



January 2024



the **NEWSCOMER**

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

◀ **The President's Message** ▶

I have had so many comments on what a great time everyone had at the December luncheon. That was right up Barbara Greco's wheelhouse. She loves games and always has a new idea. I asked her to come up with a game for a Singles event and she agreed as long as I would get some of the Singles to sing a song for December's luncheon. I'd say I was blackmailed into it but, then, I remember how Barbara got on the board in the first place and I owe her several times over.

Santa was an ever-welcome guest and Nancy Harney guessed participation in sitting on Santa's lap at around 75-89% of attendees. He was most gracious and loved his time with us. You should be seeing some of those photos on the screens at the College of Central Florida when we meet in January.

Some interesting events have transpired since the December luncheon that you might like to know. Regina, our entertaining First VP, spent some time in the hospital but she is out and doing well. Susan Hnat, our newly retired Parliamentarian, was in the hospital with pneumonia and I'm sure there were others in trouble that I didn't know about. Please remember to let one of the board members know if one of our members is ill or has suffered a loss. We always want our members to know that we are thinking of them and are concerned about their wellbeing.

Our Nomination Committee will begin working on next year's board in January so please be kind and polite if they call to enlist you. As I hope you can tell, we have a great time working on events for the membership and we can't do it without volunteers. As you know, I often show up at luncheon tables trying to recruit you for something as easy as being a model or helping with Share the Wealth, but it would be much less work if you'd just speak up in the first place.

I hope that you are looking forward to an exciting and wonderful new year and that you continue to enjoy the Citrus Newcomers Club as much as I do. I'm looking forward to participating in some of Mary Murphy's activities and in special events. See you there!

Now please join me in welcoming our new members:

Sue Nygren
Barbara Murtagh

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.

January Luncheon Thursday, January 18, 2024

College of Central Florida Charles S. Dean Building

3800 S. Lecanto Highway
Lecanto, F: 34461-9026

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 **Sign Up Deadline – 1/11/24**
By 4 PM
Cost \$28 / \$33

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

Dessert: Bread Pudding w/ Vanilla Cream Sauce -

Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

February Luncheon Thursday, February 15, 2024

College of Central Florida Charles S. Dean Building

3800 S. Lecanto Highway
Lecanto, F: 34461-9026

DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 **Sign Up Deadline – 2/8/24**
By 4 PM
Cost \$28 / \$33

Mixed Salad – **Served plated**
Sliced Roast Beef Carving Station w/ Creamy
Horseradish Sauce
Chicken topped w/ sun dried tomatoes & prosciutto in
a White Wine Cream
Green Bean Almandine
Rolls w/ Butter

Dessert: Cheese Cake w/ topping some Strawberry's
– Carmel Drizzle

Beverage Bar – Coffee & 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.**

Thank you to everyone who made the December luncheon special. It is amazing the number of members with hidden talents.

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.

January – Members \$28, Guests \$33
February - Members \$28, Guests \$33

Mail your check to:

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

For more information contact
jcellana@msn.com

January Luncheon

The January meeting speaker will be Heather Valentine from Big Brother/Big Sister.

February Luncheon

Sign up for this luncheon at the January meeting since space will be limited. Extend an invitation to your loved one (spouse, best friend, sibling, etc.) to be your guest.

The Citrus County Sheriff's Office Major Crime Division will be discussing Human Trafficking in Florida.

Looking forward to the April Luncheon

Patricia's Boutique in Brooksville has agreed to provide CLASSY CASUAL clothes for the April fashion show. Thank you to everyone who agreed to model. **Mark your calendars for this special event on April 25th.**

Kayaking Schedule for the Year

Day	Date	Time	Launch Site	River Rating
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

Special Interest Group Highlights

We had announced a new Rummikub group starting in the spring. Unfortunately, that has changed. We'll no longer have a separate Rummikub group.

Rummikub lovers are welcome to join our **Game "Night"** group, which meets on the first Tuesday of the month, from 2:00-4:00 at the Senior Center in Lecanto.

If you'd like to learn to play Rummikub, Marcia Schuneman has kindly offered to give lessons. 845-224-4042.

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	NO beading this month	NO Beading this month
			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> marilynfelder861@gmail.com	Pinocle 1:00-3:30 Central Citrus Community Center, Lecanto <i>Barbara Pankosky</i> 352-270-8013 Starting in January
				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	Dinner & A Movie 4:00 (approx., depending on movie) Regal in Inverness or Epic in Ocala Dinner to follow <i>Stephanie Gombrelli</i> 352-613-6111 Starting in January		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			
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	

Other 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

Pinocle or Mahjong Lessons - at Chris Harvey's home. *Chris Harvey* 352-228-9501

Rummikub Lessons - *Marcia Schuneman* 845-224-4042

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

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
Duck Pin Bowling	Tuesday, January 9 th	Mary Murphy marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com	\$25	The train Depot Inverness
Dinner Bunch	Wednesday, January 10 th	Eileen Schweitzer bulldogger99@yahoo.com		Cedar River Seafood in Crystal River @ 6 PM
Olive Grove tour and workshop	Wednesday, January 17 th	Mary Murphy marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com	\$35	Olive Grove Brooksville
Aura Readings	Wednesday, January 24 th	Stephanie Gombrelli sg@floridadetoxspa.com	\$20	Stephanies' house Hernando
Lunch Bunch	Thursday, January 25 th	Ruthie Merk rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com		Elevation 89 Ocala
Mt. Dora Art Festival and Boat Ride	Saturday, February 3 rd	Christine Harvey Chrisharvey70@gmail.com	\$67	Mt Dora Bus Trip
A Day at the Races	Friday, February 9 th	Carolyn Moss ckmoss43@gmail.com	\$35	Tampa Bay Downs
Beautiful	Saturday, February 17 th	Pat Sherman 352-212-1128	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson

PLEASE SHARE YOUR PHOTOS

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



