



**February 2023**

*the* **NEWSCOMER**



**CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**

## ◀ **The President's Message** ▶

It is so nice to be back in the warmth, after spending three weeks in New England for the coldest spell of the winter, so far, all while being sick with a sinus infection. My daughter is afraid I'll never come back. I know we Florida residents don't think this past week has been warm in Florida but it's all relative.

I can't help ruminating about our expectations and the actual experiences, themselves. I make two trips north each year, one in the summer and one for the winter holidays. This past year, nothing went right for the summer trip. People got COVID, things I hoped to accomplish went undone, it was cold and rainy, and it culminated with a large lug nut from the tire of a semi coming through my front window shield, just to the passenger side of the rearview mirror.

For Christmas, I arrived two days before the sinus infection set in. Man, was I sick. The emergency clinic misdiagnosed me as a head cold and I spent two weeks getting worse. One week behind my original schedule, I flew home, saw my own physician and got on medication. By January 15, here I sit writing this letter and feeling pretty reasonable except for the cough. My stepson swears that his cough is on its 42<sup>nd</sup> week, but that's probably a small embellishment.

So, you have your own problems. How does this relate to you? We just need to make the best of all experiences and remember to laugh. The worst experiences are some of my favorite laughs. Of course, that is in retrospect.

Here at Newcomers, we're all doing our best to bring you great experiences. Sometimes, it doesn't quite work out the way we hope, sometimes it's great. However, the board is great at punting. We just shift gears, and someone will come up with an idea to solve the problem. So, I ask you all to pitch in, keep smiling and we'll all have a great time. If we treat each other with respect and we offer our attention and aid, we can get through anything.

Bonnie Groves  
President  
[jabongro@gmail.com](mailto:jabongro@gmail.com)

ACTIVITY	DATE	CONTACT	COST
<b>10,000 Dice Game</b>	First Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.	Jan Minik <a href="mailto:jmweaver3@aol.com">jmweaver3@aol.com</a> 352-513-4189	\$5.00 Per Person
Beading & Jewelry	First Thursday or Friday of the month.	Janet Bauer <a href="mailto:Janetebauer@gmail.com">Janetebauer@gmail.com</a> 352-249-7543	
<b>Bike It or Walk It</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of month – please see location in back of newsletter	Michelle Seith <a href="mailto:Seithmic3@yahoo.com">Seithmic3@yahoo.com</a> 301-335 0866	
<b>CCNC Book Club</b>	Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Lakes Regional Library at 1:30 in Inverness	Judy Herron 352-860-0232	
<b>Jewelry Design (New)</b>		Barbara McKinnon <a href="mailto:nailtech91@gmail.com">nailtech91@gmail.com</a> 602-463-3368	Limited Class Size
<b>Bunco 2.0</b>	Meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 10:00-12:00 at Central Citrus Community Center.	Carolyn Robertson <a href="mailto:cncbunco@gmail.com">cncbunco@gmail.com</a> 352-249-6215	
<b>Bunco Afternoon</b>	We play three rounds on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm in various homes.	Pam Depew <a href="mailto:Kerplunk498@msn.com">Kerplunk498@msn.com</a> 352-249-7031	
<b>Kayaking</b>	Please see location in back of newsletter	Lina Argote at <a href="mailto:Linacpa@tampabay.rr.com">Linacpa@tampabay.rr.com</a> 954-551-0123	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.
<b>Mahjong Players</b>	We meet on the 2nd and last Monday of the month in Pam Depew's Citrus Hills home.	Pam Depew <a href="mailto:Kerplunk498@msn.com">Kerplunk498@msn.com</a> 352-249-7031 For lesson contact Chris Harvey at <a href="mailto:chrisharvey70@gmail.com">chrisharvey70@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Murders &amp; Munchies Book Club</b>	We meet the second Friday of the month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in member's homes	Carolyn Moss <a href="mailto:ckmoss43@gmail.com">ckmoss43@gmail.com</a> 352-746-6445	
<b>Murders &amp; Munchies Book Club II</b>	Meeting Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 2 pm, meeting at Keridak Silk's home located on 920 Hartford Street, in Hernando.	Marilyn Felmer, Secretary, at <a href="mailto:marilynfelmer861@gmail.com">marilynfelmer861@gmail.com</a>	
<b>Wine and Dine Book Club (New)</b>	Meet on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 in member's homes	Michelle Seith <a href="mailto:Seithmic3@yahoo.com">Seithmic3@yahoo.com</a> 301-335-0866	
<b>Simple Suppers (Couples)</b>	An evening of food and fun! In groups of 4, rotating monthly.	Cyndi Sheftel <a href="mailto:Cyndiksheftel@gmail.com">Cyndiksheftel@gmail.com</a> 860-316-5481	
<b>Singles Group</b>	Meet Newcomers to attend activities, game nights, lunches and more.	Bonnie Groves <a href="mailto:Jabongro@gmail.com">Jabongro@gmail.com</a> 352-527-3577	
<b>Gardening Club (New)</b>	We will meet at Lori's Citrus Hills home or take trips to specified spots.	Lori Priselac <a href="mailto:LWP7438@gmail.com">LWP7438@gmail.com</a> 352-586-2828	
<b>Mexican Train (New) Day</b>	Mexican Train is a fun dominos game. People who love strategy will love this game.	Barbara Fincher <a href="mailto:Brfincher53@gmail.com">Brfincher53@gmail.com</a> 615-406-4598	
<b>Mexican Train (New) Couples Night</b>	Mexican Train is a fun dominos game. People who love strategy will love this game.	Linda Belanger <a href="mailto:Lindab-ewels@sbcglobal.net">Lindab-ewels@sbcglobal.net</a> 860-518-1613	

Special Interest Coordinators    Lori Priselac    [LWP7438@gmail.com](mailto:LWP7438@gmail.com)    352-586-2828  
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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.

## 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

## March Luncheon Thursday, March 16, 2023

### Royal Oaks

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

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00** **Sign Up Deadline – 3/8/23**  
**By 4 PM**  
**Cost \$28 / \$33**

### Hot Meal:

Corned Beef w/ Cabbage, Carrots & Potatoes

### Cold Meal:

Cup of Wedding Soup  
Chicken Salad on a Croissant w/ Pasta salad on the side

Dessert – Cake w/ Frosting

Rolls and Butter  
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.**

## 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.

**February – Members \$28, Guests \$33**  
**March – 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)

## February Luncheon

If you've ever been the target of fraud by scammers and hackers, and possibly even a victim, you'll want to be at the **February luncheon**. Mary Darling, from the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, will speak about the **Seniors vs Crime Project**. They work with the State Attorney General's office to investigate complaints and seek restitution on behalf of senior citizens.

## March Luncheon

We have our **Newcomers Talent** show. We haven't done one in quite some time, so it's time to showcase some of our very talented members. It takes courage to get up in front of people you know; even more to get up in front of those you haven't met yet. So come and be a supportive audience for those who are brave enough to show us what they've got. You won't be disappointed!

**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	Wednesday, February 8	Eileen Schweitzer <a href="mailto:Bulldogger_99@yahoo.com">Bulldogger_99@yahoo.com</a>		Los Magueyes in Beverly Hills At 5 PM
Lunch Bunch	Thursday, February 23	Ruthie Merk <a href="mailto:Rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com">Rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com</a>		Cedar River Seafood 1935 Route 19 in Crystal River At 12:30 PM
Tampa Downs	Friday, February 24	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	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	Chris Harvey - <a href="mailto:chrisharvey70@gmail.com">chrisharvey70@gmail.com</a>	\$60.00 includes bus, guided tour and gratuities	St. Petersburg
Cedar Key Art Festival	Saturday, April 1	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:Bgreco519@gmail.com">Bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$35.00 includes bus and gratuity <b>SOLD OUT</b>	

Escape to Margaritaville	Thursday, April 27	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:Bgreco519@gmail.com">Bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$59.00 <b>SOLD OUT</b>	Suncoast Broadway Theater
Sangria University	April		Price/date to be determined	
Space Center	Wednesday, May 3	Barbara Greco <a href="mailto:Bgreco519@gmail.com">Bgreco519@gmail.com</a>	\$110. Seniors \$115. Non-seniors \$121 guests	
Card Making	To be determined			
Aprons	To be determined			
Hang Gliding	May			

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

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, 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  
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 Mobile: 954-551-0123

