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the NEWSCOMER

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

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FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR THIS YEAR

Have you ever considered what a day without laughter would be like? Laughter releases endorphins which enhance your well-being and what better way to get that boost...well, sex, of course, but I'm a widow so I settle for laughter.

Someone once asked me what made a man sexy and I said, "A sense of humor." I gave an example of a comedian who seems to see the nonsensical side of everything. They said, "Really, he has a big nose and is kind of gawky." Doesn't matter, his mind is wonderful. My husband didn't have either of those two physical traits but he did look at the nonsensical side of life. When he was dying, he was very concerned about leaving me with the concerns of six kids and a household. I told him I just wanted to know who was going to provide me with a good belly laugh each day.

These days, my mistakes and ineptitude provide me with many opportunities for laughter. I can even go to one of the Special Interest games and laugh myself silly. Remember, many of those events continue throughout the summer so don't pass up the laughter and fun.

And, who could think about laughter without thinking of Regina Keadle's wonderful presentations at our luncheons. Regina has graced our luncheons for the last five years as our Vice President. She is always reminding us to look at the funny side of life. Unfortunately, this is Regina's last year with us and we will miss her terribly. When Regina's husband died last year, her daughters wanted her back with them. And so, Regina will be returning to West Virginia and taking her amazing sense of humor and comedic timing with her. I hope you will all take the time to visit with her at May's luncheon and say goodbye.

On the non-laughing side, please remember to renew your membership. There are always membership forms available on our website, citrusnewcomers.org and they will be available at the May luncheon. Dues remain at \$30. If you have moved or changed your contact information, please don't forget to let us know. WE'LL SEE YOU IN THE FALL.

Let's welcome our new members:

Sandra Krchnavy
Mary Rhodes
Beverly Lind
Stephanie Brumbaugh

Patty Donnelly
Cindy Heers
Patti Ness
Peg Koback

Diane Rozzi
Barb Shipman
Elizabeth Gannon
Paulette Froehlich

Patricia Kanovsky
Barbara Pofahl
Susan Sasso
Susan Silber

Bonnie Groves
President
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.

May Luncheon (FINAL) Thursday, May 16, 2024

Royal Oaks

Palm Room – Ballroom
11220 SW 69th Circle
Ocala, FL
DOORS OPEN AT 10:30

Sign Up Deadline – 5/9/24

By 4 PM

Cost \$28 / \$33

Rolls w/ Butter

Hot Meal

Mixed Salad
Lasagna with Italian Salad

Cold Meal:

Cup of Soup – Italian Wedding Soup
Tuna, Chicken & Egg Salad plated with Mixed Fruit

Dessert: Brownie w/ Ice Cream Chocolate Sauce

Beverage Bar – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

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.**

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.

May - 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

MAY LUNCHEON

Our very own CJ Hartland will transform herself into former First Lady Dolly Madison. We will step back in time to experience life in the early 1800s.

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
Dinner Bunch	Wednesday, May 8 th	Eileen Schweitzer bulldogger_99@yahoo.com		Backwater Fins Crystal River
Zip Lining	Friday, May 10th	Mary Murphy marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com	\$80	Canyons Zip Line and Adventure Park, Ocala
South Pacific	Saturday, May 18th	Christine Harvey Chrisharvey70@gmail.com	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Afternoon High Tea	Wednesday, May 22nd	Mary Murphy marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com	\$40	Sweeties Café and Bakery, Dunnellon
Lunch Bunch	Thursday, May 23rd	Sue Beck suziebeck88@gmail.com	\$50	Ipanema Brazilian Steakhouse Ocala
Chicago	Saturday, October 5th	Chris Alte ctkalte@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Sunkicks Holiday Spectacular	Saturday, December 14th	Chris Alte ctkalte@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Jersey Boys	Saturday, January 25th	Chris Alte ctkalte@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Waitress the Musical	Saturday, March 15th	Chris Alte ctkalte@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
My Fair Lady	Saturday, April 26th	Chris Alte ctkalte@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

For those of you who spend your summers elsewhere, enjoy your time away. If you remain in Citrus County during our *delightful* summer months, the good news is we have you covered. There is plenty to keep you occupied, as almost all of our Special Interest Groups continue meeting throughout the summer months, at their regular times and places (see the schedule below).

The one exception is Simple Suppers. Since no one really wants to be cooking during the summer here, the current groups will continue their rotations through May, and then take a break until September. At that time, current and new participants can sign up. Cyndi will form the new groups, and suppers will begin again in October.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st week of the month		Game "night" (Co-ed) 2:00-4:00 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Linda Belanger</i> 860-518-1613	Mexican Train 11:00-2:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Barbara Fincher</i> 615-406-4598	Beading & Jewelry 1:00-3:00 Jan Bauer's home Pine Ridge <i>Jan Bauer</i> 352-249-7543 \$5.00	Beading & Jewelry 1:00-3:00 Jan Bauer's home Pine Ridge <i>Jan Bauer</i> 352-249-7543 \$5.00
			10,000 Dice Game 1:00 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hernando <i>Linda Todd</i> 407-252-6172 <i>Ann Serafin</i> 973-713-2528 \$5.00	Murder & Munchies Book Club II 1:15-3:00 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Kathy Stellingwerf</i> 352-400-9528	Pinochle 1:00-3:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Barbara Pankosky</i> 352-270-8013
				Wine & Dine Book Club In people's homes <i>Michelle Seith</i> 301-335-0866	
2nd week of the month	Mahjong Players 1:30 At Pam Depew's home in Citrus Hills <i>Pam Depew</i> 352-249-7031 \$3.00			Bunco Afternoon 3:00 At Pam Depew's home in Citrus Hills <i>Pam Depew</i> 352-249-7031 \$5.00	Murder & Munchies Book Club 1:00-3:00 In people's homes <i>Carolyn Moss</i> 352-746-6445
3rd week of the month	Kayaking Typically morning launch, followed by optional lunch. Paddle locations vary by month <i>Lina Argote</i> 954-551-0123 \$50.00 per single kayak	Bunco 2.0 10:00-12:00 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Carolyn Robertson</i> 352-249-6215 <i>Kathy Kuehn</i> 908-619-2956 \$5.00		***** CNC Luncheon Location varies Doors Open: 10:30 Business Meeting: begins 11:30 *****	Rummikub 10:30-12:30 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
4th week of the month	Mahjong Players 1:30 At Pam Depew's home in Citrus Hills (Note: last week of the month) <i>Pam Depew</i> 352-249-7031 \$3.00		Garden Goddesses 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	CCNC Book Club 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*

PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

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



**"Here are the ELECTED officers and appointed positions"
For 2024 – 2025**

ELECTED OFFICERS

President:	Bonnie Groves
VP:	Joan Cellana
Treasurer:	Olga Heineman
Asst. Treasurer:	Barbara Greco
Recording Secretary:	Jackie Boyden
Asst. Recording Secretary:	Gloria Frank
Parliamentarian:	Susan Hnat
VP Membership:	Lorie Miller
Asst. Membership:	Linda Todd
VP of Luncheons:	Cyndi Sheftel
Asst. Luncheons:	Kathy Antoni
VP Programs:	Lori Priselac
Asst. Programs:	Mary Lou Kenna
VP Activities:	Eileen MacKrell
Asst. Activities:	Betty Connell
VP Corr. Secretary:	Jackie Moore
Asst. Corr. Secretary	Cathy Schafer

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Media Coordinator – Facebook/Website/ Drop Box:	Cathy Uvanni
Publicity	Chris Lyman
Special Interest:	Linda Belanger
Photographer/Historian:	Jan Bauer
Newsletter:	Barbara Hamerling
Share the Wealth	Barbara Hamerling