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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR

Gayle Kanak, *Yours in Service through Civitan*

We are in the final quarter for our Centennial Year. I am proud of each Civitan for the outstanding work you have done in your communities. The Florida District is still in a plus situation so please continue to add new members and start a new club! I am most appreciative of ALL your help during this year for Civitan, the Florida District and me.

Fifty-two Florida District Civitans attended the International Convention in Birmingham to celebrate Civitan's 100 Years of Service, including three Past International Presidents – Bill Pearson, Polly Forestier, and Gay Aaron. Many people came for the first time, even some longtime members. Those who toured the Civitan International Research Center and the Civitan headquarters were very impressed. Likewise, those who participated in the Titusville Civil Rights Era tour were very moved. We had two outstanding candidates for President-Elect, Bob Jones and Lura Boggs. Bob was elected. Two amendments to the Bylaws were offered. The first, to have the immediate past president serve as Board Chair was defeated. The second one is to allow president-elect candidates to come from the same Region if they were in different Districts passed. I voted no for both amendments.

I am very proud of our incoming Governor Daniella Nevells. I know she will do an outstanding job leading Florida to even further accomplishments. Your help to make this happen is very important for the District. Lana Suggs continues in her second year as International Director Region Two. In addition, the *Hometown Club* was recognized as the club that added the most number of new members during 2015-2016. Wynester Sherrer, a member of both *Uptown* and *Downtown* clubs, was recognized for recruiting the most new members into Civitan. The theme for 2017-2018 is **Kindle Your Fire for Civitan.**



UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

- July 1 Junior Civitan Officers assume duties
Report from Club Officials to Civitan Intl & Governor-Elect Daniella Nevells
- August 15 District Awards Applications postmarked to Awards Chair Pat Kirk
- Sept 8-9 **SAVE the Date:** Florida District Convention, The Shores Resort, Daytona Beach
- October 1 Deadline for SUNBEAM submissions, civitan.baberogers@gmail.com

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**Civitan International
UAB Research Center**

Birmingham, Alabama

FLORIDA DISTRICT CALENDAR 2016-2017

2016

- October 1 New Civitan year begins
- October 29 World Junior Civitan Day
- November 5 Junior Civitan Florida District Meeting, Naples
- November 12 Florida District Board Meeting (Conference call 9 a.m.)
- November 15 Deadline for Club Officer Training Certification
- December 1
 - Honor Club/Competitive Awards applications due to International with copy to Immediate Past Governor.
 - District Awards applications for Outstanding Club & Outstanding Club President to Immediate Past Gov.

2017

- January 1 Deadline to submit material for Winter *Sunbeam*
- January 20-24 Junior Civitan International Sno-Do in Canada
- January 31 Deadline Shropshire Scholarship Application to Int'l
- February 1-4 Clergy Appreciation Week
- February 4-7 GE Academy in Birmingham, Alabama
- March 2-5 Governor's Update
- March 10-13 Jr Civitan International Dance-A-Thon, Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 11 Florida District Meeting & Board Meeting, Mount Dora
- April
 - Civitan Awareness Month
 - Junior Civitan Advisor Appreciation Month
- April 1 Deadline to submit material for Spring *Sunbeam*
- April 22 Junior District Convention, St. Petersburg Beach House
- April 30 Area Director Visit with Club Presidents Due
- June 10 Florida District Board Mtg (Conference call at 9 a.m.)
- June 24-26 Junior Civitan International Convention, Birmingham
- June 24-27 95th Civitan International Convention, Birmingham
Celebrating 100 Years of Service
- July 1
 - Report of Club Officers to Int'l & Governor-Elect
 - Junior Civitan Club Officers Assume Duties
 - Deadline to submit material to Summer *Sunbeam*
- August 15 District Awards Applications due to Awards Chair
- September 8-9 Florida District Board Meeting, Daytona Beach
- September 30 Florida Annual Convention and Installation Banquet
- September 30 Area Director's Year-End Report w/ Club Presidents due



NOTES FROM GOVERNOR-ELECT

Daniella Nevells

Wow this year has flown by I think I blinked and it was July. With that being said I am very excited for next year and I want to thank everyone in advance for taking on leadership positions for the upcoming year. The support I have received from all of you that have reached out to let me know you will be standing beside me next year as I take on my new role as your District Governor has been absolutely astonishing. I am very lucky to belong to not only such a wonderful International Organization but a fantastic District to go along with it.

This year has been great. I started out my year by traveling to Naples and Marco Island to install their 2016-2017 officers. From there, I have attended several meetings and events with the Leesburg, Sunrise and Hometown clubs. Traveling to Birmingham for my first time was a once in a lifetime experience. I went only knowing a few people at my Governor's Elect training. I left with a core solid group of friends from all over with whom I know I can always turn to in the upcoming year. The tour of the Research Center was absolutely incredible and inspiring. The fellowship and business we accomplished at our District meeting was such a great motivation for all. Tallahassee graciously allowed me to assist them in grilling for a Special Olympics game (okay so maybe I wasn't allowed to grill but I surely got to wrap a lot of burgers). Hometown kicked it up hosting their first annual reverse draw. I was more than thrilled to not only help build the Nature Coast Club in Spring Hill but attend their Chartering with distinguished guests to help them feel even more welcome to the Civitan Family. The Juniors helped remind me that we need to keep things fun and we can still accomplish loads as they hosted their District Convention at the St Pete Beach house. From sand castles, to making mats for the homeless, electing and installing officers, to games they surely know how to host a great Convention with the help from the wonderful Penny Bonawitz. How about International Convention? I was blown away by the amount of member's we had representing the Florida District. I hope everyone else who attended enjoyed it as much as I did. I left completely fired up for our upcoming year. I look forward to **Kindling Your Fire for Civitan** with you at our September District Convention in Daytona Beach!

My Goal as Governor for 2017-2018 is to do even more. I would truly like to visit every club in our District. With that being said, I need your help. Please let me know in advance what your club is up to and when it would be best to come visit. It does not need to be an installation ceremony; I would love to come out roll up my sleeves and join in on any projects your club is working on. Growth is what will help ensure our future with Civitan still around for its second centennial celebration. So, everyone be thinking of growth opportunities in any areas that you can think of. Remember if everyone just brought in one member, we could literally double our numbers! My sights are set high on club building and recruitment for Civitan as a whole.



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mary Kay Pyles

We're going through some turbulent times in our country right now. Regardless of which political side of the turbulence each one of us is on, this is the perfect time to remember our creed, to think about the meaning of the words, and to reflect on the difference Civitans have made throughout our 100 years' history.

- ✚ I wonder if Dr. Courtney Shropshire and others who started Civitan in 1917 or if those who wrote the words "My hands do the work of the world and reach out in service to others" had any idea that 100 years later, there would be over 40,000 Civitan members in more than 1,000 clubs in 49 countries. Truly, we've done the work of the world.
- ✚ Who knew when the words My eyes search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan were written that Thomas Edison, Richard Petty, four U.S. presidents – Coolidge, FDR, Truman, and Kennedy, and two Supreme Court Justices, Hugo Black and Ed Sanford, would join the ranks of Civitan?
- ✚ Who knew that when Sargent and Eunice Shriver started a summer day camp in their backyard in 1961 for the mentally challenged that it would in 1968 become Special Olympics - a project in which many Civitans are involved or that Civitans would support the Law Enforcement Torch Run that raises money for Special Olympics?
- ✚ Who knew that because of Civitan there would be an International Research Center that is working daily to find causes of developmental disabilities, MS, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, and other debilitating diseases?
- ✚ Eleanor Roosevelt once said that the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- ✚ What will we dream today that will have a lasting effect on the world 100 years from now?
- ✚ If we truly live our creed, if we practice the Golden Rule, we can rise above the bitterness and the acrimony that is prevalent today and make a better world through Civitan.

I Am Civitan



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION LIAISON REPORT

Mattie Fraser

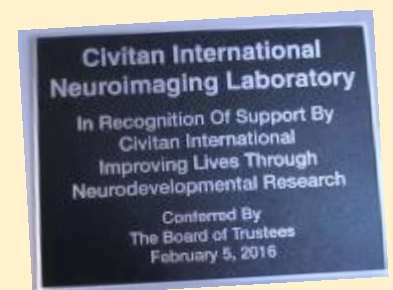
The **100th Years of Service** Celebration in Birmingham, June 24-27, was wonderful. In addition to seeing many Civitan friends from around the world, we also had the opportunity to visit the Civitan International Research Center and the newly renovated World Headquarters of Civitan.



The Civitan International Research Center at UAB was selected after a nationwide competition at the Civitan International Convention in 1989 and opened its doors in 1991. I first visited the facility as a governor in 1992. The changes to the facility (now multiple buildings) and the outstanding research being done makes ALL Civitans from around the world who support this program proud to be a part of this exceptional work. Seeing the groundbreaking research being done reminds us of all the great work being done to help those with special needs and reinforces our dedication to the mission of Civitan. I was one of the fortunate ones who got into Neuroimaging Laboratory to see the fMRI area where a 67-year old man was inside the machine ... and he was watching "Finding Nemo." The young researchers we talked with were excited and proud to be a part of this program.

Our tour next took us to the World Headquarters facility where we saw the much-needed renovation. This was certainly needed and it looks terrific. There is a special wall dedicated to those who have been part of the Fellows program and their names appear there. This is another way to help the CIRC.

In addition to ways we provide financial support to the CIRC, members of the President's Council enjoyed a delightful evening at **Old Car Heaven** in recognition of all they do. This unique venue had many "antique" cars, some splendid in their refurbished appearance and some in the process. Trouble was ... I remember some of these cars when they were "new." All in all, a fun evening! Lots of fun and fellowship.



The financial support Civitans from around the world provide is one way that the UAB Civitan International Research Center use for challenge grants that makes everything multiplied many, many times.

Please help us continue to enable this exceptional work to be done through our donations to Civitans at the Helm (from the club and from you personally), the President's Council, Legacy, the Golf Tournament, and Putt N Chip. Our Junior Civitans also provide funding in this regard through their *Sno-Do* and *Dance-a-Thon* contributions. Won't you add your name to these efforts!!



GROWTH AND RETENTION & TRAINING

Helen Galloway

Florida Civitans Are Exceptional!

"Good intentions are useless until they are expressed in appropriate action."

Napoleon Hill

Good intentions may be an appropriate starting point for achievement, but they will go nowhere unless you follow through with action. This is what Civitans do!! We know the importance of carrying out the Civitan creed!

Club presidents and presidents-elect and other officers play an important role in assuring that this is the goal of our club members. To assist in this endeavor, it is important that the incoming officers for 2017-2018 take advantage of the class offered to them. Please remember to send in the new officer report form as soon as possible as it is due to Civitan Leadership training now. All clubs have been sent the information to submit and especially necessary to register. Please email me if you have any questions.

It was so nice to see many of you at the 100th Celebration for Civitan last month!! Let's start off with a dedication for a great 100 year for Civitan.

Continuing growth in Civitan cannot be accomplished without Civitan's of all ages. It is encouraging to see so many young faces as leaders in Civitan.





JUNIOR CIVITAN

Skye Speakman, Secretary of the Florida District

For the past extended weekend, Junior Civitan's Florida District has been enjoying their stay in Birmingham, Alabama for the 37th Annual Junior Civitan International Convention. The Florida District was represented by five Juniors, four of which are currently serving on the Florida District Board. Through this awe-inspiring, Dr. Seuss themed centennial celebration, the Juniors gained a renewed sense of dedication to service and plan on applying this excitement to their leadership efforts in the upcoming year.



As aforementioned, the Junior Civitan International Convention in Birmingham, Alabama inspired the Juniors of the Florida District to work tirelessly this upcoming year towards the goals of expanding our outreach, increasing membership, and organizing meaningful projects. The convention supplied the Juniors with the skills and passion necessary to accomplish these objectives in the approaching year. New skills were acquired by the Juniors of the Florida District through workshops presented by fellow Juniors, which taught leadership skills and offered new ideas for service projects and approaches to recruitment. As the Secretary of the Florida District and Vice President of Noble Junior Civitan, I attended workshops catered to my board positions and learned valuable skills from my peers whose previous experience allowed them to reflect on the most effective approach to the tasks required of individuals serving on their District or club board. Alternate workshops were offered, including "Oh the Places You'll Serve," which described service projects accessible to fellow Juniors, such as ***Be in the Zone – Turn Off Your Phone***, that the Florida District plan on pursuing soon.



While the workshops provided the Juniors with information, the sense of community present at the Junior Civitan International Convention motivated the Juniors of the Florida District to further dedicate themselves to service. The enthusiasm for Junior Civitan was undeniable throughout the International Convention, as it exuded from each of the young leaders present at the convention. As I met more Juniors and learned about the projects they pursued throughout the

year, their admiration for this service organization was evident. The positive attitudes present in Birmingham, Alabama incited passion in each Junior at the convention, and this will undoubtedly translate into the efforts of these Juniors in their future endeavors.



Junior Civitan prides itself in the sense of community amongst its members, the creed itself stating, “I value the security of knowing that wherever I am, I will always be within reach of a fellow Civitan.” I have previously formed strong relationships amongst the members within my own club at Robinson High School, and formed even more long-lasting friendships at the Junior Civitan International Convention in the short three days we spent in Birmingham, Alabama. I truly feel that wherever I am, I will always be within reach of a fellow Civitan, as I have

connected with Juniors throughout the nation. During the duration of the trip, my friends made each event entertaining. To help meet new people, the Juniors attended opening and closing dances, an outdoor block party, and a creative scavenger hunt. However, the fun did not stop there – we visited the Civitan International Research Center and the Civitan International Neuroimaging Laboratory. The Florida District greatly appreciated having the opportunity to visit Birmingham, Alabama and visit the research center for developmental disabilities that our donations help fund.

Our incoming Governor, Kylene Newcomb, ran for International Director this year. This is the first person to run for an International office since International President, Matthew Pendleton. He was not elected but had a great time with all the candidate experiences and got a better insight into the running of things on an International level.

The Florida District was honored to receive multiple International Awards at the closing ceremony of the convention. Ms. Niki Lockett of Noble Junior Civitan received the Advisor of the Year award, Azia May of the Tampa Bay Club received the Club Officer of the Year award, Leto High School received the third-place Campus Project award, and Bishop Moore Catholic High School received the third-place Club of the Year award. Overall, the Florida District had a successful trip to Birmingham, Alabama for the 37th Annual Junior Civitan International Convention. The Florida District is looking forward to implementing these newly acquired skills in the impending year, and will have a board meeting July 30, entailing preliminary organization for the District and the planning of fun challenges for the adult Civitan clubs.



Other Honors awarded to Junior Civitan Clubs include:

- ❖ Honor Club Banner Patches: Chiles JCC and Tampa Bay JCC
- ❖ Social Awareness Certificates: Bishop Moore JCC, Chiles JCC, Durant JCC, Golden Gate JCC, Lake Howell JCC, Leto JCC, Noble JCC, Sandalwood JCC, Stanton College Prep JCC, and Tampa Bay JCC
- ❖ Environmental Awareness Certificates: Chiles JCC, East Naples Gators JCC, Golden Gate JCC, Lake Howell JCC, Leto JCC, Stanton College Prep JCC, and Tampa Bay JCC
- ❖ Collection Selection Banner Patches were awarded to: Chiles JCC, Durant JCC, Homestead JCC, Leto JCC, Sandalwood JCC, St. Pete JCC, Stanton College Prep JCC, Tampa Bay JCC and Walker Middle JCC



Florida District Nominating Committee

Pat Kirk and Daniella Nevells

The Following 2017-2018 District Officer positions will be elected at the September District Convention. Candidates currently nominated are listed below next to the position. Please contact Pat Kirk and Daniella Nevells with any other nominations.

Governor- Elect
Area 1 Director -

Area 2 Director-
Area 3 Director-

Area 4 Director-

Area 5 Director-

Elected Immediate Past Governor-

Wynester Sherrer, Uptown

Betty Rohan, Hometown

Ramona Frederico , Uptown

Sandy Sanders, Orlando

DeeDee Kirk, Tampa Metro

Nery Kircher, Naples

Lori Clapp, Tampa Metro (repeating for second term)

The Following Officers will also serve on the Board, but have already been elected.

Governor-

Immediate Past Governor-

Secretary-

Treasurer-

Daniella Nevells, Leesburg (Elected Past year)

Gayle Kanak, Uptown (Automatic position)

Charlie Hair, Tallahassee (Appointed, non-voting)

Deborah McCoy, Leesburg (Appointed, non-voting)

FLORIDA DISTRICT AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Over 1,100 Civitans from around the world gathered at the Sheraton Hotel in Downtown Birmingham on June 24 – 27 to celebrate Civitan’s 100 Years of Service. Fifty-two of them were from the Fabulous Florida District. It was, also, a joint meeting with our Junior Civitan Clubs.



FRIDAY: The Annual Golf Tournament was held the day before the conference at Ross Bridge Country Club. Florida was represented by *Naples Civitan Club’s* Bob Kircher (on left) and *Hometown Civitan Club’s* Babe Rogers (far right). The highest personal donation player raised over \$22,000 just for his play in the event! A goal for our Florida District in 2018.

SATURDAY: The opening ceremonies brought out hundreds of Civitans who dressed like the characters in the Wizard of Oz in the Birmingham, theme of “Welcome Home.” What a great way to start the festivities.



*Floridian OZ Characters: Bob Kircher, Babe Rogers, Daniella Nevells, Deb McCoy and Nery Kircher
Middle: St. Pete’s DeeDee Kirk and children
Right: Hometown’s Penny Badolato “Follow the Yellow Brick Road”*

SUNDAY: The next morning was our first business session. The Junior Civitan International President Cambron Bice gave a report for the Juniors. He is such an outstanding young man and gave an uplifting report on the Juniors. In addition to International reports, all candidates up for election, including two candidates for President-Elect ... Lura Boggs and Bob Jones were introduced, along with candidates from other regions. Our Region Two Director is Lana Suggs who has one more year to serve.

During the day, many workshops were offered throughout the convention, most of them at least twice. Mattie Fraser served on a three-person panel, "Read All About It," in a *how-to* session to help you make your club's newsletter better. Civitan also offered tours ... Titusville in the Civil Rights Era and one of the Civitan International Research Center and the newly renovated Civitan International Headquarters. In the evening, Senior and Junior Civitans gathered at an outdoor party at the park across from the hotel, with carnival games, food trucks and many other activities and entertainments (*right*).



When the North American Awards and Recognition were made, the Florida District was proud to have the Naples Civitan Club (two awards) and Uptown Civitan (three awards) among those recognized.

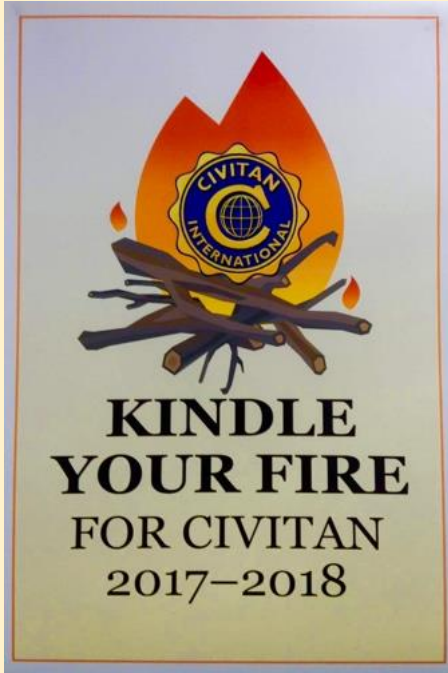
MONDAY: The Putt N Chip Event, another golf fundraiser for the Civitan International Research Center, was well represented by Florida participants. To date, the two golf events raised over \$289k for the Research Center. *Pictured right: Barbara Holyfield, International Director, for Putt N Chip and Uptown's Mattie Fraser*



Floridian's at the President's Council

The President's Council evening event at the Old Car Heaven was an opportunity to thank those who help support the Research Center. Lots of fun and fellowship and looking at beautiful antique cars!

TUESDAY: The business session gave the election results. Bob Jones was elected President-Elect for 2017-2018. It was also a time when the results from the election on Proposed Amendments were made. The amendment to have the immediate past president serve as board chair failed. The amendment to allow candidates within the same region but from different districts to run from President-Elect passed.



Our highlight of the Membership Extravaganza was the introduction of Governors for 2017-2018 and the announcement of the theme for next year, “**Kindle your Fire for Civitan.**” In addition, many membership awards were made including *Hometown Civitan Club*, “Most Number of New Members,” and Wynester Sherrer, member of *Uptown* and *Downtown WEB in Action Civitan Clubs*, the individual who recruited the most new members. The entertainment was Wayne Hoffman, a mentalist and illusionist. He was outstanding.



The closing ceremony to install the officers for 2017-2018 was exciting when representatives from around the world were a part of it. Among the highlights was an entertaining song and dance from the Japanese delegation. Past International President Joe Parker was the installing officer. 2017-2018 President Kendyl Massey gave her acceptance and vision for the future of Civitan. This was followed by a fun opportunity to dance and visit with other Civitans. Next year’s convention, 2018, will be held in Reno, Nevada. The 2019 convention will be held in Rome, Italy. Hope to see you at both.

*Right: First: Outgoing Florida Governor Gayle Kanak and in-coming Governor Daniella Nevells.
Second: Installation of New Governors*



Club Beams

Enjoy the successes, challenges and fun of
our Fabulous Florida Clubs



CLEARWATER CIVITAN CLUB, Clearwater

Sue Meier

Clearwater Civitan honored the *Officer of the Year* Award which was presentation at Clearwater Police Headquarters in May. Police Chief Slaughter was present for the award presentation to Sergeant Timothy Downes.



DOWNTOWN WEB IN ACTION CLUB, Jacksonville

Wynester Sherrer

On April 21, six Downtowners attended the annual prom for the Alden Road Exceptional Students. The *Cinderella~Cinderfella* event involved making it possible for Marvel Marcello and Zachary Joslyn, two special needs children, to attend their high school prom. The school colors are blue and white, therefore, the outfits purchased were blue and white. The group met to assist their caregivers. We decorated their wheelchairs with blue and white ribbons, bows, and sea décor to match their theme, “Enchantment Under the Sea”. The crowd burst with excitement as we entered the prom. Marvel is in the 12th grade and Zachary, her escort is in the 11th. Our young lady was crowned 2017 Queen of the prom.





Several Downtowners volunteer every Monday to help at the First Coast International Seventh Day Adventist Church's food pantry. Public distributions are on Mondays from 3:00 pm to 5:00pm. Typically, 120 to 180 clients are served. We greet the clients, check ID's, sign them in and answer questions. We also assist with preparing boxes of food items, making sure each client receives a box. We also help with the clean-up, after the last client is served.



FIRST COAST CIVITAN CLUB, Jacksonville

Lee Conrey



A big **SHOUT OUT** to Arddy Farrell and Sharon Russell for collecting all these Pop Tops and making a difference! Pop Tops were delivered to Ronald McDonald House in Jacksonville. Arddy and Sharon say; *“Thank you Civitans, Friends and VFW Jax Beach for collecting Pop Tops.”* The tops are cashed in and used towards their Electric Bill at the Ronald McDonald House in Jacksonville.

Leo J Farrell Scholarship Fund

Oh my Goodness! Our first Tribute to Leo J. Farrell is complete for this year. What a privilege to honor Leo with the quilt raffle and then the Scholarships. I just know he is cheering us on from above and lovin' every minute of our efforts. The raffle raised \$1,647 and allowed us to award 3 - \$500 scholarships to graduates with disabilities. The remainder will be placed in the scholarship fund for 2018.



Center Academy Scholarships

The Center Academy graduation was wonderful! There were 13 graduates with 12 attending! They had each student write a letter to their parents or whomever they wanted to say, "thank you.:" The letters were amazing and were read by the teachers. As they read the letter, the grad took a red rose and a certificate to that person. It was awesome!!! After receiving their diplomas, First Coast Civitan President Lee Comey presented the scholarships. Valerie (one of the recipients) was not going to be able to attend fall semester but will make it now! What a great honor and privilege it was to present the first **Leo J Farrell Scholarships!**

Alden Road Scholarship



The Recipient was Lance Exum, a computer whiz and movie maker and editor, who was beaming with pride to receive this Scholarship. It enabled him to register for The Arc Program as UNF. Pictured: Lee, Principal Susan Tucker and Asst. Principal Sonia Huffman.



FRONTIER CIVITAN CLUB, Orlando

Olga Calvert



Members of our club served dinner to families staying at Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida Orlando Health/Arnold Palmer house last Monday.



HEART OF FLORIDA CIVITAN CLUB, Orlando

Marilyn Terborg

Heart of Florida members have ushered at all of the Shakespeare Theatre productions this past season, including the Children's Series. One member volunteered in the Costume Department. They continue to help with the bulk mailings and the First Thursdays each month at the Orlando Museum of Art. We have volunteered at *A Gift for Teaching* and Clean the World. We are busy planning for the annual "Back-to-School Ice Cream Party" at Edgewood Children's Ranch. We bring ice cream, make-your-own sundae toppings, as well as providing them school supplies. We have done two *Hands On* Orlando projects, visiting the Salvation Army Booth Towers for women, playing Bingo with them, and also visiting the Orlando Health & Rehab Center, chatting and singing with the residents.

For enjoyment, we have attended all of the Orlando Philharmonic concerts, both Classics and Focus series, enjoyed the Volunteer Appreciation dinners from the Shakespeare Theatre and the Orlando Museum of Art, and continue our monthly Breakfast Socials at different diners in the area.

Three members attended the 100th Anniversary Civitan International Convention in Birmingham.



HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB, The Villages

Karen Schwering

As a public Awareness project and a Membership Drive, Hometown Civitan held a PUB STROLL at a local town square. Our Social Director Judy and our Membership Director Carol created a fun all-encompassing event where members and guests met at the bandstand area of Brownwood where all were given a "Hometown Sash." The theme of the Pub Stroll was inspirational saints and civic minded people.

- The first location was City Fire patio, an American cuisine restaurant, where Judy talked about the 100 years of Civitan and the American creator of Civitan, Dr. Courtney Shropshire.
- The strollers then proceeded to the Brew Haus, where Inspirational Leader Eve spoke about Martin Luther (our German-themed do-gooder) while sipping on Shnapps cocktails, either alcoholic or non-alcoholic.
- The last stop was Riccardi's where strollers were served wonderful appetizers while President-Elect Penny spoke about Italian saint Mother Teresa. The day was highly popular and was a fun and worthwhile way to attend to its goals of public awareness, social and membership drive all in one.

Important to Note: The event produced two new members to *Hometown Civitan Club* and, Except for \$90, the event was sponsored by donations from our sponsor businesses themselves and donations from four club members.



LEESBURG CIVITAN, Leesburg

Deb McCoy

The Leesburg Club help the sunrise club for their annual spaghetti luncheon fundraiser. The Leesburg clubs on a new meeting spot with a warmer welcoming environment. The Leesburg Club enjoy the social potluck gathering with their eyes still set on expanding membership in building clubs.





MARCO ISLAND CLUB, Marco Island

Nery Kircher



A Baby Shower was held to benefit the SW Florida Friends of Foster Children Forever program. This was a project done with the participation of the Naples and

Marco Island Clubs. We collected more than 200 baby items for these babies who are in the process of being placed with foster parents. Lately, we had a lot of mothers in Collier County using drugs so these babies are born addicted and removed immediately from this type of environment.



The Marco Island Civitan participated at the Taste of Marco Island festival to benefit YMCA by having Civitan Marco Kircher singing in the name of the Club. YMCA recognized MI Civitan Club for their efforts.

Our Club also created a fundraising opportunity at the Marco Island Rock Concert Series by selling Samy's Pizza. This community event is a fundraiser for different non-profit organization





NAPLES CIVITAN, Naples

Bob Kircher

The Collier Challenger Little League end of the season game. This league was formed and it is sponsored by the Naples Civitan Club. Some of the Ft. Myers Miracle players came to play with the Tigers team and the Tigers were invited to go to Hammond Stadium to play with them. Great experience for these players!

President Bob Kircher recognizes league's Manager Douglas Shuart for his work and dedication to the team.



The Naples Club presented 2-\$1,000 scholarships to recipients from the Golden Gate High School Junior Civitan Club's President David Galindo, presented to him by his Advisor Maria Estock, and Naples High School Junior Civitan Club's President Isabella Rodriguez, presented to her by Bob Kircher.



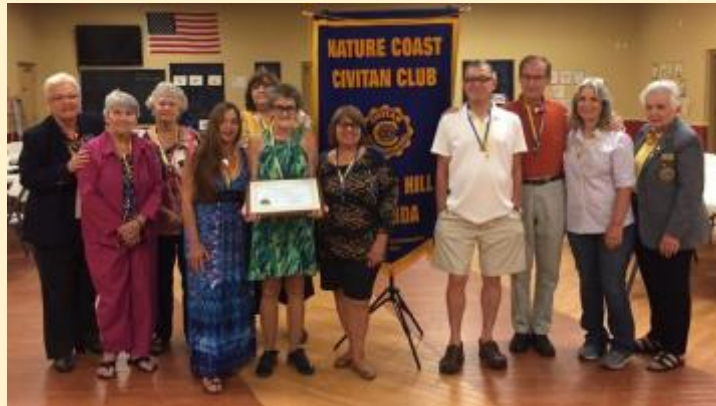
Civitan's 7th Shining Stars Show Dinner-Dance fundraiser



NATURE COAST, Spring Hill

Daniella Nevells

The Nature Coast Club had their first project which was having a table at the local walk for the Nature Coast Park. They also decided as the emphasis of the Nature Coast Club will be helping the environment. They're very enthusiastic for the upcoming year to participate in candy coin box and fruit cake. We're so excited to have this new club a part of the Civitan family.



ORLANDO CIVITAN CLUB, Orlando

Sandy Sanders

The Orlando Civitan club has been supporting ONE MAIN PROJECT CHARITY FOR 45 years: It is the Magnolia School for mentally and physically challenged students; it has been our main project on the calendar of events every year. Magnolia School is an Orange County Public School where Principal Tom Oldroyd is currently an Orlando Civitan Club member.

What have we done for this long? Our Club furnishes a real live Santa Claus every year and Santa Gives a single gift to each student at Magnolia School. Principal Oldroyd sits down with our gift committee and we go through a special catalog. Each gift we purchase has been carefully selected to best make each recipient happy with the personal gift received. There were 167 students who each received a gift. In addition, the students in Magnolia School Kids Kitchen prepare a lunch for us, while several other students performed on stage to show us their individual musical talents. There is no better way to enjoy what Civitan is meant to do....

The next Santa Claus Project is scheduled for December 8 at Magnolia School. Ron Allbee will again be our Santa along with his wife (Mrs Santa). Ron's comment about this program is that he will schedule his time every December to be sure he does not miss the Magnolia School Santa Claus Project no matter where in the U.S. they are traveling. Ron says he enjoys this program above any other venues where he wears his Santa outfit.... AND SO, DO WE .AND THE MAGNOLIA STUDENTS.



PINE CASTLE CIVITAN CLUB, Jacksonville

Mattie Fraser

Pine Castle, with the help of their Uptown members, have outstanding speakers and projects at their twice monthly meeting. One of their favorite programs is a visit by Thresa Shaver and her newest guide dog trainee, a golden lab who was about 10 weeks old. Members also have hands-on projects of clipping coupons for military stationed in Germany, colored Easter baskets, creating cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day for their families. Birthdays of their members are celebrated at each meeting.



ST. PETERSBERG CIVITAN CLUB, St. Petersburg

Bonnie Ruth

We hosted our annual Police and Fire Awards; the Departments' members vote to recognize one of their own. This year we recognized the award recipients for 2016: Police Field Training Officer of the Year, Officer Jenna Gillis, the Fire Officer of the Year, Lt. Rodney Whitman, and the Firefighter of the Year, Anthony Caldarelli.



Holloway and Recipient Gillis



1Fire Chief Land and recipient Whitman



Fire Chief Lang and Recipient Caldarella



SUNRISE CIVITAN, Leesburg

Daniella Nevells/Deb McCoy



On June 6, members of the Sunrise Club had their Annual Spaghetti Luncheon at the ARC Sunrise of Central Florida. Families, staff and participants in the adult day program enjoyed an excellent meal and raised \$500 for Sunrise Civitan. The event was co-hosted by the Leesburg Civitan Club



The Sunrise Club also had a lively and enthusiastic election session with their 2017-2018 Board who are all very excited for the upcoming year.



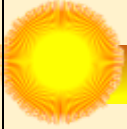
TALLAHASSEE CIVITAN, Tallahassee

Daniella Nevells

The Tallahassee Club has been super busy with regular BBQs, guest speakers, helping the PACE Center for girls and Oasis Center for Women and girls. They have many more plans in the works as well.

To top it all off, at the 2017 Centennial Celebration in Birmingham, Tallahassee won Second Place in the President's Coin Box award category. Well done, we are so excited and proud of them for their accomplishments!





TAMPA METRO CIVITAN, North Tampa

Lori Clapp



This quarter was one of new and varied activities for Tampa Metro. They partnered with Environmental Professionals to do a beach clean-up and learned about Tampa Bay seagrasses, as the last project of the Hillsborough 100 Conservation Challenge. Noble Junior Civitans also joined this effort which was not only good for the environment but also offered a networking opportunity.

Members played in a Special Olympics Foot Golf tournament in which participants kick soccer balls from hole to hole around a specially

designed "golf" course. They sponsored a table at the "Champions for Change" Breakfast, benefitting Special Olympics. They also did awards at the Special Olympics State Summer Games and County Golf. The 2nd annual Bowling fundraiser for the club was a big success with North Tampa and Clearwater Civitans and special Olympians also in attendance. Tampa Metro is hoping to attract prospective members by starting a group on Meetup.com. Well over 100 people have already joined the group. No new members yet, but 8 people did attend a meeting to learn more about Civitan. The quarter ended with a fabulous time in Birmingham with the Junior/Senior International Centennial Convention.



Tampa Metro is especially proud of the Junior Civitans they sponsor. Noble, Leto and Tampa Bay Juniors won coveted awards at both the District and International Conventions. Five Juniors from those clubs were elected to the District Junior Board, including Kylene Newcomb, Tampa Bay Junior, the incoming Junior Governor. Tampa Metro is so thankful to member Penny Bonawitz for all the work she does with the Juniors at the club, district and International levels and is thrilled the District Junior Board honored her with a Junior Fellow at their convention. Thanks too goes to Jeanne Davison, Pat and DeeDee Kirk for driving four Juniors to Birmingham so they could attend the International Convention, and to Penny for driving them home.





TREASURE COAST CIVITAN, Stuart

Ruthann Bewson

While the club takes a summer break every year in June and July, the members continue to volunteer for Salvation Army's Booth Café feeding the many who show up every Friday. Collecting items for service men and women continues all year.

President-Elect Susan Gazella and President Polly Forestier attended the 100th anniversary convention in Birmingham and enjoyed seeing Civitans from other parts of the Civitan world. Workshops were informative, social events fun and opening and closing celebrations were remarkable. We said goodbye to 30-yr. plus Exec. Director, John Rynerson. We welcomed Scarlet Thompson who is taking John's place. We watched as PIP Joe Parker did the installation of Kendyl Massey, our incoming President and her board and governors and we congratulated Bob Jones as our incoming PE for Civitan International. It was a convention not to be missed! In August, the club members will "hear all about it".




We will also bring school supplies for the Salvation Army's school as we always do and reminisce about our summer vacations - always a fun meeting! Lots of volunteer opportunities are on the agenda for fall and into winter holidays.



TROPICAL MIAMI CIVITAN, Miami

Joaquin Fermoselle



The 19th Annual Family CAFE

Was a Wonderful weekend at The Family Cafe Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel we have the opportunity to talk and share information about Aquatic Therapy, Swimming Lessons, and Drowning Prevention, for special need, gave by The Executive Director Joaquin Fermoselle and President David Hoyos of Tropical Miami Civitan and all the team of David Hoyos Swim School. We also want to thanks to all the volunteer of Tropical Miami Civitan, that participated during the event, Josefina Quintero, Cesar Orellana, Romy Orellana, Martina Orellana, Lucia Farias, Carlos Valero (Vinny), Cristina Barravino de Lawyer, Joshua de Lawyer, Elijah Lawyer, Zachary Lawyer, Edward Hoyos, Allison Hoyos, Eyleen Hoyos, Juan Hoyos and Adriana Neves, without them this would not have been possible, We hope that you can help us for futures events, making a kind donation through our foundation, so we can help more children in need giving them the opportunity to receive aquatic therapy and rehabilitation and spread the word for drowning prevention.

If you have the opportunity to help with our foundation Tropical Miami Civitan club, we can provide a letter for tax exception 501 [c] 3 Foundation (a) United Way approved charity, for business owner and individual, you can donate money directly on our website, www.Tropicalmiamicivitan.us through our PayPal system, or in the foundation bank account at Wells Fargo Bank # 7321476470 under the name TROPICAL MIMI CIVITAN, to help more children in need. To know more about this and helping children with special needs with their rehabilitation and integration. We seek to save more lives, by supporting us so that more children can have their rehabilitation and aquatic therapies.

We had four quadriplegic clients up to five years ago that today, thanks to Tropical Miami Civitan Club's David Hoyos Aquatic Therapy Nada Mejor Swim Academy, **are no longer quadriplegic!**



UPTOWN CIVITAN CLUB, Jacksonville

Mattie Fraser

Uptowners participated in the Very Special Arts event at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, which brings art making, music, and beautiful gardens to the hands and minds of students with a wide variety of disabilities. This is the 16th year the museum has done this and about the 10th year that Uptown has volunteered.

Work continues on this year's Flagship Project to be held on Sunday afternoon, August 27 at TOPGOLF: *Tee Up for Pine Castle, Hosted by Uptown, with the Presenting Sponsor of The Woman's Club of Jacksonville.* A social/recruitment event resulted in one new member. A mini fundraiser, ***Baubles, Bangles, and Books***, held at a regular meeting resulted in a \$181 help to our operating fund.

Thirteen members and one husband attended the Civitan International Convention in Birmingham to celebrate ***100 Years of Service*** from June 24-27. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 100 years of service all Civitan clubs, past and present, from around the world have made to their communities. Uptown also received three International Awards. Wynester Sherrer earned an award for recruiting the most members. Mattie Fraser served on a three-member panel in a workshop on Newsletters. Lana Suggs was installed for her second year as International Director Region Two.



Right: Eight members pictured with five others off at other activities.

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