

September 2024



the NEWSCOMER

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ The President's Message ▶

How often have I started one of these letters with, "I was reading the other day?" Well, this is another of those occasions.

In the book I was reading recently, a character was a "shock jock." His schtick was presenting "the outrage of the day" in order to get the listening audience up in arms. Now, I believe that there are many things we should be upset about but I would make the case that we would be better off having something to laugh about.

Constant outrage is bad on the body and mind. As we all know, it raises the blood pressure, increases the risk of heart attacks and puts a strain on one's relationships. Laughter, on the other hand, releases endorphins, lowering all the stresses mentioned above. It's a fact that a positive attitude lengthens your life span and helps you overcome adversity more easily.

The Citrus Newcomers Club does its best to promote a positive attitude and give our members the opportunity to laugh more frequently and more heartily. As a club, we try to ensure that you enjoy all our events, from programs to activities and special interest groups.

So, let's get out and participate in the trips, theater outings, crafts and games that will fill our coming year. If you have an idea for an activity or new club, let us know. Join us for our Lunch Bunch, or Dinner Bunch. Our small group activities are the best way to know your fellow members and learn about the area. If you are single, we'd love to see you at one of our events. There are plenty of laughs at any of these events.

If you are outraged, say something, help us make corrections so we can get you back to being light-hearted. Don't fuss and fume in silence. Just come up and tell me what we're doing wrong.

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

Tanya Armitage-Edgeworth
Jeanne Baker
Paula Blanchette
Coralie Burzynski
Elaine Creamer
Karen Davidson
Carole Fletcher
Gerry Hall
Cora Hecht
Kim Karkoska

Doris Keyser
Stephanie Krug
Jeanine LoPresti
Susan McCallister
Janis Murphy
Monica Nelsen
Lorie Palmer
Vicki Posey
Jean Shaw
Cara Stickler

Mary Stanfield
Jean Taylor
Kitty Van Sickle
Diantha Vetro
Ruth Willis

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.**

September Luncheon Thursday, September 19, 2024

College of Central Florida

Charles S. Dean, Sr. Educational Center

3800 S. Lecanto Highway

Lecanto, FL 34461-9026

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30

Up Deadline – 9/12/24

By 4 PM

Cost \$28 / \$33

Rolls w/ Butter

Mixed Salad – **Served family style @ tables**

Sliced Roast Beef Carving Station w/ Creamy

Horseradish Sauce

Chicken topped w/Sundried tomatoes & prosciutto

in a White Wine Cream

Mashed Potatoes

Green Bean Almandine

Dessert: NY Style Cheese Cake w/ topping some

Strawberry or Carmel Drizzle and whipped cream

Beverage Bar – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

October Luncheon Thursday, October 17, 2024

Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club

Hampton Room

505 E Hartford St, Hernando, FL 34442

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30

Up Deadline – 10/10/24

By 4 PM

Cost \$28 / \$33

Rolls w/ Butter

Hot Meal

Salad – Mixed Salad

Chicken Cordon Blu **or**

Bourbon Salmon

Vegetable Medley

Rice Pilaf

Cold Meal

Tomato Soup

Chicken Salad Wrap w/ Potato Salad

Dessert: German Chocolate Cake

Beverage – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

Reservation and Cancellation Policy:

A reservation is confirmed once your check has been received.

Cancellations:

Cancellations may be made by the Thursday prior to the luncheon date. In such cases, your check will be returned or voided. If a cancellation is made after the deadline, you will forfeit your luncheon payment.

For cancellations, please contact Barbara Greco at 862-293-0339 or bgreco519@gmail.com.

Please do not send a friend in your place—your meal is non-transferable. No-shows will forfeit luncheon payments and meals. Walk-ins are not allowed, and we cannot guarantee seating without a reservation.

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:

Barbara Greco
519 West Olympia Street
Hernando, FL 34442
862-293-0339

For more information contact

bgreco519@gmail.com

November Luncheon

Help Make the Holidays Brighter!

We are kicking off our **Citrus Newcomers Toy Drive** at the November Luncheon at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club. Please bring a **new, unwrapped toy** or **bike** for kids ages 3 months to 18 years old.

Your generous donations will benefit local children through the **Family Resource Center**.

Let's make the holidays a little brighter for those in need!

Thank you for your support!

PROGRAMS

We are thrilled to announce the roll out of the Citrus Newcomers Club. Our adventure begins in September with an exciting lineup of events, activities, and special interest groups that we have planned this year, we have also planned several surprise events and we can't wait to share them with all of you.

Our mission is to create a vibrant and inclusive community where we can come together, socialize, and engage in activities that pique our interests. Whether you enjoy trying new things, meeting new people, or simply spending quality time with like-minded women, this club is for you.

Join us at our luncheon on September 19th

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
Twist! Show and dinner	Friday, Sept 27th	Stephanie Gombrell 534 E Charleston Ct, Hernando 34442 352-613-6111	\$10 dep + show tix and dinner	Art Center, Inverness; dinner at Cady's Cafe
Ceramic Painting	Tuesday, Oct 1st	Eileen MacKrell emackrell@hotmail.com	\$20 dep + \$10- \$20	ArtSea Studio Beverly Hills
Vegas McGraw (Tim McGraw Tribute)	Saturday, Nov 16th	Lisa Kenna lkennanewcomers@gmail.com 352-339-6915	\$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

Phil Collins Tribute	Saturday, March 1, 12:00	Lisa Kenna lkennanewcomers@gmail.com 352-339-6915	\$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
Earth Wind & Fire Tribute	Saturday, May 24, 12:00	Lisa Kenna lkennanewcomers@gmail.com 352-339-6915	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson

New art class: come over to the local art studio, **Art Sea**, and choose and paint your own ceramic piece! The studio has pieces from small dishes and bowls to large platters and décor, even pumpkins and teapots! The cost will vary with the piece you choose, with most prices between \$19 and \$30. A \$20 check guarantees your spot and will be returned to you in the class. Guidance and instruction are of course included. You'll paint the piece onsite, then the studio will fire and anneal it, and it will be ready for pickup in about a week.

The class will be on October 1st from 1:00 to 3:00. Sign up at the luncheon or drop a note with a \$20 check to Eileen MacKrell, 2140 N Peakview Loop, Hernando FL 34442.

Theater lovers: For those who are interested in theater and concerts: While we book tickets and arrange trips to some of the concerts and shows near us, there are many, many more in central Florida. Here are a few of the main venues within an easy drive of our area:

Ocala Civic Theatre, 4337 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470. 352-236-2774.

<https://ocalacivictheatre.com/>

Reilly Arts Center, 500 NE 9th St., Ocala, FL 34470. 352-351-1606. <https://www.reillyartscenter.com/>

Art Center Theatre, 2644 N Annapolis Ave., Hernando, FL 34442. 352-746-7606. <https://artcenterofcitruscounty.org/>

Valerie Theatre, 207 Courthouse Square, Inverness, FL 34450. 352-341-7850. <https://inverness.gov/603/Valerie-Theatre-Cultural-Center>

Orange Blossom Opry, 16439 SE 138th Terrace, Weirsdale, FL 32195. 352-821-1201.

<https://www.obopry.com/Online/default.asp>

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Most of the Special Interest Groups continued meeting over the summer, but are ready to get back in full swing this fall. Members will have an opportunity to sign up for any SIGs they're interested in at the September luncheon. If you can't be there, you can contact the SIG lead for that group and ask to be added to their contact list. See the SIG schedule below

	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>Marilyn Felmer</i> <i>MarilynFelmer861@gmail.com</i>	Pinochle 1:00-3:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Barbara Pankosky</i> 352-270-8013
				Wine & Dine Book Club 4:00 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>Kathy Kuehn</i> 908-619-2956 <i>Renee Bullard</i> 850-712-2383 \$5.00		***** *** CNC Luncheon <i>Location varies;</i> <i>Doors Open at 10:30;</i> <i>Business Meeting begins at 12:30</i> ***** ***	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	

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 Coordinator: *Linda Belanger 860-518-1613*

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

DAY	DATE	TIME	LAUNCH SITE	RIVER RATING	Approx. Paddle Time	Make up Day
Monday	9/23/2024	9am	Mason Creek-Old Homassassa	B/I	2-2.5	9/25/2024
Monday	10/21/2024	9am	Chassahowitzka-Potter Creek	B/I	2-2.5	10/23/2024
Monday	11/18/2024	9am	Hog Island-Bushnell	B/I	2-2.5	11/20/2024
Monday	12/16/2024	9am	Dunnellon Public Boat Ramp to Goldendale-One way Paddle	B/I	2-2.5	12/18/2024
Monday	1/20/2025	9am	Chassahowitzka-Manatee viewing paddle	B/I	2-2.5	1/22/2024
Monday	2/17/2025	9am	Rainbow River-KP Hole to Head Springs	B	2-2.5	2/19/2025
Monday	3/17/2025	9am	Potts Preserve	B/I	2-2.5	3/19/2025
Monday	4/21/2025	9am	Bennett's Creek-Yankeetown	I/C	3+	4/23/2025
Monday	5/19/2025	9am	Ozello Tour at Pirates Cove	I/C	2-2.5	5/21/2025
Monday	6/16/2025	9am	Waccassasa River-Inglis	B/I	2-2.5	6/18/2025

River Ratings: Beginner/Intermediate/Challenging

Duration for most paddles is 2-2.5 hours with breaks as needed. Bennet Creek is a 3hr paddle.

If a paddle is cancelled, the make-up day will be the following Wednesday

Contact Lina Argote for more info or to request an outing. inacpa@tampabay.rr.com Mobile: 954-551-0123

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership form for the 2024-2025 membership year is available on our website at 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. 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**

