

HEARTLAND

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

OF THE CIVITAN HEARTLAND DISTRICT

EXPRESS

FIRST QUARTER 2016

Governor's Message

Greetings Civitans! As we begin the second quarter of this Civitan year, we can begin to "evaluate" our progress towards meeting the goals we set for our GREAT Heartland District at the beginning of the year.

The first quarter of the Civitan year is historically a very busy time, with all the special holiday events, fundraisers, service projects each club and all members are involved in. This year, many persons throughout the Heartland enjoyed "merrier" holidays due to the passion, work and commitment of time and donations of our Civitan members. Many *Thanks* to all our members who "made a difference in the lives of others". Please share your photos & stories from across the District on the Heartland District website or on our Heartland District Facebook page. We would love to celebrate with you!

The 1st quarter saw the loss of 3 clubs within our Heartland District. This is heartbreaking and leaves a gap within those communities. So now, it is time to start building again!!! **Growth** will be a major area of focus for our District as we move in to 2016. Growth - in new clubs, in new members, in new communities, in new schools, in new universities - all across the Heartland District!! Please put your club building team together soon - in collaboration with Certified Club Builder Director Joyce Sullivan - and build, build, build this quarter. Our club building goal this year is - To build 3 new adult Civitan Clubs - 1 new Junior Civitan Club and 1 new Campus Civitan Club.

Area 1 and Area 2 held exceptional Area meetings during the 1st quarter sharing Knowledge, Fellowship & Service. Area 4, Area 5 & Area 6 have set their Area meeting dates to be held in February, 2016, and each of these Area Directors are working hard to provide a wonderful experience for all those in attendance. Area 3 & Area 7 will hold meetings in the 3rd quarter. *Thank you* to all our Area Directors!! I encourage everyone to attend your Area meeting for an educational, informative, fun-filled opportunity to network with other Civitans in your Area.

Another area of emphasis across the District is Leadership Development/Training as we "mold" new leaders to assume leadership roles. We achieved 88% of our individual club's leaders completing the Club Officer Training for 2015-2016. We will continue to provide training/guidance at each Board/Leadership Team meeting as well as offer some exciting Leadership programs at the Spring Meeting in Bartlesville in April.

I have heard some very positive communication from members across the Heartland District and also from Civitan International that more and

more clubs/members are utilizing the Honor Club application as a "roadmap" for success. This is a great tool/resource and, if followed throughout the year, will definitely position each club towards achieving this most prestigious recognition! Our goal for 2015-2016 is to recognize 29 Heartland District clubs as Honor Club or higher!

Civitan International recognized 17 Heartland District clubs as Golden Circle Clubs (30+ members) on October 1, 2015. Our goal is to increase this number to 22 or more clubs reaching Golden Circle status by September 30, 2016. Many clubs are close - only a few new members to reach the goal!!

Thank you to everyone who helped to sponsor our Heartland District Juniors in attending Sno-Do and Dance-A-Thon. I know Avery and all our Juniors very much appreciate your contributions & support for them to attend & represent the Heartland at these two very special Civitan International events!

And finally - **Communication** - what a complicated word!! Each person has a different and unique definition of what this means. However, I believe we have broken through some of the barriers and have increased the number of methods to get information to all of our members. David - our Webmaster - has done a phenomenal job of updating our Heartland District website with information, resources and contact information. Our *Heartland Express* newsletter is full of useful and timely information thanks to Ann - Newsletter Editor - and David. Members are sharing information via our Facebook page. Weekly newsletters are emailed to members of the Heartland District Board/Leadership Team - with information to share

with all of their clubs. And, a bi-monthly President's Newsletter is now being emailed to all individual Club Presidents throughout the Heartland District. We hope to increase attendance at all of our Area meetings, the Spring Meeting in April in Bartlesville, OK and the District Convention in August in Wichita, KS in order to further increase communication with club members through direct personal contact/conversation.

Remember, "We Are The Key" to unlocking our vision for the Heartland District!! Let's look forward 8 months from today - What do we see on September 30, 2016?? Have we been successful in reaching our goals for the Heartland District??? Are we happy with the results??? Let's start today to ensure the answer to that last question is --- YES!!

*Best Wishes for a successful & prosperous 2016!
Yours in Civitan, Marcia*



"Teamwork can be summed up in five short words..... we believe in each other."

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MARCH

- Mar 4-6 Governor's update Birmingham, Al.
- Mar 11-14 Jr. Dance A Thon-Myrtle Beach, SC
- Mar 22 Deadline Adds/Deletes for April Billing Dues

APRIL

- Civitan Awareness Month/Grant and Scholarship Judging*
- Apr 7-9 International Board of Directors Meeting
- Apr 8 Heartland District Board Meeting
- Apr 8-9 Heartland District Spring Event-Bartlesville, Ok
- Apr 16 Articles for District Newsletter due
- Apr 20 April Dues Billing Delinquent After this date
- Apr 30 Area Director Semi Annual Report Due

MAY

- May 1 Honor Key Nomination Deadline

JUNE

- June-July Club Officer Training - District Sites & Online*
- June 1 All Club Officer Elections Should be Complete
- June 23-26 Junior Civitan International Convention
- June 24 Deadline Adds/Deletes for July Billing

JULY

- July 1 Deadline Report 2015-2016 Club Officer Report
- July 11 International Board of Directors Meeting
- July 13-16 Civitan International Convention - Norfolk, VA
- July 20 July Dues Billing Delinquent after this date
- July 25 Heartland Board Meeting in Wichita
- July 25-26 Heartland District Convention - Wichita, KS
- July 26 2016-2017 Leadership Team Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- Sept 24 Deadline Adds/Deletes for Oct Dues Billing
- Sept 30 Club Officer Training Should be Complete
- Sept 30 Area Director/Lt. Governor Year End Report

OCTOBER

- Oct 1 2016-2017 Year Begins

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 THE HEARTLAND
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GOVERNOR-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Heartland Civitans! I trust that all of you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and I hope that all of you are ready to get excited about Civitan and YOUR club activities.

I am excited to be going to Birmingham in to attend Governor Elect Academy. GE Academy is a 2 and a half day crash course to prepare the Governor Elects from across the country to be ready to be Governor of our respective districts. It is also an opportunity to develop lifelong Civitan friendships! I will share more about GE Academy in my next article.

I have a number of topics to cover in this article so let's get started! **I would like to begin by reminding you of our Honor Club program** and ask you to take a look at the Honor Club application to see how much you have accomplished and what still needs to be done. Keep in mind that the application is your 'road map' on your year long journey to have an awesome club! As you go through each section, check off the items you have done and keep your members informed by adding it as an agenda item at your Board and Club Business meetings. You may also want to post a laminated copy up on a wall at your meetings so that your members can see where the club stands on their Honor Club journey.

Next, I am looking to fill a number of non elected District Leadership Chair positions on my team for the 2016-2017 year beginning October 1, 2016. A list of the Chair positions appears in each District newsletter and each newsletter is posted on our Heartland District website. If you have been thinking of getting involved at the District level, send me an email to let me know what you are interested in. If you are currently serving in a position and would like to continue, please email me and let me know of your interest. If you are interested in serving in a different area, let me know that as well. Serving on the District level gives one an opportunity to experience Civitan on a different level than that which is experienced in a club. It can be a great developmental opportunity and it can be a lot of fun!



I am searching for a retired Civitan or retiree to serve as Field Director in our District. Field Directors are Civitans who contract with Civitan International to build new Civitan Clubs. This can be a very satisfying experience for someone who has free time, loves meeting people, and wants to make a long term difference. If you are interested or know someone who might be well suited for this position, please have them email me for more information.

I am also searching for Civitans who may be currently employed in Training Development or related area to assist me in a Civitan training development project. If you are employed or have had extensive experience in this area, send me an email stating your interest.

Have you ever wanted to wear the blue blazer of a Certified Club Builder? Are you interested in being a part of the excitement of a new Civitan Club Building Team? Already a Certified Club Builder or Master Club Builder, your opportunity is now! If you are interested in being part of a major club building effort in the Heartland District, then let Governor Marcia or I know of your interest. We are looking for Civitans who are interested in building new clubs and being the Key to Our Success! Club building teams are needed in all areas of our District so respond now!

We also need clubs to step up to sponsor a new club in your areas with financial and fellowship support. If your club would be interested in partnering with us to support newly built clubs, then let Governor Marcia or I know that your club is interested and we will get with you to provide you with more details.

Thank you for all that you do for your community, remember to attend your area meetings, and plan on joining me and your leadership team at our Spring meeting in April in Bartlesville, Oklahoma!

Frank



DISTRICT SPRING MEETING

Come to Bartlesville

APRIL 8-10, 2016

Join with us on April 8-10 in Bartlesville, OK for Service, Knowledge and Fellowship at our Heartland Spring District-wide meeting where *We Are The Key*. Wear your casual attire (no dressing up required) as we demonstrate the purpose of Civitan. On Friday evening, we will join the Bartlesville Civitan Club as they host a Paddle Party which will allow us to have fun as we do some fundraising and FELLOWSHIP. (For more about a Paddle Party, see next page.)

Then Saturday morning, we will be meeting in the Hilton Garden Inn where we will hold our morning business session. There we will all gain KNOWLEDGE in our education sessions. Civitan International Board Member, Dan Brown

will be joining us. Sessions are structured to give your club and members information that they will be able to use in their club and personal lives. After lunch at the hotel, you will then be free to take advantage of touring several attractions in and near Bartlesville, including the Phillips Petroleum Co. Museum, just across the street, or Frank Phillips Home, just a few blocks SE of the hotel and/or WOOLAROC Museum & Wildlife Preserve. In the evening we will return to our host hotel for more fellowship and an informal attire banquet.

Enjoy your breakfast on Sunday morning before departing for home. No formal events are scheduled on Sunday.

Registration Form on Page 6



OUR HOST HOTEL IS THE HILTON GARDEN INN BARTLESEVILLE.

The room rate, including a full hot breakfast and taxes will be \$101.00 per night for a King Room. Queen Size Rooms (up to 4 persons) will have a rate of \$112.37 per nights You have two options to secure your room reservations. Either call 1-918-336-0808 and ask for Civitan's Heartland District Spring Meeting or for online reservations simply go to: www.bartlesville.hgi.com, type in your arrival and departure dates and click "go". On the next screen you need to type in group code: CIV beside Group/Convention Code. It will then bring up your special rate. Continue with reservation. **The Group Rate which includes your breakfast applies only through the evening of March 25, 2016.**

See You in Bartlesville!

WHAT THE HECK IS A PADDLE PARTY?

At the 2016 District Meeting in Bartlesville, you will get a chance to experience a paddle party fundraiser. A paddle party is a fun combination of an auction and a game of chance. All proceeds go to offset district expenses.

The 2015 Bartlesville Civitan Club paddle party raised \$1,744. If you would like to see how a paddle party can work for your club, please sign up (registration \$15). If you have ever experienced the fun of a paddle party, you've probably already signed up. **You may register by completing the District Meeting Registration form on the next page.**

The paddle party will be held on Friday evening, April 8, starting at 7 p.m., at 115 SE Frank Phillips Blvd (about two blocks east of the Hilton Garden Inn, between Kennedy Insurance and Red River Finance). **Every club needs to provide at least one item worth at least \$25.** For instance, you can make a basket with items in it or you can ask a favorite merchant to provide a gift. (Be sure it is not a gift certificate to a local restaurant...everyone who participates needs to be able to benefit from it.)



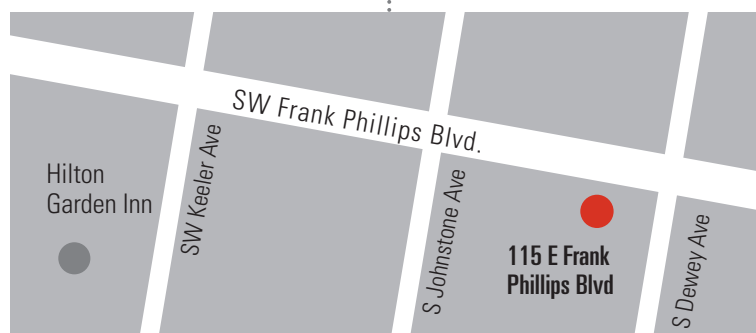
Here is how a paddle party works.

Cost is \$5.00 per paddle. Participants also bring a roll of quarters and bid on the items they like by putting a quarter into a container on their table. After placing your quarter, you raise your paddle. A number is drawn from a bin—much like bingo. If the number drawn is for your paddle, you win the item for a quarter. If the number drawn was for a paddle where the owner did not ante up for that item, it starts over... with more quarters being wagered. After three draws with no winner, the item is auctioned in the traditional way.



Cost for the Heartland District Paddle Party is \$15: \$5 to rent a paddle, \$5 toward the refreshments provided, and \$5 worth of quarters, which you will receive upon redeeming your paddle party ticket at 115 Frank Phillips Blvd. Light refreshments (i.e. chips, dips, cookies, and soft drinks) are provided; please eat dinner before you come.

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT BOB SHELL
(918) 766-3449 OR
BOBSHELL1951@GMAIL.COM.**



2016 District Meeting-Bartlesville

HERE'S YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

Early registration for the event is \$92.50 postmarked by March 30, 2016,
after March 30, registration is \$100.00.

#	Event	Price		Extended Price
	Friday Evening Paddle Party (includes Paddle and \$5 in quarters for bidding)	15.00		
	Late Registration for Paddle Party after March 30	20.00		
	Early bird Registration prior to March 30, 2016 Meeting and Lunch and evening banquet	92.50		
	Late Registration after March 30, 2016 Meeting and lunch and evening dinner	100.00		
	Early bird Guest Lunch	28.00		
	Late Registration Guest Lunch after March 30	30.00		
	Early bird Guest Banquet	45.00		
	Late Registration Guest Dinner	47.00		
	Total of Registration			

Name: _____ Club: _____

Club/District Position: _____ Total Amount Remitted: \$ _____

Contact Info: (email or phone) _____

Make checks payable to: Heartland District of Civitan Int'l., and mail registration to Harold Connell, 6202 E. 12th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208. For questions, contact Harold Connell at 316-2904-6202 or e-mail to: brookiowa@aol.com.

Please list below the names and positions of others to be registered with this form.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Heartland District Awards Program

PROCESS: The awards period will run from July 1st through June 30th. Clubs write about their projects in their club newsletter and distribute it to the Governor, Governor-Elect and Awards Chair. The article should be in sufficient detail so that any reader can see the impact the project had on the community in terms of Service, Knowledge and Fellowship, the amount of club participation and key leaders. The club also has the option of writing up the project on the generic Awards nomination form and sending it to the Awards Chairman. Nominations for persons to receive individual awards can be handled with the same form. All nominations forms must be mailed to the District Awards Chairperson and post-marked by the deadline of July 1st.

AWARD CATEGORIES:

The following awards may be presented to one individual

- District Honor Key
- Honor Key to Governor
- District "Civitan of the Year"
- Jim Berryman "Civitan of the Decade"
- District New Member of the Year
- Most Outstanding Club President
- Citizen of the Year

The following awards may be presented to all that qualify

- Leadership Award
- Distinguished Area Director

The following are awards to clubs. (One award with an honorable mention(s) at the Committee's discretion.)

- Club of the Year
- Project of the Year
- Service to the Mentally and Physically Handicapped
- Service to Youth
- Service to the Community
- Service to the Elderly
- Service to Veterans
- Service to Homeless
- Outstanding Club Speakers and Programs
- Outstanding Club Bulletin/Newsletter
- Outstanding Club Scrapbook
- Outstanding Club Web Site
- Outstanding Billboard Placement



Heartland District Awards Application

Complete this application and forward it to the District Awards Committee Chairperson by July 1, 2016. The Awards period will cover July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Please list the name of the award desired; however, the Awards Committee reserves the right to consider this application for other award categories.

Please type or print.

AWARD CATEGORY: _____
CLUB or INDIVIDUAL (NAME): _____

For Club Awards:

NAME OF PROJECT:	
DATE(S) OF PROJECT:	
PROJECT MANAGER:	

For Club or Individual Awards:

Supporting Information:

(Please attach supporting reasons and be as specific as possible. Individual awards should center on the impact to the Heartland District while club awards should include such information the benefits to Civitan, how the mission and objectives of Civitan was fulfilled, the Service, Knowledge, and Fellowship gained by the project, final results, and the percentage of membership involved. You may want to include photos or newspaper clippings.)

Please list club or individual name on each page attached.

Daytime phone number _____
 E-Mail Address _____

Mail application to:
 Awards Chair Norma Pew 10374 Chimney Rock Dr, #21St. Louis, Mo., 63146
Applications must be postmarked by July 1, 2016.

Note: The Committee and District Board have discretion and may elect to not present an award for a particular category if minimum requirements or criteria are not met.

International Awards for Foundation and Research Center, Int'l Fundraising and Honor Club may be presented at District Convention or Meeting.

LET US NOT FORGET THIS IS THE REASON



**SOMETIMES WHEN WE ATTEND OUR
CIVITAN MEETINGS WE SPEND
THE WHOLE TIME DISCUSSING
PROJECTS AND FELLOWSHIPING.**

**TAKE TIME TO PUT THIS ON YOUR
MEETING AGENDA.**

**CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH CENTER**

**UAB CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH CENTER**



The UAB Civitan International Research Center is the culmination of over 50 years of Civitans helping those challenged by developmental disabilities. The Civitan International Foundation awarded a grant of up to one million dollars a year for 20 years to The University of Alabama at Birmingham for the creation of the UAB Civitan International Research Center, the first institution of its kind in the United States to be solely dedicated to research of developmental disabilities. This generous act by Civitans all over the world created a tremendous source of human, financial, and technical work to focus on the research and treatment of developmental disabilities.

Through interdisciplinary research, clinical services, and community programs, the UAB Civitan International Research Center improves the lives of people at risk for or affected by developmental disabilities. The Center conducts research on the development of the central nervous system, with special emphasis on developmental disabilities. The Civitan-Sparks Clinics retain the same focus, but serves the developmentally disabled through various therapies and special needs programs. Because the Civitan International Research Center is a Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Research, Education and Service, it also provides training for professionals to become leaders in the field of developmental disability studies.

Let's Dance!



JUNIOR CIVITAN DANCE-A-THON March 11-14, 2016 • Myrtle Beach, NC



Put on your red shoes and dance the blues... it's Dance-a-Thon time again! Every year, Junior Civitans raise a minimum of \$100 each to dance a full 12 hours to benefit Civitan International Foundation's UAB Civitan International Research Center! This event raises approximately \$40,000 each year, and has raised over \$1.1 million since its inception.

..... FEBRUARY IS JUNIOR CIVITAN APPRECIATION MONTH

Let's all take time to recognize the clubs listed below and their great contributions to the Research Center and Civitan International.

Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences
Junior Civitan Club
Hot Springs, AR
Bootheel Junior Civitan Club
Hayti, MO
Bryant High School Junior Civitan Club
Bryant, AR
Benton Middle School Junior Civitan Club
Benton, AR
Cabot Junior Civitan Club
Cabot, AR
C.D. Fulkes Middle School Junior Civitan Club-
Round Rock, TX

Chisolm Trail Junior Civitan Club
Enid, OK
Greater Purpose Junior Civitan Club
Tyler, TX
Greene County Tech Junior Civitan Club
Paragould, AR
Jessieville Middle School Junior Civitan Club
Hot Springs Village, AR
Little Rock Central High School
Junior Civitan Club
Little Rock, AR
Making a Difference Junior Civitan Club
Muskogee, OK

Paragould Junior Civitan Club
Paragould, AR
Rose City Junior Civitan Club
Community Club
Sacred Heart Junior Civitan Club
Salina, KS
Shawnee Junior Civitan Club
Topeka, KS
South Grand Prairie High School
Junior Civitan Club
Grand Prairie, TX
Valley View Junior Civitan Club
Valley View, AR

Editor's Message



Hello Key Civitans!

I am starting off this year with a new format. I searched and searched for Civitan Clubs via Facebook, the internet, and emails I received to find articles of Civitans in action. This is what brings us all together. The purpose is to show the what your fellow Heartland Club members are doing to get charitable funds and service ideas for your clubs. If you see an idea that you think would work for your club, give them a call. You never know how much fun you will have.

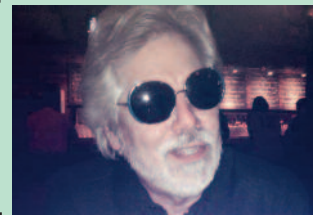
As each club has worked hard to service their communities, and it is in our nature to do so without recognition; please, please, please fill out a District Award form for your club. Others will also benefit and get ideas in how to serve their communities.

Be sure to go to the district website www.civitan.org/heartland/membersOnly.html and checkout how our resources are being spent and get info on board members.

Looking forward to seeing and talking with you all at the District Spring Meeting in Bartlesville, Oklahoma on April 8-10th. Be sure to sign-up!

Ann Livingston, Heartland District Newsletter

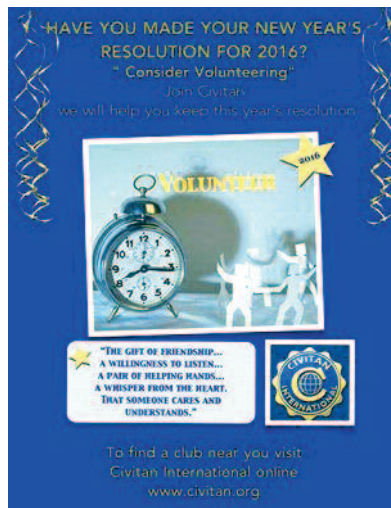
This is the MAIN MAN whom without there would be no Heartland District Newsletter. He is the webmaster on the Heartland District Board and gives our District Website a very Pretty Face. Thank you, thank you, thank you a million times over.



AREA 1

Enid Civitan Club

Enid decided to make volunteering a part of the new year! This clever flyer reads, "Have you made your New Year's Resolution for 2016? Consider Volunteering—Join Enid Civitan!"



Yes We Can

Area 1 meeting was hosted by Director Patty Bottorff. Along with Civi bear, 36 others were in attendance with an opportunity for fellowship and knowledge. The fire department came for a little excitement. And of course the food was great!

Topeka Civitan Club

Congratulations to Roger Belanger and Joe Zima! Both are being recognized for their outstanding service to Civitan and Topeka. When asked to give a speech, Roger kept it succinct: "I am Civitan."

Civitan Club of Topeka met with Students at Washburn University to create a new Ichabod Civitan Club. Had a pizza party on October 25th in which 80 students signed up.



Civitan Orchids



The Orchids and CiviBear had a whirlwind first quarter. The ladies were busy throughout the quarter with lots of Special Olympic activities – CiviBear was right there cheering them on. We finished off our fundraising year at Sporting KC working concessions, raising more than \$7,000 throughout the year. On October 25, 2015, four members attended the Area 1 Meeting in Wichita. On November 6, 2015, we celebrated our second annual Masquerade Ball. It was a huge success, with more than 125 people in attendance. In December we participated in the Toys for Tots program, distributing more than 1,500 toys, and of course, we sold fruit cakes. On December 10, 2015, we had a paint party, with an artist instructing us on making an awesome snowman picture. We continue to work our coin boxes, and spread the word about Civitan. We are holding strong at 57 members, with our goal of reaching the 60 member mark looming on the horizon.

Heartland Helpers

Heartland Helpers donated to the Moose Lodge Saturday! Thanks for supplying the food for our attendees. It was great!



Civitan Club of Wichita

December was a busy month for the Civitan Club of Wichita. We had our December fruit sale from December 9-13. This involved unloading the fruit from the truck, packing into individual units, and delivering the fruit. Club member Janet Elliott was the project officer for this fruit program, and as usual she did an outstanding job of coordinating. For four days members rang the kettle bells for the Salvation Army. Several club members collected donations for the Lights on St. Paul, a project of the ARC of Sedgwick County.

On December 21st, Carolyn Bridges organized our pot luck Christmas party at the Civitan House which included Christmas carols, a quiz on the holiday, and a white elephant exchange. In addition, we welcomed two new members to the Wichita club in December.

Larry G. White, Newsletter writer for the Civitan Club of Wichita

AREA 2

Tulsa Community College Civitan Club

The TCC Civitan Halloween Dance had approximately 200 people at the event. Thank you for your donations of candy and prizes and, to those who volunteered, for your energy and engagement with the students and participants. There were at least 6 from Starlight and another 3 that are members of both clubs in the volunteer ranks! Cannot thank you enough.



Muskogee Civitan Club

The Area 2 meeting in Muskogee, Oklahoma was hosted by Don and Lenora Garrison, with 37 in attendance. Mayor Bob Coburn spoke about city of Muskogee's future plans. Following the meeting was a trolley tour of the town.



Bartlesville Civitan Club

EATING OUT TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CLUB Thank you to everyone who ate at Freddy’s and told others to eat there on our fund-raising night. We raised \$301.38 for our club! The next two restaurant fund raising nights are scheduled. Please invite your friends, especially on Facebook and other social media. December 2015 was a busy month for the Bartlesville Civitan Club. In addition to a regular meeting and a fundraiser, the club had four service projects. On December 5, they hung Christmas lights around the clubroom at the

Bartlesville Senior Citizen Apartments (BSCA), a housing project for low-income senior citizens.

On December 13, five club members braved the cold and sang carols at three group homes for the developmentally disabled and at the BSCA. The best part was when some of the developmentally challenged residents sang along with the Civitan carolers. As H.B. Longfellow once said, “music is the universal language of mankind.”

On December 17, a Christmas dinner with games and gifts was held at the BSCA. Lastly, on December 21, club members took shifts ringing the bell for the Salvation Army kettle at the local K-Mart.

Siloam Springs

Civitan Club’s 5th annual soup sampler is this Friday, Nov 7 at the Community Christian Fellowship south entrance from 11 am to 2:00 pm. Tickets are just \$5.00 and are available from any member or at the door. Cowboy stew, potato soup, beans and broccoli cheese soup with cornbread and dessert. Take your office to lunch!



<Metro Tulsa Civitan Club

Metro Tulsa Civitans provided 25 Christmas gifts for the people at the Gateway foundation.



Starlight Civitan Club >

Starlight held a Christmas gathering at the Sequoyah Apartments for the elderly. Food was plentiful as well as Home Christmas decorations to take back to their apartments.

A R E A 3

Paragould Civitan Club

We enjoyed a shopping evening for our Kids Christmas party.



Little Rock Civitan Club

Dinner at Oceans, Little Rock, AR for installation of the 2015/2016 club officers and board.



AREA 4

Cabot Civitan Club

Tom, Helen, Peggy, Bettye, Steve and Miriam working the Gaither concert to raise money for the club.

**Chenal Civitan Club**

Thanks to a generous donation from Professional Flooring Supply, the Chenal Civitan Club was able to participate in the Veterans Gift Exchange. Veterans received a card, service blanket and a manicure set. Gifts were delivered to Ft. Roots VA Hospital in North Little Rock. Thank you to all who participated!

AREA 5

Ranger Civitan Club

On Saturday morning, September 26, 2015, the Ranger Civitan Club of Grand Prairie, Texas held its Second Annual Special Education Professional Appreciation Breakfast at the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce office. More than 30 Special Education Teachers and Paraprofessionals were nominated by their colleagues for the award of Outstanding Teacher and Support Personnel.

Congratulations to Patricia Anderson – Functional Skills Teacher at Powell Elementary School and Rodney Williams – Job Coach at SGPHS. They were each presented with a check by last year's winners, Linda Ferguson –PPCD Teacher at Whitt Elementary School and Marta Rodriquez – Special Education, Districtwide. Everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast while all of the nominees were recognized for their outstanding contributions to our scholars and the Special Education department.

**Rose City Civitan Club**

This weekend history was made, the Rose City Civitan did our ribbon cutting for our Educational Empowerment Center. We were honored to have Civitan International's 2015-2016 President Debbie Bruce-Juhlke, and her husband, Dr. Timothy Juhlke, there to share this historic moment! We are Civitan Happy!!

Dallas Town North Civitan Club

Dallas Town North Civitan Club celebrated their annual Holiday Party at the home of Jim and Gayle Stinson with a delicious brunch, preceded by the presentation of a donation to Dallas Center (formerly Dallas Center for Developmentally Disabled.) Following brunch, the Dallas Town Northerners participated in the yearly white elephant gift exchange.



AREA 6

Heart of the Rock

On Friday, December 11th, Heart of the Rock sponsored the annual Winter Wonderland at the Rabb House- a holiday soiree for young adults with special needs. It was an evening of dancing, eating and socializing for these young adults, something they all needed. Heart of the Rock is sponsoring the Spring Fling at the Rabb House and we are so excited!

Heart of the Rock hosted a booth during the annual Free Family Christmas Night at the Dell Diamond. The night was a huge success and provided Heart of the Rock the opportunity to become a recognized symbol in the Round Rock community. Debbie, Tim, Brooks and Charlie manned the bean bag toss.



AREA 7

Fordyce

Past Governor Steve Jackson Chartered the new Tri-County Lake Civitan Club in Fordyce, AR; on October 13th as well as University of Arkansas Campus Civitan Chartered on September 30 in Fayetteville, Ar.

El Dorado

Oct 22, Chief Chad Mosby—El Dorado Fire Dept Fire chief Chad Mosby was the guest speaker at the Civitan Club meeting on October 22nd at noon. He discussed training, daily tasks and safety tips

On December 10 our special guest was Robert Reynolds of the Arkansas Pollution Control & Ecology Commission The APC&E was established in 1949 as part of the Arkansas Water Pollution Control Act, or Act 472 of 1949. This commission is the environmental policy-making body for Arkansas that receives guidance from the governor, legislature, the EPA and many others.



Hope Civitan Club

Hope Civitans have a list of items to begin collecting to donate to Hope In Action #2 and the House of Hope. This will be part of our project in April for Civitan Awareness Month.

Hot Springs Civitan Club

Kay Ekey, Relda Steelman and Mary Hoefl prepare to serve spooky treats at the Abilities Halloween Dance & Party.



Jefferson County Civitan

We were happy to have members of the Arkansas Down Syndrome Association Board stop by to check out the restaurant...and to make use of our space for one of their meetings. We made sure they all sampled some of our delicious apple pie and bread pudding (both regular and gluten free). *Way to go Fred!*



2016 Civitan International Convention Norfolk, Virginia July 13-16, 2016



Convention Registration Now Open!

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The Chesapeake District is looking forward to your arrival.*

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

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To make your reservation, call 1-800-325-3535. If making reservations by telephone, be sure to request a room under the Civitan International Group Block.



Youth Program Returns Again

With the success of last year's Youth Program in St. Louis, we are bringing it back! A trip to Colonial Williamsburg and the fabulous Norfolk Zoo are just two of the activities planned. Additional information will be coming with specific activities for our 2016 Youth Program.

Look for more information regarding this summer's celebration in Norfolk! We look forward to seeing you in July! For more information about this summer's Civitan International Convention, visit www.civitan.org/convention or contact Mary M. Luck, Vice President of Conventions at MaryLuck@civitan.org or 800.CIVITAN x 121.