



**January 2023**

*the* **NEWSCOMER**



**CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

Well, I'm sitting here at my daughter's in Massachusetts and the news has just announced record cold temperatures for Christmas and 60 mile per hour winds tomorrow. It's amazing to think that this used to be normal.

I know Christmas has come and gone for us all but, at this time, I am several days short of that holiday. My daughter says that the next few days will be a working holiday with gift wrapping, cookie baking and last minute arrangements. It sounds just like being president of the Newcomers Club. Always a surprise, always a small emergency here and there, shift gears here and go into reverse there. The only difference, my daughter is in charge...always! Bossy, bossy, bossy! She just thinks I'm another one of the many who work for her.

Every year, we do the Christmas preparations together but I never meet her expectations. I make the ball cookies too big, I put too many cookies on the cookie sheet, my decorations are sloppier than hers. And, you should see her wrapped packages! You cannot see where her paper joins. She has them all meet at a corner of the box so jointures disappear, the bows all are beautiful and there are three trees, each with their own selection of papers. The thing that really makes us laugh most is, I don't care. I give her a hard time, but she gives me a hard time and we both have a lot of laughs.

The other big enjoyment of the season is the stocking stuffers that my son-in-law gives. You all, of course, have seen examples at the January meetings. I have to admit that last year's lighted mask was my favorite. I'll be bringing the examples of his largesse to this year's meeting, too, and you can share the laughs.

Until then, please join me in welcoming our new member.

**Rebecca Kitchen**

Bonnie Groves  
President  
[jabongro@gmail.com](mailto: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 Shepherd Lutheran Church. \$5.00 Per Person  
Contact Jan Minik – SIG Guide  
[jmweaver3@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Kerplunk498@msn.com) or  
352-249-7031

For lesson contact Chris Harvey at  
[chrisharvey70@gmail.com](mailto: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  
[ckmoss43@gmail.com](mailto:ckmoss43@gmail.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](mailto:Seithmic3@yahoo.com) or  
301-335-0866

### Simple Suppers (Couples)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:LWP7438@gmail.com) or  
352-586-2828

## Special Interest Coordinators

Lori Priselac  
[lwp7438@gmail.com](mailto:lwp7438@gmail.com)

Marcia Schunemann  
[Marciaschunemann@aol.com](mailto:Marciaschunemann@aol.com)  
845-224-4042

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.

## 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 Mixed fruit

Dessert: Cannoli

Beverage Bar – Coffee, Sweet & Unsweet Ice Tea, Water

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."**

**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.**

**Share the Wealth – please try to bring the exact \$5.00 for 7 tickets. We always have a problem making change.**

**Thank you.**

## February Luncheon Thursday, February 16, 2023

### 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 – 2/8/23**  
**By 4 PM**  
**Cost \$28 / \$33**

### Buffet

Mixed Salad  
Chicken Herb & Garlic  
Roast Beef with Gravy  
Rice Pilaf  
Yellow Squash & Zucchini Casserole  
Rolls w/ Butter

Dessert Brownie Ala Mode

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.

**January – Members \$28, Guests \$33**  
**February – 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

[jcellana@msn.com](mailto:jcellana@msn.com)

## 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!!

## February luncheon program

Unfortunately, our February speaker had to cancel. We'll send an eblast with the updated February program info in a few days.

### 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**

ACTIVITY	DATE	CONTACT	COST	COMMENTS
Basket Weaving	Wednesday, January 11, 2023	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:bgreco519@gmail.com">bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$50.00 class and materials <b>SOLD OUT</b>	Class will be held in Dunnellon.
Dinner Bunch - A Taste of Italy in Inverness	Thursday, January 12, 2023	Eileen Sweitzer - <a href="mailto:bulldogger_99@yahoo.com">bulldogger_99@yahoo.com</a>	\$10.00 deposit which is returned at dinner <b>SOLD OUT</b>	Dinner at 5 PM
Day at the Museums	Monday, January 16, 2023	MonaLisa Young <a href="mailto:mly2puppies@yahoo.com">mly2puppies@yahoo.com</a>	\$30.00 <b>SOLD OUT</b>	Bus trip to Museum Row in St. Pete

Basket Weaving	Tuesday, January 17, 2023	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:bgreco519@gmail.com">bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$50.00 <b>3 SPOTS AVAILABLE</b>	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 <a href="mailto:bgreco519@gmail.com">bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$35.00 <b>1 SPOT REMAINING</b>	Create your own work of art on a 9 x 12 pouch.
Tampa Downs	Friday, February 24, 2023	Carolyn Moss <a href="mailto:ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com">ckmoss@tampabay.rr.com</a>	\$32.00	Back by popular demand.
Sister Act	Thursday, March 23, 2023	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:Bgreco519@gmail.com">Bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$59.00 <b>SOLD OUT</b>	Suncoast Broadway Theater
Dali Museum/ Mazzaro's Italian Market	Thursday, March 30, 2023	Chris Harvey <b>TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JANUARY LUNCHEON</b>	\$60.00 includes bus, guided tour and gratuities	St. Petersburg
Cedar Key Art Festival	Saturday, April 1, 2023	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:Bgreco519@gmail.com">Bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$35.00 includes bus and gratuity	<b>On sale at January luncheon</b>
Escape to Margaritaville	Thursday, April 27, 2023	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:Bgreco519@gmail.com">Bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$59.00	Suncoast Broadway Theater
Sangria University	April		Price/date to be determined	
Space Center	May 3	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:Bgreco519@gmail.com">Bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	Price to be determined	<b>Tickets on sale at February luncheon</b>
Aprons	To be determined			
Hang Gliding	May			

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

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

**Kayaking Schedule for the Year**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Planned Launch Site</u>	<u>Rating</u>
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 <b>(Requires cars at both ends)</b>	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](mailto:linacpa@tampabay.rr.com)  
 Mobile: 954-551-0123

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS**

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





