



November 2024



the NEWSCOMER

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

I'm going to spend this letter going over some of our communication and the problems with communication. Information can be sent many times but if no one reads it or makes a copy, it's useless.

We send many forms of communication out each month in the form of e-blasts and our email delivery of the newsletter. We do not send them out lightly. If you receive an e-blast from us it is information that you need NOW. Read it and take action. All of the pertinent signup information is listed in e-blasts.

With the exception of these President's Letters, we won't bother you with non-pertinent information...if we send it, it's important and needs quick response. On a less preachy side, we have our annual Toy Drive for the Family Resource Center of Citrus County coming up at our November Luncheon. Please bring new, unwrapped toys to the Luncheon and, if you would remove the price tags, that would save the wrappers a lot of time. There were needs lists on the tables at the October luncheon and you've received the same list by email. Last year, the Resource Center provided Christmas for over 2000 Citrus County children. This year, Toys for Tots will not be serving Citrus County so our contributions will be more important than ever.

As to why we don't wrap the gifts before donation, the Center's staff checks donations for safety, appropriateness, etc. before they are wrapped.

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

Adrienne Burnette
Kim Frease
Theresa Gilligan

Christel Luettmann
Anne McDanel
Linda Pato

Nancy Previte

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.**

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

Pre-set Rolls w/ Butter (on tables)
Harvest Salad – Mixed Greens, Fruit, Nuts Feta -
House Dressing
Chicken Piccata
Pork Tenderloin
Party 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

December Luncheon Thursday, December 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 **Sign Up Deadline – 12/12/24**

By 4 PM

Cost \$28 / \$33

Rolls w/ Butter
Mixed Salad – **Served family style**
Apple Pecan Stuffed Pork Loin
Honey Garlic Chicken
4 Cheese Mac N Cheese
California Blended Veggie

Dessert: Bread Pudding w/ Vanilla Cream Sauce -

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.

November - Members \$28, Guests \$33

December – 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

SHARE THE WEALTH

Tickets on sale at the luncheons. **7 tickets for \$5.00.** If you buy **\$10.00's worth**, you will be asked to fill out a card with your name and phone number. This raffle will be drawn at the April Fashion Show luncheon and you will receive a Gift Certificate towards clothes.

November Luncheon

Puttin on the Glitz

Charitable Event – Toys Drive Donations

Speaker(s): Patricia Lambright

At Patricia's Glitz and Glam showcase, you will see stunning outfits that blend elegance and creativity. Each ensemble is meticulously designed and features chic dresses and outfits with dazzling jewelry. Our models will demonstrate how to pull everything together seamlessly, from head to toe. Enjoy the show!

Toys for Tots

HERE IT COMES! Christmas, that is. Our annual Christmas toy drive for the Family Resource Center will be held at our **November** luncheon. So, we need you to get your Santa sacks and go shopping. You will be shopping for children who are screened by Citrus County social workers and teachers. You can be sure that your toys, games, sports equipment, bikes, fishing poles, etc. are going to someone who really needs them. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. How easy is that?

Our help is especially important this year as Toys for Tots are not contributing in Citrus County this year. In addition, the College of Central Florida students will be joining us with this project.

Citrus Newcomers

Toy Drive

Benefiting Local Children – Family Resource Center

Please bring new toys that are unwrapped to our November Luncheon. Citrus county children need us.

Bluey	Nerf Guns
Gabby's Dollhouse	Needoh
Lego	Playdoh
Magna Tiles	Canvas
Slime Kits	Sketch Pads
Fidget Toys	Diamond Art
LED Room Lighting	Fishing Sets
Craft Kits	Soccer ball
Art Kits	Basketball
Science Kits	Volleyball
Mrs. Rachel	
Football	
Fishing Poles	
Outdoor Toys (No Bubbles)	
All Toys Are Welcome	

December Luncheon

Holiday Program – Demonstration Gourmet Affair – Holiday 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.

DO NOT DELAY SIGNING UP. IF INTERESTED IN AN ACTIVITY, CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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

ACTIVITY	DATE	CONTACT	COST	COMMENTS
Resin Art	Multiple in November	Eileen Gross via text 207-286-7226	\$5 - \$30	Text Eileen Gross for details
Lunch Bunch	Tuesday, November 7 th 12:30	Ruthie Merk rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com	\$10 Deposit	Elevation 89 Restaurant, Ocala Airport
Vegas McGraw Tim McGraw Tribute	Saturday, November 16 th Noon	Lisa Kenna lkennanewcomers@gmail.com 352-339-6915	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Paint a Ceramic Christmas Tree	Tuesday, December 3 rd	Eileen MacKrell emackrell@hotmail.com	\$20 deposit + \$90 - \$150	ArtSea, Beverly Hills
Bus Trip to Outlet Mall and Krates	Tuesday, December 3 rd	Mona Lisa Young Mly2puppies@yahoo.com	\$38	Wesley Chapel 8:45 – 5:00
Lunch Bunch	Thursday, December 5 th 1:00 pm	Ruthie Merk rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com		The Lazy Maid Creperie Brooksville WAIT LIST
Mosaic Lamp class	Saturday, December 7 th	Eileen MacKrell emackrell@hotmail.com 814-431-9204	\$98 - \$169	Class held in Villages
Bus trip to St. Augustine to see Christmas Lights	Wednesday, December 11 th	Liz Boitano Liz.boitano@gmail.com	\$75	WAIT LIST
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 7 th	Carolyn Moss Ckmoss43@gmail.com	\$38	Self-Drive
Phil Collins Tribute	Saturday, March 1 st , Noon	Lisa Kenna lkennanewcomers@gmail.com 352-339-6915	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Waitress the Musical	Saturday, March 15 th Noon	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	\$98	Bus trip, cruise goes out of Clearwater
My Fair Lady	Saturday, April 26 th Noon	Chris Alte ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
Earth Wind & Fire Tribute	Saturday, May 24, Noon	Lisa Kenna lkennanewcomers@gmail.com 352-339-6915	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson

What's coming up?

Responding to an OBVIOUS need, Jean Summers and Ruthie Merk have agreed to coordinate a wine tasting at a local venue. We will gauge the response to this to determine if there are enough oenophiles (doesn't that sound better than winos?) in the CNC to start a Wine Club. Look for signups soon!

New Classes: Make Resin Art projects with Eileen Gross

This class will concentrate on making charcuterie boards, coasters and bowls. The prices range from \$5 to \$30 depending on how much resin is used. Small-group classes for these stunning projects are currently offered on November 6th, November 8th, November 9th, November 13th, and November 16th. Contact Eileen Gross via text for details at 207-286-7226.

December 3, 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.

December 11, 2024 - Bus trip to **St Augustine for Christmas lights**. We'll have most of a day in St Augustine and finish with the trolley ride to see the Christmas lights.

Date TBD, sometime in December: Visit the **Clydesdale horses at Grandview Clydesdales in Dunnellon!** Meet some of these magnificent horses and learn how they are bred, raised and trained; watch them being outfitted to take part in a "hitch" pulling a wagon; have photos taken with the horses. Signups at the luncheon.

Further Out:

Probably January 2025 Lunch at **Colombia Restaurant** in Ybor City, visit cheesemaking facility nearby to make your own mozzarella cheese.

Probably February 2025 Bus trip to **Tarpon Springs**, boat cruise.

February 7, 2025 - Self-drive trip to **Tampa Bay Downs**

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

Probably Early March 2025 Overnight self-drive trip to **Ringling Museums** in Sarasota.

March 21, 2025 - **Dinner cruise** aboard Starlight Majesty out of Clearwater (bus trip)

Probably April 2025 **Scavenger Hunt** all over Citrus County!!!

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

May 2025 **Mother's Day Symphony Under the Stars**, Ocala

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

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/>

ValerieTheatre, 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	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*

