

**April 2024**



# *the* NEWSCOMER

**CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**

## ◀ The President's Message ▶

If you've ever read any of my previous articles, you'll have noticed that I often get my theme from something I've read. This time, I got my idea from a crossword puzzle I was working on. The clue was Keats: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Indolence. Now, I know that Keats wrote odes, so my first response was twofold. First, who would get the idea to write about laziness or inactivity? Second, was Keats for or against indolence? I didn't bother to look up the ode and read it, I just knew that I couldn't understand the impetus toward indolence.

As you can tell, if you know me, I'm always on the go and I've always had plenty of energy. When someone remarks on this, I always relate that I was voted "most active" in high school, and I guess that I've never changed. I met my husband when we were in our mid-40's. He once looked at my calendar and later related that his first thought was that he didn't think he could keep up with me. Good thing his flight schedule kept him away from home 3-4 days a week.

Newcomers is a great club for fighting indolence. We try to provide plenty of different activities and special interest groups in which you can participate. These small groups are the best way to become acquainted with other members and to increase your enjoyment of the club. I hope you will help to make any new members feel welcome and comfortable when they show up at these activities.

While we're on the topic, I'd like you to consider that Newcomer's offerings are limited by the number of members who volunteer to work on the Activities Committee. You don't have to be constantly planning activities, we're happy if you just take on one event. Do you have a pet activity, something you've always wanted to do or a place you've wanted to visit? Take all of us along with you. Have you read of another group taking a particular trip? Let's go! We've got a new board of directors for the new year who would love to work with you.

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.

## April Luncheon Thursday, April 18, 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 – 4/11/24**  
**By 4 PM**  
**Cost \$28 / \$33**

Rolls w/ Butter

**Served** Summer Salad (Mixed Greens, Strawberries, Blueberries, Sugared Walnuts, Feta)

Parmesan Crusted Chicken  
Beef Brisket  
Oven Roasted Potatoes  
Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

**Dessert:** Pie – Key Lime

**Beverage Bar** – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

## May Luncheon Thursday, May 16, 2024

### Royal Oaks

Palm Room – Ballroom  
11220 SW 69th Circle  
Ocala, FL  
DOORS OPEN AT 10:30

**Sign Up Deadline – 5/9/24**  
**By 4 PM**  
**Cost \$28 / \$33**

Rolls w/ Butter

### Hot Meal

Mixed Salad  
Lasagna with Italian Salad

### Cold Meal:

Cup of Soup – Italian Wedding Soup  
Tuna, Chicken & Egg Salad plated with Mixed Fruit

**Dessert:** Brownie w/ Ice Cream Chocolate Sauce

**Beverage Bar** – Coffee & Ice Tea, Water

## 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.

**April – Members \$28, Guests \$33**  
**May - 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](mailto:jcellana@msn.com)

**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

Thank you all for your generosity. Sue Silber of Athena's Wildlife Reserve was pleasantly surprised to receive a check for \$439.00.

### **APRIL**

#### **FASHION SHOW - Patricia's Boutique - Brooksville**

Luncheon reservations are filling up fast for this special event. Don't forget to send your check. The boutique will be offering a 15% discount on all non-sale items for one week to everyone who attends this popular event.

The drawing for the \$200.00 gift certificate will take place at the end of the fashion show. Good luck to everyone.

### **MAY**

Our very own CJ Hartland will transform herself into former First Lady Dolly Madison. We will step back in time to experience life in the early 1800s.

### Kayaking Schedule for the Year

Day	Date	Time	Launch Site	River Rating
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. [inacpa@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:inacpa@tampabay.rr.com) Mobile: 954-551-0123

## **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
<b>Dinner Bunch</b>	Wednesday, April 10	Eileen Schweitzer <a href="mailto:bulldogger_99@yahoo.com">bulldogger_99@yahoo.com</a>		Grumpy Gators, Homosassa 6 PM
<b>Glass Bottom Boat Tour</b>	Friday, April 12th	Mary Murphy <a href="mailto:marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com">marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com</a>	\$28	Silver Springs State Park, Ocala
<b>Morse Museum</b>	Wednesday, April 17th	Eileen Mackrell <a href="mailto:emackrell@hotmail.com">emackrell@hotmail.com</a>	\$50	Bus trip to Winter Park
<b>Lunch Bunch</b>	Thursday, April 25th	Ruthie Merk <a href="mailto:rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com">rmerk8@tampabay.rr.com</a>		Malliekyla Café Brooksville

<b>Zip Lining</b>	Friday, May 10th	Mary Murphy <a href="mailto:marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com">marymurphynewcomers@gmail.com</a>	\$80	Canyons Zip Line and Adventure Park, Ocala
<b>South Pacific</b>	Saturday, May 18th	Christine Harvey <a href="mailto:Chrisharvey70@gmail.com">Chrisharvey70@gmail.com</a>	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
<b>Chicago</b>	Saturday, October 5th	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkalte@yahoo.com">ctkalte@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
<b>Sunkicks Holiday Spectacular</b>	Saturday, December 14th	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkalte@yahoo.com">ctkalte@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
<b>Jersey Boys</b>	Saturday, January 25th	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkalte@yahoo.com">ctkalte@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
<b>Waitress the Musical</b>	Saturday, March 15th	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkalte@yahoo.com">ctkalte@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson
<b>My Fair Lady</b>	Saturday, April 26th	Chris Alte <a href="mailto:ctkalte@yahoo.com">ctkalte@yahoo.com</a> 352-228-4218	\$64	Suncoast Broadway Dinner Theater Hudson

## ACTIVITIES

There have been a lot of great suggestions for activities and unfortunately we cannot accommodate all of them. Newcomers is a great place to meet and forge new friendships and part of this is based on shared interests. We encourage you to get together with fellow members and venture out on your own. Here are a few ideas of places and events to explore to get you started.

Boom Town Days and Art Festival is taking place in Dunnellon April 13 between 9 and 5 in the historic district. Food, Arts, Crafts, music, a cowboy show and kids zone are included.

Central Citrus Community Center has an unbelievable amount of activities. Check the website for a schedule.  
[Welcome to Citrus County \(citrusbocc.com\)](http://citrusbocc.com)

The Central Ridge Community Center at 77 Civic Center Circle in Beverly Hills has 3 Dancing through the Decades events on April 13th. This sounds like fun and you can find more information on their Facebook page. [Central Ridge Community Center | Facebook](#)

Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club of Citrus County. There are opportunities to join a team or come as a guest to observe. [Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club | Welcome](#)

Nature Coast Community Band is a symphonic band of volunteer musicians who perform 12 to 15 free concerts a year. More information at their web site. <https://naturecoastcommunityband.com>

Casino trips – Lamers has these periodically so check their schedule <https://tours.golamers.com/Tours/Florida-Departures-1>

Art Center of Citrus County has some great activities including live theater, a camera club, and an art gallery. It is located 2644 N Annapolis Avenue in Hernando.

ART CENTER OF CITRUS COUNTY – Education, Participation and Appreciation of the Arts 2644 N Annapolis Ave. Hernando, Florida 34442 Box Office: 352-746-7606

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Unfortunately, due to lack of participation, **Dinner and a Movie** has been removed from the Special Interest Group schedule.

**The first Rummikub** session was a success – we had 4 tables and lots of fun. Note the time change from the last newsletter – the group meets at 10:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. We hope you'll join the group on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. No worries if you've never played - Marcia Schunemann will have a training table for newbies each month.

	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>10,000 Dice Game</b> 1:00 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Inverness <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> <a href="mailto:marilynfelmer861@gmail.com">marilynfelmer861@gmail.com</a>	<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> In people's homes Michelle Seith 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>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>Carolyn Robertson</i> 352-249-6215 <i>Kathy Kuehn</i> 908-619-2956 <b>\$5.00</b>		***** <b>CNC Luncheon</b> Location varies Doors Open: 10:30 Business Meeting: begins 11:30 *****	<b>Rummikub</b> 10:00-12:30 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>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>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	

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



"Here are the proposed officers and appointed positions. You will be voting on this slate at the April meeting."

For 2024 – 2025

**ELECTED OFFICERS**

<b>President:</b>	Bonnie Groves
<b>VP:</b>	Joan Cellana
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Olga Heineman
<b>Asst. Treasurer:</b>	Barbara Greco
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Jackie Boyden
<b>Asst. Recording Secretary:</b>	Gloria Frank
<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Susan Hnat
<b>VP Membership:</b>	Lorie Miller
<b>Asst. Membership:</b>	Linda Todd
<b>VP of Luncheons:</b>	Cyndi Sheftel
<b>Asst. Luncheons:</b>	Kathy Antoni
<b>VP Programs:</b>	Lori Priselac
<b>Asst. Programs:</b>	Mary Lou Kenna
<b>VP Activities:</b>	Eileen MacKrell
<b>Asst. Activities:</b>	Betty Connell
<b>VP Corr. Secretary:</b>	Jackie Moore
<b>Asst. Corr. Secretary</b>	Cathy Schafer

**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

<b>Media Coordinator – Facebook/Website/ Drop Box:</b>	Cathy Uvanni
<b>Publicity</b>	Chris Lyman
<b>Special Interest:</b>	Linda Belanger
<b>Photographer/Historian:</b>	Jan Bauer
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Barbara Hamerling
<b>Share the Wealth</b>	Barbara Hamerling