



September 2009

# NEWCOMER

CITRUS NEWCOMERS CLUB

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

*I can't believe that it is already September, and fall is in the air although the temperature is still in the 80s and 90s. "Florida"—that's why we love it here.*

*Your Board has been busy planning things for the upcoming 2009-2010 Newcomers season, and it looks like it is going to be a good year. We are trying some different places for our luncheons so that we experience more that the county has to offer and to see how they work out for the future. Bunny has chosen some different menus to please our pallet, and there will be both hot and cold meals throughout the year.*

*Margaret and her committee have events planned for the next two months and are putting everything on the web site so that we can pick and choose what we want to do before we sign up at the luncheons; they look to be starting out with a bang. Anyone can plan an activity or lunch bunch, just make sure that you inform Margaret's committee so that there are no conflicting times. Anyone who is interested in starting a new interest group, please let Linda Becker know. She will get a sign-up sheet for the interest group at the luncheon for you and inform you of anyone who is interested.*

*Well, it looks like it's going to be a terrific year with lots to do, new friends to meet, and getting back together again. See you at the luncheon.*

Judy

## OCTOBER LUNCHEON MEETING

### Z-Chef Restaurant

7781 S. Suncoast Blvd., Homosassa

October 15, 2009

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

(See the website for directions)

**Menu:** Cup of Soup, Quiche of the day, Fresh Fruit, Cheesecake for dessert

**Program:** To be announced

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

**Reservations:** Sign up and pay at the September 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.

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

November 19, 2009—Craft Fair  
Sugarmill Woods Country Club  
Homosassa, FL

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

January 21, 2010  
Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club  
Hernando, FL

February 18, 2010  
Van der Volk 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)).

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

**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.

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

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **CEDAR KEY BOAT AND LUNCH ADVENTURE**

**Friday, October 2, 9 a.m.**

See the Island's natural and historic points of interest from the water. A boat trip with Tidewater Tours launches at 11 a.m. for a 1-1/2 hr. cruise. 32 seats have been reserved. The cost per person is \$16.50. Lunch will be at 1:15 p.m. at the Seabreeze Restaurant—Dutch treat (deli sandwiches, fish, etc.). Carpooling will begin at 9 a.m. sharp from Winn-Dixie, 6405 W. Gulf to Lake Highway, Crystal River. Sign up at the luncheon or call Margaret Nesbitt, 746-6406.

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

**Wednesday, October 7, 12 noon**

Please join us for a lunch bunch hosted by Bunny Bucci and Sandy Anderson at Skyview at Terra Vista. The cost is \$16, including tax and gratuity. Menu: Butternut squash bisque, choice of pork tenderloin with orange cranberry relish OR macadamia nut chicken with orange thyme crème sauce. Dessert: pumpkin sorbet. Contact Bunny, 746-6389, or Sandy, 527-8136.

### **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.

### **FOREVER FLORIDA**

**Thursday, November 12**

A great adventure awaits—we will visit Forever Florida in St. Cloud. Your 2-hour, open-air safari coach, elevated 5 ft. off the ground, offers a fantastic view of everything. Your coach will take you on an adventure deep into the 4700-acre Florida Forever wildlife conservation area preserved just as nature intended. You will see an endless array of natural flora & fauna, which, hopefully, will include alligators, black bear, white-tail deer, hundreds of species of birds, and, if we are lucky, the endangered Florida panther. After this, we will have a family-style-served lunch of pulled pork or pulled chicken and all the fixings.

It is a 2-hour drive to St. Cloud; so we will travel there by bus. The cost of \$62 includes entrance fee, safari driver tip, lunch (with tax and gratuity), the bus fare and the bus driver tip. If we did not take a bus, the cost would be \$45 per person with entrance and lunch only.

Please let us know if you want the chicken or pork (you can write it on your check on the memo line). Call Rita Coffman, 726-3331, or Margaret Nesbitt, 746-6406, or sign up at the luncheon.

### **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 pp is \$6. Sign

up at the luncheon or call Carol Signoretti, 637-2126, or Carol Delisle, 341-7745.

## 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 to your directory:

**Carole Abner** (Don), 2 Foxgreen Ct., Homosassa 34446, 503-7536, [cabner5@yahoo.com](mailto:cabner5@yahoo.com) {Reading, Traveling, Learning new things, Entertaining}

**Jeanette Beauchesne** (Paul), 1173 N. Hunt Club, Hernando, 34442 [paulchesne@aol.com](mailto:paulchesne@aol.com)

**(Catherine) Noel Blair** (Jim), 2935 W. Elm Blossom St., Beverly Hills 34465, [njblair@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:njblair@tampabay.rr.com) {Nature trips}

**Georgette Bokash** (Brian), 942 Maple Ave., Inverness 34452, 560-7737 {Scrapbooking, Cardmaking}

**Rosemary Buechler** (David), 988 W. Rollingwood Ct., Hernando 34442, 270-3007

**Susan Fendenheim** (Richard), 1060 W. Skyview Crossing Dr., Hernando 34442, 527-8751 {Mah Jongg, Reading, Computers, Home Decorating, Gardening, Golf}

**Karen Kidd** (Harold), 1833 N. Eagle Chase Dr., Hernando 34442, 527-0187

**Cindy Over** (Dick), 2456 North Brentwood Circle, Lecanto 34461, 249-7807, [cindyover42@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cindyover42@tampabay.rr.com) {Decorating, Reading, Swimming}

**Elaine Reuter** (Paul), 4051 N. Indianhead Rd., Hernando 34442, 860-2717, [preuter@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:preuter@tampabay.rr.com) {Dressage}

**Rose Somma**, 2533 N. Brentwood Circle, Lecanto 34461, 527-8257 [somro8@aol.com](mailto:somro8@aol.com) {Cooking, Exercise, Day trips}

**Julia Southard** (Don Zeigler), 5590 N. Rosedale Circle, Beverly Hills 34465, 527-9626 [jsouthard1@earthlink.net](mailto:jsouthard1@earthlink.net) {Reading, Golf, Exercise, Cooking}

### Directory Corrections

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 ([barblm@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:barblm@tampabay.rr.com)) 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).

## SOME FUN EVENTS COMING TO CITRUS COUNTY

**Save our Waters Week** begins Friday, **Sept. 18** with activities all week. See the *Chronicle* for details about each day.

**Death Trap:** Art Center Theatre, **Sept. 18 to Oct. 4**. See [www.artcenter.cc](http://www.artcenter.cc) for details.

**Christmas in September Art and Craft Show:** Saturday, **Sept. 19**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crystal River Armory, U.S. 19 and Venable Street. Free admission.

**Blind Boys of Alabama:** five-time Grammy winners, Saturday, **Sept. 19**, Curtis Peterson Auditorium, Lecanto, 7:30 p.m. \$25 and \$50.

**Library System Annual Book Sale: Oct 2 to 6** at the Citrus County Auditorium on U.S. 41 South in Inverness, next to the fairgrounds. 5 to 8 p.m. Friday (\$5 donation), 9 to 4 Saturday, 1 to 4 Sunday, 10 to 7 Monday (half price day), and 10 to 3 Tuesday (\$3 a bag). Donations of books are accepted at Central Ridge, Coastal, or Lakes Region libraries.

**Fine Art & True Craft Show:** Sat. & Sun. **Oct. 10 & 11**, Homosassa Springs State Wildlife Park, 1 to 4 daily. Free admission.

**Scarecrow Festival:** Saturday, **Oct. 17**, on the grounds of the Heritage Village Shoppes, Citrus Ave., Crystal River.

**Free pontoon boat eco tours on Kings Bay** during **National Refuge Day:** the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge on Kings Bay Dr. next to the Port Hotel and Marina. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, **Oct. 17**. Exhibit booths, gift shop sales, live animals, plus purchase lunch. Free admission.

**Cooter Festival: Oct. 23, 24, 25**, Liberty and Wallace Brooks Parks downtown Inverness.

**Home & Outdoor Show: Oct. 24 and 25**, 9 a.m. Crystal River National Guard Armory

**Taste of Citrus:** Sunday, **Oct. 26**, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Central Florida Community College campus. \$25 in advance or \$30 at the entrance. [www.cfccfoundation.org](http://www.cfccfoundation.org). Sample food and wine provided by many of Citrus County's restaurants and culinary kitchens. The best buffet in the area. Lecanto.

**Haunted Tram Rides at the Park:** Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. Friday and Saturday, **Oct. 30 and 31**, 6 to 11 p.m. The Pepper Creek Trail will be transformed into a trail of haunting scenarios that will delight you.

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