



November 2023



the NEWSCOMER

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ The President's Message ▶

Last meeting, a lot of you signed up for clubs at the special interest tables. When I tried to send mass emails to the Singles Club, I got several of the new member emails returned. Subsequently, I got a question from another group leader about how she could find information on the new members because she couldn't read several emails. Please, please, if you are signing up for anything, take extra care with writing your email address.

A reminder: we'll be sending out a lot of e-blasts about this but here is my reminder. November's luncheon is our annual collection of toys for the Family Resource Center. The Center provides Christmas gifts for approximately 2500 Citrus County children. The children's names are provided by social workers or schools. We will be providing **unwrapped** gifts. The Center needs everything from balls to bikes. The toys are taken to the Center and matched with gift requests from the children. If you are so inclined, you may go to the Center's home on Rte. 200 north, also known as Carl Rose Rd. any time between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve to wrap the gifts. All materials are provided although you can always bring some wrapping paper or tape along with you. You may also want to stop in and pick up some child's gift list and go shopping. You'll be surprised at the simplicity of their requests, from socks and sheets to a basic toy. It's a great way to get into the holiday spirit.

Finally, I know that you sometimes have to make the choice of attending an activity or a special interest group. Remember, activities are often set by the venue's schedule while a special interest group can be rescheduled or missed occasionally. Let's cooperate to make Newcomers a great experience for everyone.

Please join me in welcoming our new members:

Bethene Boardman	Mary Lou Kenna
Jo Jakubowicz	Sandy Purser
Laurie Erickson	Susan Wallace

Bonnie Groves
President
jabongro@gmail.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

	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, Inverness <i>Jan Minik</i> 352-513-4189 \$5.00	Murder & Munchies Book Club II 1:15-3:00 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Marilyn Felmer</i> marilynfelmer861@gmail.com	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 \$3.00	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			Rummikub 10:30-12:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Marcia Schunneman</i> 845-224-4042 <i>Kathy Kuehn</i> 908-619-2956
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 the suppers. Cyndi Sheftel 860-316-5481

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

Special Interest Group Coordinators: **Linda Belanger 860-518-1613 Gloria Frank 931-338-1770**

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 16, 2023

Plantation on Crystal River (Magnolia Room)

9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 **Sign Up Deadline – 11/09/23**

By 4 PM

Cost \$28 / \$33

Caesar Salad - all

Hot Meal

Free Range Chicken Breast w/ Honey Glaze **or**

Char Grilled Mahi, Mango Chili Sauce

Cilantro Lime Rice, Veggie of the Day

Cold Meal

Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, side of Fruit

Dessert: New York Cheesecake

**GLUTEN FREE AND VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE
ON REQUEST**

December Luncheon

Thursday, December 7, 2023

College of Central Florida

Charles S. Dean Building

3800 S. Lecanto Highway

Lecanto, F: 34461-9026

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 **Sign Up Deadline – 11/30/23**

By 4 PM

Cost \$28 / \$33

Green Salad pre-served

Chicken Florentine

Beef Tenderloin

Roasted Asparagus

Pasta Alfredo Sauce

Rolls w/ Butter

Dessert – Cobbler Cherry w/ Whipped Cream

Coffee, Sweet & Unsweet 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.

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Mail your check to:

Joanie Cellana
2141 N. Heritage Oaks Path
Hernando, FL. 34442
727-804-7830

For more information contact

jcellana@msn.com

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your unselfish giving at the October food drive. This was the largest donation ever received by BLESSINGS.

November Luncheon

NOVEMBER MEETING “ALL ABOUT ELECTIONS-2024” - Maureen “Mo” Baird, the Citrus County Supervisor of Elections will be the guest speaker.

In addition to our informative program, Nancy Harney has asked that we all bring unwrapped toys to be donated to the Family Resource Center in Hernando. Your continued generosity makes a difference in the lives of the children of Citrus County.

A look ahead to **December 7th Holiday Gathering**.....Kick off your holiday season with a fun afternoon including GAMES, PRIZES, KARAOKE. Come dressed in your favorite ugly sweater and holiday slippers.

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, November 8th	Eileen Schweitzer Bulldogger99@yahoo.com		Los Magueyes Beverly Hills
Japanese Doll	Thursday, November 9th	Joanie Cellana TEXT: (727) 804-7830	\$20.00	Betty's Creative Studio, Hernando 10:30 am
Cooking Demonstration	Friday, November 10 th	Pat Sherman 352-270-3115	SOLD OUT	Primo Italian Steakhouse The Villages 11:00
Pottery Gnomes	Saturday November 18th	Mary Murphy marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com	\$40.00	Pine Street Pottery 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Lunch Bunch	Thursday November 30th	Ruthie Merk rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com		Sammy's Italian & Pizza
Christmas Spectacular Holiday Tour	Tuesday, December 12 th	Mary Murphy marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com	\$75	Stetson Mansion, Deland Bus Trip

White Christmas	Thursday, December 14th	Mary Murphy marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com	SOLD OUT	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater, Hudson
Mt. Dora Art Festival and Boat Ride	Saturday, February 3rd	Christine Harvey Chrisharvey70@gmail.com	\$67	Mt Dora Bus Trip
A Day at the Races	Friday, February 9th	Carolyn Moss ckmoss43@gmail.com	\$35	Tampa Bay Downs

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

Day	Date	Time	Launch Site	River Rating
Monday	11/20/23	9 am	Ozello Tour at Pirates Cove	B/I/C
Monday	12/18/23	9 am	Chassahowitzka – The Crack	B/I
Monday	1/15/24	9 am	Chassahowitzka – The Creek	B/I
Monday	2/12/24	9 am	Hog Island – Bushnell	B/I
Monday	3/18/24	9 am	Ray Wayside Park-Silver/Ocklawaha Rivers	B/I
Monday	4/15/24	9 am	Waccassasa River-Inglis	I/C
Monday	5/20/24	9 am	Bennett’s Creek-Yankeetown	I/C
Monday	6/17/24	9 am	Dunnellon Public Boat Ramp to Goldendale-One Way Paddle	B/I
Monday	7/20/24	7:30 am	Full Moon Paddle-Chassahowitzka	B/I
Monday	8/5/24	7:30 am	Bioluminescent Tour-Safety Harbor, FL	I/C

River Rating: B=Beginner I= Intermediate C= Challenging

Duration for all paddlers is 2-2.5 hours with breaks s needed

Contact Lina Argote for more info or to request an outing

linacpa@tampabay.rr.com

Mobile: 954-551-0123

PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

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



