



# September 2023

## *the* NEWSCOMER

### CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB



## ◀ The President's Message ▶

Observations on returning to Florida:

1. It's always great to be home, no matter where that may be.
2. It must not have rained at all since I left 6 weeks ago as pulling weeds has yielded not one trace of moisture. Funny, still can't water plants and lawns but new car washing establishments popping up all over the county.
3. It is hotter than you know where. It makes me long to return to New England where it didn't break 75 degrees for one whole week in mid-July. It was great walking weather.

I am happy to report that my summer trip up the East Coast was much easier this year. Not following anyone else's schedule, no one got ill, nothing flying through my windshield, not even any of the much-advertised smoke from Canada.

So now, here we are starting a new year of the Newcomers Club and I'm setting out to explain our working procedures again. If you get an e-blast from us, it goes out to the general membership, it is not aimed at anyone so please don't panic and start calling to tell us you've already sent in your money or that you haven't signed up for that activity. We're just getting general info out to everyone.

Please get your money and reservations in for September's luncheon with all details published elsewhere in this issue of our Newsletter. I look forward to seeing you at the College of Central Florida where we will be treated to a presentation by the former editor of the Citrus Chronicle, Gerry Mulligan. Mr. Mulligan is an expert on Citrus County and a very amusing speaker.

We hope you are ready for a new year of activities and get involved in some of our special interest groups. Please volunteer to help in any way you can. It helps you get acquainted with other members and helps us out, too.

Our new members are listed on Page 4.

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

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1st week of the month</b>		<b>Game "night" (Co-ed)</b> 1:00-3:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Linda Belanger</i> 860-518-1613	<b>Mexican Train</b> 11:00-2:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Barbara Fincher</i> 615-406-4598	<b>Beading &amp; Jewelry</b> 1:00-3:00 Jan Bauer's home Pine Ridge <i>Jan Bauer</i> 352-249-7543 <b>\$2.00</b>	<b>Beading &amp; Jewelry</b> 1:00-3:00 Jan Bauer's home Pine Ridge <i>Jan Bauer</i> 352-249-7543 <b>\$2.00</b>
			<b>10,000 Dice Game</b> 1:00 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Inverness <i>Jan Minik</i> 352-513-4189 <b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Murder &amp; Munchies Book Club II</b> 1:15-3:00 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Marilyn Felmer</i> <i>marilynfelmer861@gmail.com</i> Keridak Silk 303-887-6477	
				<b>Wine &amp; Dine Book Club</b> 4:00 In people's homes <i>Michelle Seith</i> 301-335-0866	
<b>2nd week of the month</b>	<b>Mahjong Players</b> 1:30 At Pam Depew's home in Citrus Hills <i>Pam Depew</i> 352-249-7031 <b>\$3.00</b>			<b>Bunco Afternoon</b> 3:00 At Pam Depew's home in Citrus Hills <i>Pam Depew</i> 352-249-7031 <b>\$3.00</b>	<b>Murder &amp; Munchies Book Club</b> 1:00-3:00 In people's homes <i>Carolyn Moss</i> 352-746-6445
<b>3rd week of the month</b>	<b>Kayaking</b> Typically morning launch, followed by optional lunch. Paddle locations announced each month <i>Lina Argote</i> 954-551-0123 <b>\$50.00 per single kayak</b>	<b>Bunco 2.0</b> 10:00-12:00 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Carolyn Robertson</i> 352-249-6215 <i>Kathy Kuehn</i> 908-619-2956 <b>\$5.00</b>			Rummikub 10:30 – 12:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Marcia Schunneman</i> 845-224-4042 <i>Kathy Kuehn</i> 908-619-2956
<b>4th week of the month</b>	<b>Mahjong Players</b> 1:30 At Pam Depew's home in Citrus Hills ( <b>Note: last week of the month</b> ) <i>Pam Depew</i> 352-249-7031 <b>\$3.00</b>		<b>Gardening Goddesses</b> Typically, 10:30-12:00, followed by optional lunch. Locations vary, depending on the topic of the month. <i>Lori Priselac</i> 352-586-2828 <i>Cathy Hickman</i> 952-913-6074	<b>CCNC Book Club</b> 1:30 Lakes Regional Library Druid Road, Inverness <i>Judy Herron</i> 352-860-0232	

Other Special Interest Groups with random schedules:

Simple Suppers (Couples) - We share meals in members' homes. Each group of 3 couples determines the date, time and place for the suppers. Cyndi Sheftel 860-316-5481

Singles Group – Meet other Newcomers to attend activities, game nights, lunches and more. Bonnie Groves 352-527-3577

Pinochle or Mahjong Lessons – at Chris Harvey's home. Chris Harvey 352-228-9501

Special Interest Group Coordinators: **Linda Belanger 860-518-1613** **Gloria Frank 931-338-1770**

# 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.

## September Luncheon Thursday September 21, 2023

### College of Central Florida Charles S. Dean Building

3800 S. Lecanto Highway  
Lecanto, F: 34461-9026

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00** **Sign Up Deadline – 9/14/23**  
**By 4 PM**  
**Cost \$28 / \$33**

### Buffet Service

Harvest Salad – Mixed Greens, Fruit, Nuts - Feta House Dressing  
Chicken Piccata  
Pork Tenderloin – Party Potatoes (Mashed Potatoes w/ Cheddar & Cream Cheese)  
Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

**Dessert:** Mini Assorted Dessert Trays per table (Brownies, Cookies, Pecan Tessie, Lemon Squares)  
Pre-set Rolls w/ Butter (on tables)  
Beverage Bar – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

**GLUTEN FREE AND VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

**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.**

## October Luncheon Thursday, October 18, 2023

### Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

Hampton Room  
505 E Hartford St, Hernando, FL 34442

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00** **Sign Up Deadline – 10/12/23**  
**By 4 PM**  
**Cost \$28 / \$33**

### Hot Meal

Salad – Mixed Salad  
Chicken Cordon Bleu **or**  
Dill Salmon  
Vegetable Medley  
Rice Pilaf

### Cold Meal

Tomato Soup  
Chicken Salad Wrap w/ Potato Salad

### Dessert:

German Chocolate Cake  
Pre-set Rolls w/ Butter  
Beverage – 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.

**September – Members \$28, Guests \$33**  
**October - 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](mailto:icellana@msn.com)

## New Members:

Nicki Austin	Gidget Lefkowitz	Pat Pugliese	Christine Vona
Jackie Boyden	Darlene Lisowski	Karen Radtke	Karen VonaMacDonald
Renee' Bullard	Anna Mahr	Diane Reed	Linda Wisner
Ruth Ann Campagna	Barbara McDonald	Debbie Reynolds	Dennie Zuendt
Dee Coates	Theresa (Tessa) Newton	Yvonne Rodgers	Connie Zwega
Sandy Cressman	Virginia Owen	Donna Rottenberger	
Sharon Fraind	Mary Lou Pachmayer	Helene Scherling	
Danielle Hutterli	Tracy Plamieri	Cinda Smith	
Johanne Leclerc	Katherine "Kit" Plourde	Barbara Staab	

## September Luncheon

Introduction to Club – Activities & Special Interest

Speaker – Gerry Mulligan, Journalist, Author, retired Chronicle Newspaper

Our Food Drive this year for our **October Meeting** is for:

Blessings in a backpack.

Blessings fills the backpacks for school children to take home food for weekends. They are now serving over 2500 children every weekend.

Blessings is requesting:

Individual Cereals, Pop Tarts, Vienna Sausages, Tuna in pouches, Peanut Butter, Crackers, Pudding in cups, Individual Fruit Cups, Applesauce, Spaghetti O's, Canned Ravioli, Pork & Beans, Juice Boxes, Capri Sun, Plastic Jars of Jelly

## ACTIVITIES

You must pay by check, made out to **CNC (Citrus Newcomers Club)**. Any exceptions to this are noted below. You do not have a reservation until your money 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 after cancellation date. Dinner and Lunch 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
<b>Makeover Madness</b>	Monday September 25th	Stephanie Gombrelli <a href="mailto:sg@floridadetoxspa.com">sg@floridadetoxspa.com</a>	\$20.00 paid directly to Stephanie	Chicos Outlet 6:00 pm
<b>Fall Card Making</b>	Wednesday September 27th	Joanie Cellana <a href="mailto:jcellana@msn.com">jcellana@msn.com</a>	\$20.00 paid directly to Joanie	Central Citrus Community Center 1:00 – 3:00 pm
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	Thursday September 28th	Mary Murphy <a href="mailto:marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com">marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com</a>		The Grill at Pepper Creek 12:30 pm
<b>Aura Readings</b>	Wednesday October 4th	Stephanie Gombrelli <a href="mailto:sg@floridadetoxspa.com">sg@floridadetoxspa.com</a>	\$20 paid directly to Stephanie	Stephanie's home
<b>Dinner Bunch</b>	Thursday October 5th	Eileen Schweitzer <a href="mailto:Bulldogger99@yahoo.com">Bulldogger99@yahoo.com</a>		Blackwater Grill Yankeetown 5:00 pm
<b>Holiday Glass Art</b>	Friday October 6th	Eileen MacKrell <a href="mailto:emackrell@hotmail.com">emackrell@hotmail.com</a>	\$20 paid directly to Eileen	Eileen's Studio, Terra Vista 1:00 – 4:00 pm
<b>Holiday Glass Art</b>	Tuesday October 17th	Eileen MacKrell <a href="mailto:emackrell@hotmail.com">emackrell@hotmail.com</a>	\$20 paid directly to Eileen	Eileen's Studio, Terra Vista 9:00 am – 12:00
<b>Holiday Card Making</b>	Monday October 23rd	Joanie Cellana <a href="mailto:jcellana@msn.com">jcellana@msn.com</a>	\$20 paid directly to Joanie	Central Citrus Community Center 1:00 – 4:00 pm
<b>Recipe book creating</b>	Wednesday November 1st	Joanie Cellana <a href="mailto:jcellana@msn.com">jcellana@msn.com</a>	\$50 paid directly to Joanie	Central Citrus Community Center 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Pottery Gnomes</b>	Saturday November 18th & Saturday November 20th	Contact information will be available at the September meeting.	\$40	Pine Street Pottery 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

## Overview of Citrus Newcomers Kayak Outings with Captain Jodi Lanier, Nature Coast Eco-Tours

### **When:**

Most of the kayak outings for members are scheduled on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday morning each month** from September through June.

### **Where:**

Check the newsletter

**Fee: Same as last year-no increase! \$50 single kayak; \$65 tandem; \$20 for those bringing their own kayak**

The \$50/\$65 fee includes kayak, paddles, vests w/ whistle. All kayaks are Sit-On with comfortable seats with backs. This is a fantastic price because we guarantee a number of outings each year. **If you bring your own kayak, you are responsible for your own required safety equipment and kayak.**

A separate check for \$50/\$65/\$20 is required for each outing, even if you plan to enroll in several. Checks are made payable to **Nature Coast Eco Tours** with outing date noted in memo. Payment must be received by Lina Argote 2 weeks prior to an outing date. **Cancellations must be made one week prior to the paddle in order to not forfeit the fee.**

### **Paddler Limits:**

We need a minimum of 8 paddlers for each trip and we are limited to 15 paddlers renting kayaks per outing. Weight limit per person is 300 Lbs. Paddlers may sign up ahead for those outings that they can commit to, but preference is given to those whose checks have been received 2 weeks prior to launch date. Each outing must have a separate check.

### **Who is Eligible:**

Members, significant others and out of town guests of our Newcomers Club are eligible to join us, however, it is expected that all paddlers know how to keep control of their boat: how to paddle, turn, stop, etc. For safety reasons, paddlers must be able to keep up with the group and be on the water up to 2 ½ hours, although we stop midway for a break. Outings generally launch and end at the same point, so we spend half the time paddling upstream, then relaxing downstream at the end. This year we are offering a one-way paddle and will notify everyone closer to launch dates. Each river outing is rated in difficulty on the attached schedule, and most are fine for anyone with basic paddling skills. However, no one with medical issues should consider paddling.

At least a week prior to each outing, a list of participants with contact information, directions and launch information are emailed to those who have signed up and paid. Participants are free to arrange carpooling on their own or can let me know if they need transportation. Following our morning paddle, most members like to meet at a restaurant near the launch site for a relaxing lunch.

Questions or concerns should be addressed to Lina Argote, Mobile: 954-551-0123  
linacpa@tampabay.rr.com

## Kayaking Schedule for the Year

Day	Date	Time	Launch Site	River Rating
Monday	9/18/23	9 am	Rainbow River-KP Hole to Head Springs	B
Monday	10/16/23	9 am	Turner Camp Ramp-Withlatchoochee	B/I
Monday	11/20/23	9 am	Ozello Tour at Pirates Cove	B/I/C
Monday	12/18/23	9 am	Chassahowitzka – The Crack	B/I
Monday	1/15/24	9 am	Chassahowitzka – The Creek	B/I
Monday	2/12/24	9 am	Hog Island – Bushnell	B/I
Monday	3/18/24	9 am	Ray Wayside Park-Silver/Ocklawaha Rivers	B/I
Monday	4/15/24	9 am	Waccassasa River-Inglis	I/C
Monday	5/20/24	9 am	Bennett’s Creek-Yankeetown	I/C
Monday	6/17/24	9 am	Dunnellon Public Boat Ramp to Goldendale-One Way Paddle	B/I
Monday	7/20/24	7:30 am	Full Moon Paddle-Chassahowitzka	B/I
Monday	8/5/24	7:30 am	Bioluminescent Tour-Safety Harbor, FL	I/C

River Rating: B=Beginner I= Intermediate C= Challenging  
Duration for all paddlers is 2-2.5 hours with breaks s needed

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



### MEMBERSHIP

Our membership form for the 2023-2024 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 Lorie Miller at [loriesmiller@gmail.com](mailto:loriesmiller@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**

## 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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*Please contact **Cathy Schafer, Corresponding Secretary at 352-586-6875**, if you know of a member who is ill, recuperating, etc.*

***Cathy would be happy to send them a card from the club.***

**Getting started on Facebook** may seem daunting at first but it is actually a very simple process. Like most social networking sites, Facebook asks its users to create a user profile to join. This is entirely free and can contain as little or as much information as you want. Once you have created your profile you can also adjust the privacy settings to specify what details you want to be made public.

### How to join Facebook:

First find the Facebook sign up page by opening up your browser and typing in the URL [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) When you arrive at the Facebook sign up page you will find the sign-up area for a **new account**. Type in the appropriate areas your name (some include their maiden names so others from their past may be able to find them easier), email address or mobile phone number and create a password. Click sign up.

To finish [creating an account](#), you need to confirm that you own the email or mobile phone number that you used to create the account:

- To confirm your mobile number, enter the code you get via text message (SMS) in the **Confirm** box that shows up when you log in.
- To confirm your email, click or tap the link in the email you got when you created the account.

Facebook will suggest people it thinks you may know and give you a list with profile photos so you can recognize them. If you would like to connect with someone on this list, click on the Add Friend button, this will send a Friend Request to them – it is their choice whether or not to accept your request.

To add a friend yourself: Click the search bar at the top of the page. Type your friend's name in the search bar and click. To send someone a friend request, click Add Friend next to their profile picture.



To accept a friend request: Let's say that someone that knows you saw your name when they did a search and saw you have a Facebook account. They will send you a request that will show up in the top right-hand corner of your page. When you click on this, it will show you who is asking to be your friend on Facebook. If you know this person and want to accept, click "Confirm" otherwise you can block or delete the request.

To find out how to add a profile photo, cover photo or set your privacy settings go to [www.facebook.com/help](http://www.facebook.com/help). You should be able to find any information on how to set up your account on this page.

In order to become a member on the **Citrus Newcomers Club** group page you first do a search in the search bar for Citrus Newcomers Club group page. It is the symbol with the Heron. Once you have located the page click the "Join" button and a request will be sent to my email address. Once I review the request, I will approve your request and you will be able to view other members posts and view what is happening at Citrus Newcomers through photos and informative information.

If you have any questions or need help do not hesitate to contact me at my email [citrusnewcomersfacebook@gmail.com](mailto:citrusnewcomersfacebook@gmail.com) or call me at 813-391-6066. Hope to see you on Facebook!

Cathy Uvanni – Facebook Administrator