



**December 2024**



# *the* NEWSCOMER

**CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**

## ◀ The President's Message ▶

Okay, so the hacker is at it again. Don't know when or how they got into our membership list, but they sure did. They have had access for about the last eight years and they always purport to be whomever is President of the Newcomers at the time. They don't send the scam to all the membership at the same time so we're constantly hearing from members who have no previous experience with the scam. So, once again I need to tell you, I will not email you to buy gift cards, pay bills for the Newcomers, send money to support some cause or the other or even bail me out, should they ever try that one.

In the case of any strange emails from anyone, look at the email address the communication came from. Our membership list, which is sent updated to you via an e-blast from Jackie Moore each month, has contact info for each member so you can check that out to get a correct email address from the supposed sender.

And, we can always console ourselves with the fact that we are not the only club who has experienced this problem. I've gotten phone calls from heads of other groups asking if I know any ways of stopping the hacking of club addresses. I don't. Cyber security experts don't, they can just put a stop until the hacker finds a new way around it. So, please don't send them any money. Don't make them rich.

What we can do is to enjoy the upcoming holidays. Keep your families close, enjoy any days you have with them and help us make the holidays great for the less fortunate. Your toy donations were incredible and so many of you take the time to stop by and help wrap the gifts for the big day. If you have any spare time, the Family Resource Center's gift center is open during the day at 3848 E. Parson's Point in Hernando. I have nights reserved there on two Mondays, November 25 and December 9, from 6-8pm for group wrapping. Come and join us if you have a chance. Wear your best festive holiday clothes and look jolly.

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

Victoria Andrews  
Linda Cassells  
Beverly Dietrich  
Susanne Haley  
Laura Madden  
Jennifer Manswell

Martee Meehan  
Joanna Regnaert  
Jacqueline Rodack  
Sandy Sanchez  
Sandra Stone  
Michele True

Joann Wohltjen

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.**

## **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

## **January Luncheon Thursday, January 16, 2025**

### **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 – 1/9/25**

**By 4 PM**

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

Rolls w/ Butter  
Green Salad  
Chicken Florentine  
Beef Tenderloin  
Roasted Asparagus  
Pasta Alfredo Sauce

**Dessert** – Cobbler Cherry w/ Whipped Cream

**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](mailto: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.

**December - Members \$28, Guests \$33**

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Mail your check to:

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

For more information contact  
[bgreco519@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **December Luncheon**

Join us for a festive celebration filled with joy and laughter at our Jingle & Mingle Holiday Bash! Enjoy live music, delightful games, and a special appearance by our very own Santa Claus. It's the perfect way to spread holiday cheer and create unforgettable memories. Don't miss out on the fun—come and celebrate with us!

## **January Luncheon**

### **Book – “*It was meant to be*” - A story of Hope**

Let's Celebrate the New Year - Meant to be a story of Hope

Roslyn Franken Author& Presenter

Meant to be is a true story Might, Miracles and Triumph of the Human Spirit.

Roslyn, Is passionate about sharing her parents story and the lessons it holds for audiences of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. It aims to inspire and educate us as listeners. For us, it is a story not to be missed.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

To all members:

You will notice a new color name tag at the November luncheon. This name tag will represent *new* members that have been or are being introduced at a 2024-2025 luncheon. The color of the name tag will be **salmon**. The new members will have this color name tag for the membership year. At the end of the year, the name tag will change to white.

The different color name tag will identify new members and give you the opportunity to get to know them and make them feel welcomed. It will also give you the opportunity to help them get to know other members and to help them however you can.

If you have any questions you can call, text or email me.

Thank you,  
Linda Todd  
Assistant VP of Membership  
407-252-6172  
[baker226@earthlink.net](mailto:baker226@earthlink.net)

## **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
<b>Bus Trip to Outlet Mall and Krates</b>	Tuesday, December 3rd	Mona Lisa Young <a href="mailto:Mly2puppies@yahoo.com">Mly2puppies@yahoo.com</a>	\$38	Wesley Chapel 8:45 – 5:00
<b>Dinner Bunch</b>	Wednesday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm	Eileen Schweitzer text to 631-680-9884 <a href="mailto:Bulldogger_99@yahoo.com">Bulldogger_99@yahoo.com</a>		Bayside Seafood Grill, 16 NE 5th Street, Crystal River.
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	Thursday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm	Ruthie Merk <a href="mailto:rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com">rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com</a>		The Lazy Maid Creperie Brooksville <b>WAIT LIST</b>
<b>Mosaic Lamp class</b>	Saturday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm	Eileen MacKrell <a href="mailto:emackrell@hotmail.com">emackrell@hotmail.com</a> 814-431-9204	\$98 - \$169	Class held in Villages <b>WAIT LIST</b>
<b>Bus trip to St. Augustine to see Christmas Lights</b>	Wednesday, December 11th	Liz Boitano <a href="mailto:Liz.boitano@gmail.com">Liz.boitano@gmail.com</a>	\$75	<b>WAIT LIST</b>
<b>Sunkicks Holiday Spectacular</b>	Saturday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com">ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, Hudson <b>WAIT LIST</b>
<b>Ybor City Trip</b>	Wednesday, January 8th	Eileen Gross <a href="mailto:styhon@yahoo.com">styhon@yahoo.com</a>	\$97	Cheesemaking & Columbia Restaurant <b>WAIT LIST</b>
<b>Jersey Boys</b>	Saturday, January 25 <sup>th</sup> Noon	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com">ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson <b>SOLD OUT - WAITLIST</b>
<b>Tampa Bay Downs</b>	Friday, February 7th	Carolyn Moss <a href="mailto:Ckmoss43@gmail.com">Ckmoss43@gmail.com</a>	\$38	Self-Drive
<b>Phil Collins Tribute</b>	Saturday, March 1st, Noon	Lisa Kenna <a href="mailto:lkennanewcomers@gmail.com">lkennanewcomers@gmail.com</a> 352-339-6915	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
<b>Waitress the Musical</b>	Saturday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> Noon	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com">ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
<b>Starlight Majesty Dinner Cruise</b>	Friday, March 21st	Chris Harvey <a href="mailto:Chrisharvey70@gmail.com">Chrisharvey70@gmail.com</a>	\$98	Bus trip, cruise goes out of Clearwater <b>WAIT LIST</b>
<b>My Fair Lady</b>	Saturday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> Noon	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com">ctkaltnewcomers@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
<b>Earth Wind &amp; Fire Tribute</b>	Saturday, May 24, Noon	Lisa Kenna <a href="mailto:lkennanewcomers@gmail.com">lkennanewcomers@gmail.com</a> 352-339-6915	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson

**What's coming up?**

Responding to an OBVIOUS need, Jean Summers has 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!

Date TBD, sometime in January: 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 December luncheon (Lisa Kenna)

Further Out:

Probably February 2025 Bus trip to **Tarpon Springs**, boat cruise. (Eileen McKrell and Carolyn Moss)

March 6, 2025 – Lunch at Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City, visit cheesemaking facility nearby to make your own mozzarella cheese. Sign Up at January luncheon (Cathy Herman)

Probably Early March 2025 Overnight self-drive trip to **Ringling Museums** in Sarasota. (Aileen Scharl, Jean Summers & Anita Bullard)

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

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

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

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/>

**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>

### Kayaking Schedule for the Year

DAY	DATE	TIME	LAUNCH SITE	RIVER RATING	Approx. Paddle Time	Make up Day
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](mailto:inacpa@tampabay.rr.com)

Mobile: 954-551-0123

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

	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>Canasta</b> <b>2:00 – 5:00</b> College of Central Florida, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto Eileen Gross 207-286-7226 Marlene Costa 914-388-4013	<b>10,000 Dice Game</b> 1:00 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hernando <i>Linda Todd</i> 407-252-6172 <i>Ann Serafin</i> 973-713-2528 <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> <i>Marilyn.felmer861@gmail.com</i>	<b>Pinochle</b> 1:00-3:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Barbara Pankosky</i> 352-270-8013
				<b>Wine &amp; Dine Book Club</b> 4:00 In people's homes <i>Michelle Seith</i> 301-335-0866	
<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>Canasta</b> <b>2:00 – 5:00</b> College of Central Florida, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto Eileen Gross 207-286-7226 Marlene Costa 914-388-4013		<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>Kathy Kuehn</i> 908-619-2956 <i>Renee Bullard</i> 850-712-2383 <b>\$5.00</b>		***** CNC Luncheon <i>Location varies;</i> <i>Doors Open at 10:30;</i> <i>Business Meeting begins at 12:30</i> *****	<b>Rummikub</b> 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
		<b>Canasta</b> <b>2:00 – 5:00</b> College of Central Florida, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto Eileen Gross 207-286-7226 Marlene Costa 914-388-4013			
<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>Canasta</b> <b>2:00 – 4:30</b> College of Central Florida, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto Eileen Gross 207-286-7226 Marlene Costa 914-388-4013	<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	

**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*

**HIGHLIGHTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**Canasta Group**

The first meeting of the new Canasta Group will be on **Tuesday, December 10th, at the College of Central Florida Library**, 3800 S Lecanto Highway, Lecanto, from 2:00-5:00. Eileen Gross will be sending an email to all who signed up with information on the exact location within the College complex.

After the initial session, the Canasta group will meet **every Tuesday** at the same location, from 2:00-5:00. Call or text Eileen at 207-286-7226 if you're interested in learning to play this fun game.

**Beading with Friends** will not meet for the month of January, but will start up again in February

**MEMBERSHIP**

Our membership form for the 2024-2025 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**

*Please contact **Cathy Schafer**, Asst. Corresponding Secretary at **352-586-6875** or [sunshineladynewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:sunshineladynewcomers@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.*

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