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the **NEWSCOMER**



CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

Well, here I sit on a rainy cold Sunday with nothing better to do than write my letter for the Newscomer. I have no idea how it got so cold and damp in such a hurry but at least I'm not coping with 73" of snow. I ask you, how is that even possible? What do you do with it all? I lived in the Northeast all my life and 36" at a time was a lot.

Of course, we all have those visions of snowy winter holidays and we send out greeting cards with snowy scenes which we in Florida never see. I try to choose those cards with Santa in a bathing suit and the elves playing in the sand. Then, I hope my plane to New England gets off on time...or, at all.

It's been so much fun to see all the new members coming into Newcomers this year and to see the fruits of member generosity with food and gift donations. I hope you will remember the Family Resource Center, where your donations went, if you have any spare time. The Center is located on Rte. 200, going north about a mile north of the Hernando traffic light. The building is on the left, brightly painted in murals of children and animals having a good time. They prepare bags of gifts for over 2000 needy children and they all have to be wrapped. You can stop in anytime, day or evening. They will give you bags of gifts to wrap, supply you with the paper, scissors and tape, although you can always bring extra with you, as the Center goes through paper and tape pretty quickly.

This year is especially difficult as the Centers director is ill and her expertise will be sorely missed. So, don't stop now. Keep that generosity going. Oh, and you think you are a terrible wrapper. So am I. But, no one is a good wrapper when you're faced with size 14 unboxed sneakers or a ball of any kind. It's all good!

So, stay warm and join me in welcoming our new members.

Linda Banecker	Phyllis Johnson
Susan Beck	Lisa Kenna
Faye Bessette	Gidget Lefkowitz
Anita Bullard	Lynn Littlepage
Sharon Calhoun	Trudy McKay
Susan Everding	Barbara Read
Barbara Fincher	Michele Shafer
Judy Hankey	Marilyn Svee
Nicole Hatzenbuhler	Lois Thompson
Mary Elizabeth Hurst	

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.

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

Choice of:

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

January Luncheon Thursday, January 19, 2023

Royal Oaks

Palm Room – Ballroom
11220 SW 69th Circle
Ocala, FL

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 **Sign Up Deadline – 1/12/23**
By 4 PM
Cost \$28 / \$33

Hot Meal:

Lasagna with Italian Salad

Cold Meal:

Tuna, Chicken & Egg Salad plated with Mix fruit

Dessert: Cannoli

Beverage Bar – Coffee, Sweet & Unsweet Ice 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.**

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.

December – Members \$25, Guests \$30
January – Members \$28, Guests \$33

Mail your check to:

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

For more information contact
icellana@msn.com

December luncheon program

Join us for a festive celebration of everyone's favorite - and merriest - season. Wear your best holiday outfit. Music will be provided by an excellent pianist who'll keep us entertained and singing along! Bring a wrapped ornament or holiday item (around \$5.00 or so) to swap with your table mates.

January luncheon program

January is our annual birthday celebration. We'll explore the meaning of each month's birthstone, so wear your favorite birthstone jewelry, or dress in that color. Last year's White Elephant Swap was such a success - there was a lot of buzz in the room - that we're doing a repeat! Find something in your home you no longer need nor want, wrap it in a pretty bag or paper, and bring it to the luncheon. During the luncheon, we'll do an exchange, and you'll go home with someone else's previously loved item. What fun.....a surprise birthday gift!!

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
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	Ruthie Merk rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com	\$10.00 deposit - which is returned at lunch	Lunch and last minute holiday shopping in Ocala
Dinner Bunch - Wallace's	Thursday, December 8 4:30	Eileen Sweitzer	\$10.00 deposit- which is returned at dinner	SOLD OUT
Basket Weaving	Wednesday, January 11, 2023	Barbara Greco bgreco519@gmail.com	\$50.00 class and materials	SOLD OUT Class will be held in Dunnellon.
Dinner Bunch - A Taste of Italy In Inverness	Thursday, January 12, 2023	Eileen Sweitzer - bulldogger_99@yahoo.com	\$10.00 deposit - which is returned at dinner	Dinner at 5 PM
Day at the Museums	Monday, January 16, 2023	MonaLisa Young mly2puppies@yahoo.com	\$30.00	SOLD OUT Bus trip to Museum Row in St. Pete
Basket Weaving	Tuesday, January 17, 2023	Barbara Greco	\$50.00	Class will be held in Dunnellon
Lunch Bunch - EDO'S	Thursday, January 26, 2023	Ruth Merk	\$10.00 deposit which is returned at lunch	Authentic Japanese cuisine. Lunch at 12:30
Acrylic Pouring on Fabric	Friday, January 27, 2023	Barbara Greco bgreco519@gmail.com	\$35.00	Create your own work of art on a 9 x 12 pouch.
Tampa Downs	Friday, February 24, 2023	Carolyn Moss ckmoss43@gmail.com	\$32.00	Back by popular demand.
Sister Act	March 23	Barbara Greco bgreco519@gmail.com	\$59.00	Suncoast Broadway Theater
Dali Museum	March	Chris Harvey	Price to be determined	

Cedar Key Art Festival	April 1	Barbara Greco bgreco519@gmail.com	Price to be determined	On sale at January luncheon
Escape to Margaritaville	April 27	Barbara Greco bgreco519@gmail.com	\$59.00	Suncoast Broadway Theater
Sangria University	April		Price/date to be determined	
Space Center	May 3	Barbara Greco bgreco519@gmail.com	Price to be determined	Tickets on sale at February luncheon
Aprons	To be determined			
Hang Gliding	May			

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Planned Launch Site</u>	<u>Rating</u>
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 27, 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 (Requires cars at both ends)	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	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 citrusnewcomersfacebook@gmail.com



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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.

