



Chamber Connection

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Chamber Pillar Awards: An Evening of Elegance!

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

— Fred Rogers

Citrus County is blessed to have many "helpers" and it is time, once again, to honor those who have taken a stand to make a lasting impact in our community. This year's annual Pillar Awards dinner will focus on the residents, business owners, and local leaders that made outstanding contributions throughout 2021.

Join us Friday, April 29th, at Citrus Hills Golf & Country Club, to celebrate our winners and enjoy a night of dinner, dancing, and entertainment. This year's theme is "An Evening of Elegance."

Tickets are \$45 available online at

Nomination forms due April 8

Make nominations to honor those you feel have gone above and beyond this past year online at <https://tinyurl.com/Pillar2022>.

www.CitrusCountyChamber.com, or become a corporate sponsor for \$500. Contact Corrine Sachewicz at Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com for all sponsorship opportunities.

New Image AWARD

Making Positive Changes!



The Chamber's New Image Award Committee was pleased to present the March award to The Gentleman's Quarters for their hard work in renovating their barbershop location in Downtown Inverness!

Chamber Legacy Partners

The Chamber recognizes our Legacy Partners that have made a special investment in the Chamber to support the programs and mission of the Chamber. For information on becoming a Legacy Partner, please contact the Chamber by emailing Corrine@CitrusCountyChamber.com.



Chamber Supports Citrus County Blessings

The Chamber of Commerce was pleased to recently present Citrus County Blessings with a donation for their volunteer service at the 35th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers that helped make this year's event a success! Their "Blessings" program is dedicated to silencing the weekend hunger of local children in

need. Each week during the school year participants in the program receive a bag of food to take home for the weekend.

Students enrolled in the federally funded free or reduced breakfast and lunch program are eligible to participate in the Blessings program. Learn more about Blessings at www.CitrusCountyBlessings.org.



Pictured, from left to right: Rachelle Garrett-Butler, Blessings Program Director; Christina Reed; Blessings Executive Director; Erika Corley, Former Chamber Special Events Manager.

April Luncheon focused on Florida's Property Insurance

The Chamber is excited to welcome Carl Rockman, Vice President, Agency and Market Services/ Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, to speak on the current Florida Property Insurance issues.

The luncheon will be held on April 8th from 11:30am – 1pm at The Plantation on Crystal River.



Carl Rockman

Pre-paid reservations are required. Members - \$20 / Non-Members - \$25. Please register online no later than Monday, April 4th, at www.CitrusCountyChamber.com. No Walk-ins will be accepted.

Thank you to our luncheon sponsor: Central Ridge Insurers.

RECENT RIBBON CUTTING

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

Crystal River Lullaby



Welcome to the Chamber, Crystal River Lullaby! Their mission at Crystal River Lullaby is to provide the highest level of customer satisfaction. They serve breakfast every morning in their dining room or large deck overlooking the beautiful water view of the St Martins Marsh Aquatic Preserve. Enjoy coffee, tea, bottled water, cookies, lemonade, and iced tea – all complimentary during your visit. The living room is available for guests to relax. Read a book from their library wall while listening to music, enjoy a movie or one of their "How to dance the Tango" video collection on the large 65" flat-screen TV. Outdoor amenities are also available for use including bicycles and kayaks. 1 (407) 690-6739. <https://lullabybb.com/>

Upcoming Events

- 4/8 — April Chamber Luncheon; Speaker: Carl Rockman, Vice President, Agency and Market Services/ Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; Location: Plantation on Crystal River; Sponsor: Central Ridge Insurers
- 4/21 — April Chamber Mixer hosted by Eagle Buick GMC; Location: Eagle Buick GMC, Crystal River
- 4/28 — Build Up Business event; Co-Sponsor: SCORE Nature Coast; Location: The Valerie Theatre
- 5/13 — May Chamber Luncheon; Speaker: State Representative Ralph Massullo; Location: Black Diamond Ranch