



**October 2023**



# *the* NEWSCOMER

## **CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**

### ◀ **The President's Message** ▶

Well, we made it through our first meeting of the year and it was a very busy day. With 26 new members to orient and to introduce to the club. I hope we all remember what it was like to be at our first meeting and go out of our way to make them all feel welcome in coming meetings. Carolyn Moss really had to scramble to get enough volunteers to keep all the newcomers accommodated so if you are willing to help make others feel welcome and get to know the opportunities available through our groups, speak up, we love volunteers.

In return, we ask that all our new members feel free to ask anyone at the luncheons, or call any of the board members, for any help or advice you might need. Not only were we once in your position, not knowing where to go for a great meal or to find a handyman, but we continually rediscover our area and were always willing to venture an opinion. We want you to love Newcomers as we do and be willing to make a commitment to keep the club vital for other new arrivals.

Now, a few reminders about our October meeting because this will be the last newsletter before that luncheon. We will be collecting food for the Blessings group which supply backpacks to needy children on the weekends and holidays. You will find a list of needed items elsewhere in the newsletter but, in general, please bring items that can be opened without a can opener, are not in glass jars and do not need too much preparation. Just bring your food collection to the October luncheon and help make sure all children have food away from school.

One more thing before I go, I know that October is Halloween and I know that some of you love your Halloween fashions but it is also Breast Cancer Month. Whenever the subject comes up in a group, I'm always amazed at how many of us are survivors. So, I'd like us to "Pink up" the room. If you are a survivor, wear pink. If you are not a survivor, show your support for those who are, wear pink. You can still wear your witch's hat or a spider fascinator, wear orange with the pink, it'll all look great. If you're a football player, wear your pink sneakers. Just do it!

In the meantime, please join me in welcoming our new members.

Sylvia Tuthill-Aguirre  
Elizabeth (Liz) Boitano  
Kate Dennison  
Rebecca Factor  
Connie Fiordalisi  
Charlette (Char) Fontaine

Jane Fugett  
Dee Garvin  
Annette Gucker  
Helen Heim  
Joyce Heppner  
Nancy Lovejoy

Tracy Paris-Koka  
Nancy Miles  
Michele Odom  
Elizabeth Retterath  
Jo Anne Roseland  
Anne Rouillard  
Margaret Tackett

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>Pinochle</b> <b>1:00</b> <b>Barbara Pankowsky's home in Citrus Hills</b> <b>Barbara Pankowsky</b> <b>352-270-8013</b>	
				<b>Murder &amp; Munchies Book Club II</b> 1:15-3:00 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Marilyn Felmer</i> <a href="mailto:marilynfelmer861@gmail.com">marilynfelmer861@gmail.com</a> 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 Carolyn Robertson 352-249-6215 Kathy Kuehn 908-619-2956 <b>\$5.00</b>			Rummikub 10:30 – 12:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto Marcia Schunemann 845-224-4042 Kathy Kuehn 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. Lori Priselac 352-586-2828 Cathy Hickman 952-913-6074	<b>CCNC Book Club</b> 1:30 Lakes Regional Library Druid Road, Inverness <i>Judy Herron</i> 352-860-0232	

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 931-338-10**Other

# 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.

## October Luncheon Thursday, October 19, 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

**GLUTEN FREE AND VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE  
ON REQUEST**

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR PINK FOR  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**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.**

## November Luncheon Thursday, November 16, 2023

### Plantation on Crystal River (Magnolia Room)

9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:00** **Sign Up Deadline – 11/09/23**  
By 4 PM  
Cost \$28 / \$33

Caesar Salad - all

#### Hot Meal

Free Range Chicken Breast w/ Honey Glaze **or**  
Char Grilled Mahi, Mango Chili Sauce  
Cilantro Lime Rice, Veggie of the Day

#### Cold Meal

Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, side of Fruit

**Dessert:** New York Cheesecake

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.

**October – Members \$28, Guests \$33**  
**November - 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)

## October Luncheon

# *John Clardy,*

## **Board Certified Elder Law Attorney in Crystal River, FL**

Since 1982, Clardy Law Firm PA has been providing quality legal services to the residents of Citrus County, Florida. Attorney John Clardy specializes in Elder Law, and the complex legal issues that affect seniors and their families.

The practice of Elder Law requires a broad understanding of aging and the law, and often requires the attorney to consider legal, social, and medical issues of a senior to create a plan for the client and family. Mr. Clardy is a Florida Bar Board Certified Elder Law Attorney and is well versed in federal and state laws that affect a senior's well-being and personal wishes.

*Mr. Clardy has agreed to answer specific questions from our audience. Please submit the questions to Barbara Greco at [bgreco519@gmail.com](mailto:bgreco519@gmail.com) by September 30th. Time will be limited but effort will be made to cover as many issues as possible.*

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

## **November Luncheon**

Annual Unwrapped Toy Drive To benefit THE CITRUS COUNTY RESOURCE CENTER

SPEAKER - MAUREEN BAIRD - Citrus County Supervisor Board of Elections

## **December Luncheon**

DECEMBER - UGLY SWEATER/HOLIDAY SLIPPERS CONTEST

JUST COME TO PARTY. LOOKING FOR KARAOKE PARTICIPANTS. Get together with your gal pals to sing a holiday Favorite. If the Chipmunks could have a number one hit, you can be a hit at the party.

## 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. Dinner and Lunch Bunch participants must deposit a \$10.00 check, refundable if they attend.

**Please consider carpooling to these activities – share the ride and share the cost.**

The lunch bunch date and location are not available yet and will be at the luncheon.

ACTIVITY	DATE	CONTACT	COST	COMMENTS
<b>Aura Readings</b> <b>CANCELLED</b>	Wednesday October 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>CANCELLED</b>	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>Origami Japanese Dolls</b>	Thursday October 12th	Joanie Cellana <a href="mailto:icellana@msn.com">icellana@msn.com</a>	\$20 paid directly to Joanie	Betty's Creative Studio 10:30 am
<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:icellana@msn.com">icellana@msn.com</a>	\$20 paid directly to Joanie	Central Citrus Community Center 1:00 – 4:00 pm
<b>Recipe book creating</b>	Wednesday November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joanie Cellana <a href="mailto:icellana@msn.com">icellana@msn.com</a>	\$50 paid directly to Joanie	Central Citrus Community Center 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
<b>Dinner Bunch</b>	Wednesday, November 8th	Eileen Schweitzer <a href="mailto:Bulldogger99@yahoo.com">Bulldogger99@yahoo.com</a>		Los Magueyes
<b>Cooking Demonstration</b>	Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Sherman 352-270-3115	\$78.00	Primo Italian Steakhouse The Villages 11:00
<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
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	TBD	Ruthie Merk <a href="mailto:rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com">rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com</a>		TBD
<b>Christmas Spectacular Holiday Tour</b>	Tuesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Murphy <a href="mailto:marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com">marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com</a>		

## Kayaking Schedule for the Year

Day	Date	Time	Launch Site	River Rating
Monday	10/16/23	9 am	Turner Camp Ramp-Withlachoochee	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**





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