly2puppies@yahoo.com	\$30.00	Bus trip to Museum Row in St.Pete
Acrylic Pouring on Fabric	Friday, January 27	Barbara Greco bgreco519@gmail.com	\$35.00	Create your own work of art on a 9 x 12 pouch. On sale at November meeting
Tampa Downs	Friday, February 24	Carolyn Moss ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com		Back by popular demand. On sale in November
Sister Act	February			
Dali Museum	March			

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Planned Launch Site</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Monday, November 21	9:00 am	Ozello Tour at Pirates Cove	B//C
Monday, December 19	9:00 am	Chassahowitzka – Potter Creek	B/I
Monday, January 16, 2023	9:00 am	Chassahowitzka – The Crack	B/I
Monday, February 20, 2023	9:00 am	Alexander Springs-Ocala Nat'l Forest	B
Monday, March 20, 2023	9:00 am	Dunnellon Public BoatRamp -1 way to Goldendale Boat Ramp. Withlachochee	B/I
Monday, April 17, 2023	9:00 am	Turner Camp Ramp, Withlachochee	B/I
Monday, May 15, 2023	9:00 am	Yankeetown Ramp – Bennet Creek	I/C
Monday, June 19, 2023	9:00 am	Hog Island Boat Ramp, Bushnell	B/I

River Rating: B=Beginner I= Intermediate C= Challenging

Contact Lina Argote for more info or to request an outing

linacpa@tampabay.rr.com

Mobile: 954-551-0123

Bike It! Walk It!
Events for 2022-2023
Contact Michelle 301-335-0866

Friday	November 18	Inverness to Floral City
Friday	December 16	Hernando to Cooter Park Inverness
Friday	January 20	Barge Canal, Crystal River
Friday	February 17	Gulf Junction to Holden
Friday	March 17	Inverness to Floral City
Friday	April 21	Barge Canal, Crystal River
Friday	May 19	Floral City to Istachatta CR 476
Friday	June 16	Tubing on Ichetucknee Springs



PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

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

Citrus Newcomers Club on Facebook

The Citrus Newcomers Club Facebook page is a closed group. Everyone on Facebook can see the group name and members, but only group members can see posts in the group. The site administrator must approve all requests to join. Check us out on Facebook. For more information, contact Cathy Uvanni at

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Our correspondence secretaries Jackie Moore – [304-216-8055](tel:3042168055), email jmoore130@aol.com or Peg Fowler – [527-3892](tel:5273892), email pegfow@aol.com who would be happy to send a note to a member who is ill, recuperating, etc.



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