

**March 2024**



*the* **NEWSCOMER**

**CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

I've just finished all the follow-up on today's luncheon and thought I'd mention what a nice meeting we had. About 25 of our members managed to talk their spouses into joining them for Valentine's Day plus one. Don't know how much the men got out of the meeting itself except for a good lunch but it was nice having them. I've even forgiven Doug Bauer for winning one of the Share the Wealth prizes.

All of our members were interested in the whys and wherefores of human trafficking but were concerned about the aftermath. Detective Kelly told of some rescues and the organizations who can help with the rehabilitation of victims and the possibilities of success. One of our male guests wondered about the purchasers of sex and the possibility of reducing their numbers. I found it particularly interesting when the detective mentioned monies set aside for the higher education of victims and temporary visas for foreign victims. Detective Kelly urged us to speak up if we see something that looks odd, stating that he'd rather investigate a complaint that turned out to be a false alarm than to miss a serious crime.

Next month, we will be entertaining Sue Silber from Athena's Wildlife Sanctuary at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. And, in April, we will hold our annual Fashion Show at the College of Central Florida. Priscilla's Shop in Brooksville will be providing the clothing for that event. Speaking of which, when we told Priscilla about our offer of a \$100 gift certificate the club was offering, Priscilla doubled the amount of that certificate.

So, for the next few months, if you purchase \$10 worth of Share the Wealth tickets at a meeting, you will be purchasing a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate for any purchase at Priscilla's. You don't have to be present to win but we'd love to have you attend the Fashion Show luncheon.

In the meantime, we have lots of activities you can enjoy and great special interest groups that meet regularly. You can find all the information on those events in our newsletter. Come on out, have a lot of fun and get the most from your membership.

Now please join me in welcoming our new members:

Judi Crum	Cara Schweitzer
Chris Fitzgerald	Patricia Hatfield
Shirley Theriault	Maria Vasichek

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

# 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.

## March Luncheon

Thursday, March 21, 2024

### Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

505 E Hartford St, Hernando, FL 34442

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30

**Sign Up Deadline – 3/14/24**

**By 4 PM**

**Cost \$28 / \$33**

Rolls w/ Butter

### Hot Meal

Tossed Green Salad

Meatloaf **or**

Baked Stuffed Flounder

Mashed Potatoes

Veggie of the Day

### Cold Meal

Cup of Soup - Tomato Bisque

Grilled Chicken Wrap

Potato Salad

**Dessert:** Carrot Cake

Beverage Bar – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

## April Luncheon

Thursday, April 18, 2024

### College of Central Florida

Charles S. Dean, Sr. Educational Center

3800 S. Lecanto Highway

Lecanto, FL 34461-9026

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30

**Sign Up Deadline – 4/11/24**

**By 4 PM**

**Cost \$28 / \$33**

Rolls w/ Butter

**Served** Summer Salad (Mixed Greens, Strawberries, Blueberries, Sugared Walnuts, Feta)

Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Beef Brisket

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

**Dessert:** Pie – Key Lime

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.

**March – Members \$28, Guests \$33**

**April - 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)

**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.**

**MARCH**

**ATHENAS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY** volunteer Sue Silber will address the group on the care of sick injured and orphaned wildlife.

**APRIL**

The event of season is upon us! Our **Annual Fashion Show** will feature CLASSY CASUAL clothes from Patricia’s Boutique which is located in Brooksville. Every year this meeting sells out quickly, please make your reservations at the March 21st luncheon.

**MAY**

Actress CJ Hartland will entertain the group. CJ will introduce us to the life, trials and tribulations of Dolly Madison, wife of President James Madison.

**Kayaking Schedule for the Year**

Day	Date	Time	Launch Site	River Rating
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

## 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.**

ACTIVITY	DATE	CONTACT	COST	COMMENTS
<b>Olive Grove tour and workshop</b>	Wednesday, March 6th	Mary Murphy <a href="mailto:marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com">marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com</a>	\$35	Olive Grove, Brooksville
<b>Wine Glass Painting</b>	Monday, March 11th	Denise Lerner <a href="mailto:Dlerner2gmail.com">Dlerner2gmail.com</a>	\$10	Central Citrus Community Center
<b>Dinner Bunch</b>	Wednesday, March 13th	Eileen Schweitzer Bulldogger99@yahoo.com		Waterfront Social, Crystal River
<b>Longines League of Nations Show Jumping</b>	Friday, March 22nd	MonaLisa Young <a href="mailto:mly2puppies@yahoo.com">mly2puppies@yahoo.com</a>	\$32	World Equestrian Center, Ocala
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	Wednesday, March 27th	Ruthie Merk <a href="mailto:rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com">rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com</a>		The Legacy Restaurant at Nancy Lopez Country Club
<b>Glass Bottom Boat Tour</b>	Friday, April 12th	Mary Murphy <a href="mailto:marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com">marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com</a>	\$28	Silver Springs State Park, Ocala
<b>Morse Museum</b>	Wednesday, April 17th	Eileen Mackrell <a href="mailto:emackrell@hotmail.com">emackrell@hotmail.com</a>	\$50	Trip to Winter Park
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	Thursday, April 25th	Ruthie Merk <a href="mailto:rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com">rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com</a>		Malliekyla Café Brooksville
<b>Zip Lining</b>	Friday, May 10th	Mary Murphy <a href="mailto:marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com">marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com</a>	\$80	Canyons Zip Line and Adventure Park, Ocala

There have been a lot of great suggestions for activities and unfortunately we cannot accommodate all of them. Newcomers is a great place to meet and forge new friendships and part of this is based on shared interests. We encourage you to get together with fellow members and venture out on your own. Here are a few ideas of places and events to explore to get you started.

**Rainbow Springs Art Co-op classes** and gallery in Dunnellon. Displays local artists work including some of our current and past members. There are also some great classes available including pencil drawing, water color and acrylic paints. [RAINBOW SPRINGS ART IN DUNNELLON - Home](#)

**The Art Co-op** is holding an Arts Festival at their location March 8<sup>th</sup> between 9 and 5. Their address is 20804 W Pennsylvania Avenue in Dunnellon.

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Boom Town Days and Art Festival is taking place in Dunnellon April 13 between 9 and 5 in the historic district. Food, Arts, Crafts, music, a cowboy show and kids zone are included.

Central Citrus Community Center has an unbelievable amount of activities. Check the website for a schedule. [Welcome to Citrus County \(citrusbocc.com\)](#)

The Central Ridge Community Center at 77 Civic Center Circle in Beverly Hills has 3 Dancing through the Decades events on March 2 and April 13th. This sounds like fun and you can find more information on their Facebook page. [Central Ridge Community Center | Facebook](#)

Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club of Citrus County. There are opportunities to join a team or come as a guest to observe. [Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club | Welcome](#)

Nature Coast Community Band is a symphonic band of volunteer musicians who perform 12 to 15 free concerts a year. More information at their web site. <https://naturecoastcommunityband.com>

Casino trips – Lamers has these periodically so check their schedule

<https://tours.golamers.com/Tours/Florida-Departures-1>

Art Center of Citrus County has some great activities including live theater, a camera club and an art gallery. It is located 2644 N Annapolis Avenue in Hernando.

[ART CENTER OF CITRUS COUNTY – Education, Participation and Appreciation of the Arts 2644 N Annapolis Ave. Hernando, Florida 34442 Box Office: 352-746-7606](#)

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**Exciting News - Rummikub** is back on our schedule!!! Thanks to Kathy Kuehn, Barbara Fincher and Marcia Schunemann for joining forces to make this work out. The group will meet the third Friday of the month, from 11:00-1:00, at the Central Citrus Community Center

Join us for the first of our new **Rummikub** group on Friday, March 15th at 11:00 - you'll love the game! No worries if you've never played - Marcia will have a training table for newbies each month.

The **Wine & Dine Book Club** typically meets on the first Thursday of each month. However, for March, they will be wining and dining on the 14th (second Tuesday) instead

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1st week of the month</b>		<b>Game "night" (Co-ed)</b> 2:00-4:00 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>\$5.00</b>	<b>Beading &amp; Jewelry</b> 1:00-3:00 Jan Bauer's home Pine Ridge <i>Jan Bauer</i> 352-249-7543 <b>\$5.00</b>
		<b>Dinner &amp; A Movie</b> 4:00 (approx., depending on movie) Regal in Inverness or Epic in Ocala Dinner to follow <i>Stephanie Gombrelli</i> 352-613-6111	<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> <a href="mailto:marilynfelmer861@gmail.com">marilynfelmer861@gmail.com</a>	<b>Pinochle</b> 1:00-3:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Barbara Pankosky</i> 352-270-8013
<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>Wine &amp; Dine Book Club</b> 4:00 In people's homes <i>Michelle Seith</i> 301-335-0866		<b>Bunco Afternoon</b> 3:00 At Pam Depew's home in Citrus Hills <i>Pam Depew</i> 352-249-7031 <b>\$5.00</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 vary by 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>			<b>Rummikub</b> 11:00-1:00 Central Citrus Community Center Lecanto <i>Kathy Kuehn</i> 908-619-2956 <i>Barbara Fincher</i> 615-406-4598 <i>Marcia Schunemann</i> 845-224-4042
<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>Garden 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	

### 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 suppers. *Cyndi Sheftel* 860-541-1795

**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

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

# 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 [citrusnewcomersfacebook@gmail.com](mailto:citrusnewcomersfacebook@gmail.com)



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**Please contact [Cathy Schafer](#), Asst. Corresponding Secretary at **352-586-6875** or [catschafer@gmail.com](mailto:catschafer@gmail.com), if you know of a member who is ill, recuperating, etc.**

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

## PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

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

