



October 2009

# NEWCOMER

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Hi Everyone,*

*What a great start to our Newcomers season with so many new members. It's great to see so many people wanting to be part of our organization; the word must be out there that we are fun and friendly group! The new members were all excited about the club so we "oldies" should remember to welcome them when you see them at any of our events, because I know that they will appreciate it. I know that I did when I was a new member.*

*It was a good month starting out with the luncheon and then the activities that were planned. I know that the boat trip at Cedar Key was a lot of fun, and seeing the different birds in their natural habitat was a great photo op for all the nature lovers. The dolphins were too busy eating to put on a show, but they did come right up to the boat, so we did get to see them close up and personal. The lunch bunch at SkyView was excellent as always, and many ladies enjoyed seeing it for the first time. Great job everyone to start off the year with a bang.*

*Don't forget to sign up for the many events at the luncheon or check the web to keep abreast of everything.*

*See you at the luncheon,  
Judy*

## NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

### Sugarmill Woods Golf and Country Club

(Denim clothing not allowed)

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Doors open at 11 a.m. Meeting begins at 11:30.

(See the web site for directions)

### Bring food donations for CUB

**Menu:** Grilled chicken salad served with mini muffins and brownie-a-la-mode for dessert

**Program:** Annual Arts and Crafts Show

**Reservations:** Sign up and pay at the October luncheon or reservations may be made by mail to **Frances Hamilton, 237 N. Golf Harbor Path, Inverness 34450.** Payment must be received no later than 1 p.m. the Friday before the luncheon. Make checks payable to Citrus Newcomers Club for \$15.

A cash bar is always available at each luncheon with drink specials just for Newcomers.

### The planned remaining luncheons are as follows: (Keep in mind that these are subject to change)

December 10, 2009 (**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday**)—Christmas Music  
Black Diamond Country Club—buffet brunch  
Beverly Hills, FL

January 21, 2010—Tales on Wheels  
Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club  
Hernando, FL

February 18, 2010  
Van der Valk Restaurant  
Inverness, FL

March 25, 2010 (**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**)—Fashion Show  
Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club  
Hernando, FL

April 15, 2010—Sheriff Dawsy  
Plantation Golf and Country Club  
Crystal River, FL

May 20, 2010—Installation of new Board  
Black Diamond Country Club  
Beverly Hills, FL

### Reminders:

- Bring a sweater or wrap, in case you need one
- Please do not ask for a substitute lunch
- Remain quiet for speakers at the microphone
- Do not wear denim to the clubs
- Do not save seats for others
- Please silence cell phones

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Please keep in mind that the primary purpose of the Newcomers Club is to enjoy meeting others and learning about their lives and interests. Every member has an interesting story to tell about herself. All you have to do is listen and then share your own story if you like. To meet this primary goal, we want to mix it up some and

give all members a better opportunity to get to know each other. Thus, we are asking you not to save seats for those friends who have not yet arrived. Give yourself the opportunity to meet a new friend. (You may save your own seat, however, in order to take the opportunity to sign up at the activities table.)

Remember—it is not about the food on the menu, it is not about the location of the luncheon, it is about getting to know each other and creating a wider circle of friends. The board members will seat themselves among each of the tables as much as possible.

Another way to get to know one another better is to participate in activities. Many will include spouses and significant others. This provides an even tighter bond among Newcomers members. So sign up and have fun!

**Welcome Hostesses:** Each month a member at each table will be asked to be the “Hostess” for her table. In addition to making sure introductions are made at the table, the Hostess will let Bunny Bucci know if there are any problems with the luncheon or service. If necessary, the Hostess will remind members at the table to remain quiet during announcements and programs.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

**Kayaking:** If you are interested in kayaking with other Newcomers, contact Carol Kircoaf, (305) 396-6212, or Judy Leavitt, 746-7716. The group usually goes to lunch after the morning trips (not a requirement) and has lots of laughs. The location changes each month and will be announced in this newsletter or by e-mail. The cost for rental is \$21.20/pp and \$10.30/pp if you have your own gear/kayak. Cash is always welcome; checks can be made out to Carol Kircoaf. Upcoming dates are:

10/16 Silver River

11/20 Kings Bay to see the Manatees

12/16 Weeki Wachee

These are all morning paddles; meet at 9 a.m. to be on the water by 9:30. Please e-mail Carol if you wish to attend or make any changes ([ckircoaf@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ckircoaf@tampabay.rr.com)).

**Singles Group:** Meet other singles in Newcomers and join in attending activities, car-pooling, lunches, and more. Call Frances Hamilton, 341-3911.

**Book Club:** Fourth Thursday each month at the Lakes Region Public Library, Inverness, at 1:30 p.m. Call Judy Herron at 860-0232.

**Discussion Group:** This group offers an alternative to a book club. If you like to talk and don't have time to read, this may be for you. We meet the second Monday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Public Library in

Homosassa from September through May. For more information, please call Ellen Evans, 344-0839, or Judy Gray, 746-3388.

**Card and Game Night:** Meets third Friday of each month at the Floral City Community Center at 6 p.m. Open to the entire Citrus County community—couples or singles. Cost is \$2 per person. Bring a snack or dessert to share and your own beverages. If interested, call Carol DeLisle at 341-7745.

**Mystery Book Club:** For information, contact Rene Wise at 746-4461.

**Pinochle:** If you would like to play pinochle, call Louise Michael at 746-4691. Beginners are welcome. Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

**Stampin' Divas:** Join the Stampin' Divas and share the rubberstamping experience. Create greeting cards and projects for all occasions. Beginners and experienced rubberstampers are welcome. If you have not previously attended a Stampin' Divas meeting, contact Kren Kurts at 465-4652 or Gerri Kowalski at 860-2832 to obtain information.

**American Sewing Guild:** If you are interested in sewing, there is a group forming by Peggy Marrello. Contact Peggy at 748-0858. A sign-up sheet will be available at the luncheon.

**Mah Jongg:** Call Chris Harvey at 400-4961 for more information.

**Bridge:** Sheila Cowan would like to form a group to play Bridge. Those interested contact Sheila at (352) 726-6053 or (925) 200-4014.

### DINING CLUB BECOMES COCKTAIL CLUB

The committee and guests at the kickoff party April 4 agreed that the format for the kickoff was the way they wanted it for each month and at a different home each month.

Therefore, the new format will be appetizers and desserts ONLY! There will be no dinners to cook. All signed-up members will get together in one group each month. There will be NOT be groups of 4 couples or 6 couples—we will all be one happy group (as long as we stay small enough to fit into one house). If the group grows to over 22 people, it probably will have to be split in half. It would be nice to see it grow and, hopefully, it will. A sign-up sheet will be available for additional members. This is for singles or couples.

This new plan will also make things easier for folks who are not able to attend each Sunday affair because of other commitments. We will go to a different house the first Sunday evening of each month, and there will be one or two hosts. This will also be a-bring-your-own drink affair as well as bringing an appetizer or dessert. Hosts will provide cokes, coffee, water, tea, etc. The committee will let everyone know who the hosts will be for each month, and the hosts will let the other members know what they need to bring (an appetizer or dessert). Whoever is going to attend a function should get in touch with the hosts for that month to let them know they are coming. The committee will let others know who the hostess is in plenty of time.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Carole Abner, 503-7536, or [cabner5@yahoo.com](mailto:cabner5@yahoo.com).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **SCHNITZEL FACTORY DINNER**

**Thursday, October 29, 6 p.m.**

Enjoy authentic German food at the Schnitzel Factory, 1053 N.E. 14th Street Plaza, Ocala (352-433-2300). Dinner entrees are from \$11.95 to \$18.95 per person. Sign up at the luncheon or call Judy Peacock, 560-3474, or Margaret Nesbitt, 746-6406.

### **LUNCH BUNCH—Sky Asian Fusion, Ocala**

**Friday, November 6, 12 noon**

Join us at the Sky Asian Fusion Restaurant in the Holiday Inn located at 3600 SW 38th Ave, Sixth Floor, Ocala. (352 291-10000) **Directions:** Left at the light for Sam's Club on route 200 just before highway 75, right on 38th Ave. Call Margaret Nesbitt 352-746-6406 or sign up at the luncheon.

### **FOREVER FLORIDA**

**Thursday, November 12**

This event has reached capacity. It proved to be very popular. However, there is a waiting list. If you wish to be added to this list, contact Rita Coffman, 726-3331, [rcoffman4@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rcoffman4@tampabay.rr.com)

### **POT LUCK TURKEY DINNER**

**Saturday, November 21, 6 p.m.**

Join fellow Newcomers at the Beverly Hills Community Building located at 1 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Please bring an appetizer, side, or dessert plus a beverage of your choice. Turkey, dressing, and coffee provided. The cost is \$6 pp. Sign up at the luncheon or call Carol Signoretti, 637-2126, or Carol Delisle, 341-7745.

### **NEWCOMERS CHRISTMAS DINNER-DANCE**

**Friday, December 11, 5:30 p.m.**

Join Newcomers friends at the Inverness Country Club for a festive holiday dinner-dance. The Cocktail Hour is 5:30-6:30 p.m. (cash only) with appetizers. A buffet dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Music and Dancing from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with Mitch and Diane. The cost is \$31 per person. Wear your favorite holiday outfit (men need not wear sport coats and ties). Sign up at the luncheon. Visit the web site for the menu and details. [www.citrusnewcomersclub.homestead.com](http://www.citrusnewcomersclub.homestead.com)

### **SUGARMILL CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND DINNER AT COZY COUNTRY KITCHEN**

**Sunday, December 13**

Showtime is 3 p.m. at Curtis Peterson Auditorium, Lecanto. Dinner is 5 p.m. at Cozy Country Kitchen restaurant located at 5705 W. Gulf to Lake Highway, Crystal River (352-0794-3830). You have a choice of 3 entrees: Ham Steak with Red Eye Gravy, Turkey and Dressing, or Stuffed Chicken, (includes 3 sides) water. Beverage and Dessert extra. B.Y.O.B. Cost per person is \$19 including tax & tip. Write meal choice on your check. Call Carol Signoretti, 352-637-2126, or Margaret Nesbitt, 352-746-6406, or sign up at the luncheon. 30 seats have been reserved.

## PAYMENT AND CANCELLATION

If payment is involved, please write a separate check for each activity, payable to **CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB**. Or mail your check to the Activity Leader ASAP or possibly forfeit your space in the event.

Notify the Activity Leader as soon as possible if you find that you cannot attend after you have signed up. This applies whether the trip/activity involves money or is free! If you cancel before the cut-off date, you will receive a refund. However, after that date you will receive a refund only if we can find someone to take your place. If we do not have enough participants, the event will be canceled and refunds given.

## Welcome New Members

Please add the following new members and renewals to your directory:

**Kris Baker** (Robert), 4227 W. Horseshoe Dr., Beverly Hills, 527-4584, [Klbaker49@aol.com](mailto:Klbaker49@aol.com)

**Patricia Borick** (Nicholas), 3504 N. Eisenhower Ave. Hernando, 860-0766, [Pborick@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:Pborick@tampabay.rr.com)

**Joanne Forbis** (Keith), 1949 W. Tall Oak Dr Beverly Hills, 270-3176, [Kjforb@gmail.com](mailto:Kjforb@gmail.com)  
**Myrt Russell**, 1529 N. Foxboro Loop, Crystal River, 795-3406, [MNrussell47@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:MNrussell47@tampabay.rr.com)  
**Diane Schwartz**, 6676 S. Merleing Loop, Floral City, 726-3489, [C21DES@aol.com](mailto:C21DES@aol.com)  
**Lannie Stewart** (Ron), 5426 W. Piute Dr., Beverly Hills, 270-3398, [ronlannie@hotmail.com](mailto:ronlannie@hotmail.com)  
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**Maureen Winninger** (Brian), 4832 W. Piute Dr, Beverly Hills, 527-9348, [mobriW@embarqmail.com](mailto:mobriW@embarqmail.com)

### Directory Corrections

Change **Loretta McDermid**'s phone number to 352-637-6494  
Correct **Goldie Haggard**'s e-mail to [g\\_haggard@yahoo.com](mailto:g_haggard@yahoo.com)  
Change **Barbara Brillhart**'s e-mail to [babrilhart@earthlink.net](mailto:babrilhart@earthlink.net)  
Change **Deanna Egelson**'s e-mail to [lvegelson@embarqmail.com](mailto:lvegelson@embarqmail.com)  
Change **Sharon Rapp**'s e-mail to [Rapp03jbc@msn.com](mailto:Rapp03jbc@msn.com)

If your listing in the directory is incorrect or needs changing, let either Sunny Wiard ([wiardse@embarqmail.com](mailto:wiardse@embarqmail.com)) or Barb Mattichak ([barb@ichak.com](mailto:barb@ichak.com)) know. Some members have asked that their e-mail addresses not be published. Apologies if one appears in error. If you have changed your mind about sharing your e-mail address, let one of us know.

### SUNSHINE CORNER

If you know of any members who are ill or in need of a smile, please call Jackie Madiol (527-9997) or e-mail her at [send2jackie@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:send2jackie@tampabay.rr.com).

### EVENT PHOTOS

Darleen Overfield, historian, would like to have a photo or two from all Newcomers activities for 2009-2010. If you take photos at any function, please e-mail them to Darleen, especially if she is not attending. [darleenoverfield@hotmail.com](mailto:darleenoverfield@hotmail.com)

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