



October 2024



the NEWSCOMER

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ The President's Message ▶

My youngest daughter called me the other day. She was saying that she had to put the cover on her aboveground swimming pool. That brought some interesting images into my mind. Her partner is handicapped, her children live away and, although she and I stained her backyard fence this summer, I'm no longer there.

I have trouble putting an elastic table cover on my 42" round table. I lay all over the table and sometimes must make several tries. The pool is a whole lot bigger than 42" in diameter. And, the moral of the story is???

It takes more than one person to make a big job easy. The Newcomers Club has a 23-person board of directors. We each have our own responsibilities but, sometimes, we need a little help. We accommodate each other for illnesses or time needed away. We're flexible and one of the first questions at board meetings is, "Do you need any help this month? It's just like a family, albeit a large one.

As we start each year, we try to introduce you to the club's opportunities for fun and involvement. I always encourage members to take part in our activities and special interest groups. In these small groups, you get to know people better. Our board and committees endeavor to come up with programs, luncheons, activities, and events that make your club experience as good as possible.

Please remember that your spouses are always welcome to join us on our activities or our Lunch and Dinner Bunches. So, what is a Dinner or Lunch Bunch? There is an activity committee member who oversees arranging a restaurant for each of these events. You give us a \$10 check just once and as long as you attend or let us know that you can't attend, we give it back to you at the end of the year. If you let us hanging, the club gets your check. Then you all come to have a good time, we laugh a lot and you pay for your own dinner, whatever you happen to order.

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

Diane Briskey
Janet Burkhardt
Jody Burns
Marilyn Campbell
Maria Davison
Sandra Doughman
Linda Homa

Mary Lee Johnson
Mary Kishler
Ginny Langill
Lynn Merritt
JoAnne Mustillo
Carolyn Pavonetti
Joan Petrone

Lorraine Polakowski
Elaine Powell
Sue Ranck
Gina Sutton
Pauline Thomson
Diane Welna
Celia Wilkinson
Kimberly Zeiner

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.**

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 **Sign 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

November Luncheon Thursday, November 21, 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 – 11/14/24

By 4 PM

Cost \$28 / \$33

Rolls w/ Butter

Harvest Salad – Mixed Greens, Fruit, Nuts Feta - House Dressing

Chicken Piccata

Pork Tenderloin

Potatoes – (Mashed Potatoes w/ Cheddar & Cream Cheese)

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert: Mini Assorted Dessert Trays per table (Brownies, Cookies, Pecan Tessie, Lemon Squares)

Beverage Bar – 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.

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

October Luncheon

Mindful Movements with Speaker Brenda Wrischnik

Brenda has been involved in the fitness industry since 1985 as an ACE/AFAA/AEA certified land and water aerobics instructor, teacher and trainer, personal trainer, cardiac fitness specialist and facility manager, She has been teaching for over twenty years. Learn how movement can keep you healthy and help you stay fit.

November Luncheon

Glitz & Glamour

Speaker(s): Patricia Lambright

Help Make the Holidays Brighter!

We are kicking off our **Citrus Newcomers Toy Drive**. 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!

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
Ceramic Painting	Tuesday, Oct 1st	Eileen MacKrell emackrell@hotmail.com	\$20 dep + \$10- \$20	ArtSea Studio Beverly Hills
Lunch Bunch	Thursday, October 3 rd , 12:30	Ruthie Merk	\$10 Deposit	Piesano's Restaurant
Brevard Zoo Bus Trip	Tuesday, October 16, 8:30	Eileen MacKrell emackrell@hotmail.com 814-431-9204		SOLD OUT
Healthy Eating Extravaganza	Friday – Sunday Oct. 25 - 27	Stephanie Gombrelli Stephanie@CitrusBeautySpa.com 352-613-6111		Wise Traditions Conference
Lunch Bunch	Tuesday, November 7 th 12:30	Ruthie Merk	\$10 Deposit	Elevation 89 Restaurant, Ocala Airport
Vegas McGraw Tim McGraw Tribute	Saturday, November 16 th Noon	Lisa Kenna kennanewcomers@gmail.com 352-339-6915	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson

Sunkicks Holiday Spectacular	Saturday, December 14 th Noon	Chris Alte ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Jersey Boys	Saturday, January 25 th Noon	Chris Alte ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Tampa Bay Downs	Friday, February 7th	Carolyn Moss Ckmoss43@gmail.com	\$38	Self-Drive
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 ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Starlight Majesty Dinner Cruise	Friday, March 21st	Chris Harvey Chrisharvey70@gmail.com		Bus trip, cruise goes out of Clearwater
My Fair Lady	Saturday, April 26th	Chris Alte ctkaltnewcomers@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

What's coming up?

Thank you to all the members who filled out surveys. Based on your input, we have begun planning several trips and events. Watch for signups at the next luncheon! Here's what's in the works:

Dec 2024 Bus trip to **St Augustine for Christmas lights**

Dec 2024 Visit the **Clydesdale farm in Dunnellon** (Christmas lights, meet the horses, learn how they are prepared for horse shows, take photos of/with the horses...very cool place)

Dec 2024 Shopping! **Bus trip to the Outlet Mall and The Krates in Wesley Chapel**

What's The Krates? A startup incubator with some 50 restaurants and retail shops, all small, all unique one-off startups. Lots of varied cuisine and interesting products that you will not find in other stores. Called The Krates because all the shops are housed in shipping containers.

Prob Jan 2025 Lunch at **Colombia Restaurant** in Ybor City, visit cheesemaking facility nearby

Late winter 2025 Bus trip to **Tarpon Springs**, boat cruise

Early spring 2025 Bus trip to **Bok Tower Gardens, Pinewood Estate**

Early spring 2025 Overnight self-drive trip to **Ringling Museums** in Saratoga

Spring 2025 Bus trip to **St. John's Pass Village** and **Boardwalk** and **Mazzaro's** Italian market.

We will provide additional details and dates for these trips as well as info on additional trips as the planning solidifies.

You are invited to join Stephanie Gombrelli to experience a healthy eating extravaganza in Orlando, October 25-27, 2024. Over 1000 attendees gather at the Wise Traditions Conference to hear world renowned speakers, shop healthy living vendors, and eat the best tasting foods. For 25 years the Weston A Price Foundation has been hosting this Conference in a different State each year, and now it's here in Florida! So

don't miss out on this local event of the year. For more information, contact Stephanie Gombrelli @ 352-613-6111 or Stephanie@CitrusBeautySpa.com.

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/>
 Be sure to check their website for **Christmas concerts!**

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

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>

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

DAY	DATE	TIME	LAUNCH SITE	RIVER RATING	Approx. Paddle Time	Make up Day
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

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Members will have an opportunity to sign up for any SIGs they're interested in at the October 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*

