

HEARTLAND

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OF THE CIVITAN HEARTLAND DISTRICT

EXPRESS

FOURTH QUARTER 2015

Start off the 2015-2016 Civitan year with a bang on October First!

Make your resolution now to help grow and share Civitan with all your friends, your neighbors... with the world! Let's make this a banner year for growth and service.

Here's a few things that can help.

Honor Club: If you haven't already, be sure you submit your application for Honor Club! The deadline is December 1, 2015 and information and forms are available on the Heartland Civitan website at <http://civitan.org/heartland/awards.html>

International Awards submissions are also due December 1st. Forms and details are available on the Heartland website at <http://civitan.org/heartland/awards.html>

Contribute to the Civitan International Headquarters Restoration Fund in the coming year for Civitan's 100th anniversary. This year, Civitan International is launching the Restoration Fund to make much-needed repairs to the Civitan International Headquarters. It has been 25 years since the last major repairs, and



your help is truly needed. The parking lot, HVAC system, plumbing, lighting, flooring and much else need repairs or replacement. More information and donation form on page 3.

Sno-Do: Our Jr. Civitan Governor, Avery Elliott, needs your support to raise funds for Civitan International Research Center and attend this year's Sno-Do in Ontario, Canada. Dona-

tions must be paid by December 20, 2015 – details on page 4.

New Leadership: The new year begins under leadership of our 2015-2016 Governor, Marcia Dechand, who succeeds our dynamic 2014-2015 governor, Steve Cabot. Our thanks to Steve for his tireless commitment to making this last year so great. And our best wishes to Marcia – be sure to support all her efforts to make this a fantastic year for the Heartland District. **Watch your email for a issue of The Heartland Express detailing the entire Heartland leadership team for 2015-2016, coming soon.**



2015-2016 CALENDAR

Thurs, October 1, 2015	2015 - 2016 Civitan Year Begins
Fri, October 2, 2015	Deadline 2014-2015 Adds and Deletes
Tues, October 20, 2015	Oct. Dues Billing delinquent after this date
Sun, October 25, 2015	Heartland Board Meeting ---- Teleconference
Fri-Sat, October 30-31, 2015	International Board of Directors Meeting
DECEMBER	
Tues, December 1, 2015	Honor Club Competitive Award Applications Due for 2014-2015 fiscal year
Thurs, December 24, 2015	Deadline Adds/Deletes for January Dues Billing
JANUARY	
Wed, January 20, 2016	January Dues Billing Delinquent after this date
Fri-Tues, Jan 22- 26, 2016	Junior Civitan International Sno-Do
Sun, January 31, 2016	Heartland Board Meeting ---- Teleconference
Sun, January 31, 2016	2014-2015 Quality Achievement Award Application Due
Sun, January 31, 2016	Postmark Deadline, Shropshire Scholarship Application
FEBRUARY	
All February	Junior Civitan International Appreciation Month
Sun, Jan 31- Sat, Feb 6, 2016	Clergy Appreciation Week
Fri-Sat, February 26-27, 2016	Heartland District Jr Civitan Convention-Branson,MO
Thur-Sat, Feb 25-27, 2016	Governor's Update - Birmingham, AL
MARCH	
Fri-Sat, March 4-5, 2016	International Board of Directors Meeting
Fri - Mon, March 11-14, 2016	Dance A Thon - Myrtle Beach, SC
Tues, March 22, 2016	Deadline Adds/Deletes for April Dues Billing
APRIL	
All April	Civitan Awareness Month
All April	Grants & Scholarships Committee Judging
Fri-Sat, April 8-9, 2016	Heartland District Spring Meeting-Bartlesville, OK
Sat, April 9, 2016	Heartland District Board Meeting - Bartlesville
Wed, April 20, 2016	April Dues Billing Delinquent after this date
Sat, April 30, 2016	Area Directors Semi-Annual Report Due
MAY	
Sun, May 1, 2016	Civitan International Honor Key Nomination Deadline
JUNE	
Wed, June 1, 2016	All Club Officer Elections Should be Complete
Thurs - Sun, June 23 - 26, 2016	Junior Civitan International Convention- Atlanta, GA
Fri, June 24, 2016	Deadline Adds/Deletes for July Billing
JULY	
June - July, 2016	Club Officer Training - District Training Sites & Online
Fri, July 1, 2016	Deadline Report 2015-2016 Club Officer Report
Mon, July 11, 2016	International Board of Directors Meeting
Wed-Sat, July 13-16, 2016	Civitan International Convention - Norfolk, VA
Wed, July 20, 2016	July Dues Billing Delinquent after this date
AUGUST	
Fri, August 26, 2016	Heartland Board Meeting in Wichita
Fri-Sun, August 26-28, 2016	Heartland District Convention - Wichita, KS
Sun, August 28, 2016	Heartland 2016-2017 New Leadership Team Meeting
SEPTEMBER	
Sat, September 24, 2016	Deadline Adds/Deletes for October Dues Billing
Fri, September 30, 2016	Club Officer Training Should be Complete
Fri, September 30, 2016	Area Director/Lt. Governor Year End Report Due
OCTOBER	
Sat, October 1, 2016	2016-2017 Year Begins
Tues, October 4, 2016	Deadline 2015-2016 Add/Deletes Due
Thurs, October 20, 2016	October Dues Billing Delinquent after this date

AREA MEETINGS

Sat, October 24, 2015	Area 1 Meeting in Hutchinson, KS
Sat, October 31, 2015	Area 2 Meeting - 1st Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall 9 am - 2 pm 7th St & W Okmulgee Ave, Muskogee, OK
	Area 3 Meeting to be determined
Sat, February 20, 2016	Area 4 Meeting in Little Rock, AR
Sat, February 13, 2016	Area 5 Meeting Rose City Club House 409 West Erwin St., Tyler, TX 7572
Sat, February 6, 2016	Area 6 Meeting in Victoria, TX
Sat, November 14, 2015	Area 7 Meeting in Hope, AR

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HEARTLAND EXPRESS HAS A NEW EDITOR!

The *Heartland Express* is the quarterly newsletter of the Civitan Heartland District. To submit club news or other articles for publishing in the Heartland Express, contact our NEW editor:

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Office Sponsorships (Inquire on door)	Room Cost
Individual Office (Membership Services)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Leadership Training)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Convention, Meetings)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Youth Development)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Membership Relations)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (PR/Communications)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Graphic Arts/Printing/Production)	\$ 10,000
Individual Workroom (Merchandise Services)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Human Resources/Staff Development)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Finance/Revenue)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Development & Administrative Services)	\$ 10,000
Individual Workroom (Development Services)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Finance Assistant)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Membership/Casualty Assistant)	\$ 10,000
Individual Office (Youth Development Assistant)	\$ 10,000
Large Office (Corporate Counsel)	\$ 15,000
Large Office (Finance)	\$ 15,000
International Board Room	\$ 50,000
International President's Office	\$ 25,000
Historical Archives	\$ 20,000
Downstairs Classroom	\$ 30,000
Executive Vice President's Office	\$ 20,000
Flag Foyer	\$ 10,000
Staff Cantina	\$ 5,000
Downstairs Kitchen	\$ 5,000
Upstairs Classroom	\$ 20,000
Media Room	\$ 20,000
Print Shop	\$ 10,000
Supply House	\$ 10,000
Roadside Marker	\$ 5,000
Cornerstone Donors (\$1,000 - \$4,999)	Unlimited
<small>Recognition in Civitan Magazine, Annual Report, Special Reception at 2017 Convention (for single gifts of no less than \$1,000) and recognition through the Major Gifts.</small>	
All miscellaneous donations are accepted for this special Restoration Campaign regardless of giving level	Unlimited


Donation/Pledge Agreement
for the
Civitan International Restoration Fund

YES! I want to help support the Civitan International Restoration Fund!



Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$ _____. I wish to sponsor the campaign at the _____ level.

Please indicate the specific office you would like to sponsor (donations of \$10,000 or more) or indicate "Cornerstone" (for donations of \$1,000 to \$4,999) or "Sponsor" (for donations less than \$1,000).



I hereby pledge a total donation of \$ _____. I wish to sponsor the campaign at the _____ level. (see above)

I agree to make a future contribution(s) for the purpose of satisfying this pledge and further agree that this pledge will be satisfied in full on or below _____ (date).


This donation or pledge was made on _____ (date) and executed with the signature of the donor.

Signature of Donor

Donor Address & Telephone Contact Number

All donations are due no later than December 31, 2016 and should be addressed to:

Civitan International Restoration Fund
P. O. Box 130744
Birmingham, AL 35213



2014-2015 Honor Club Applications due December 1st!

Awards for Clubs Honor Club Recognition is based on achievements in the areas of service, knowledge, fellowship, club management and participation in charitable programs. Official application is to be submitted by the December 1 deadline, and club must be in good standing with Civitan International for consideration. Banner patch awards will be presented by the district governor of award year.

To apply download the Honor Club form at <http://www.civitan.org/honorclub.pdf>



SUPPORT JUNIOR CIVITAN GOVERNOR AVERY ELLIOTT IN FUNDRAISING FOR SNO-DO



When the mercury plunges, the excitement heats up! Sno-Do (pronounced "snow dough") is a cross-country snowmobile fundraiser held each January in Ontario, Canada. More than 30 Junior Civitan district governors and international officers from the United States and Canada solicit pledges before making the journey. All

proceeds benefit the Civitan International Foundation and its flagship project, the UAB Civitan International Research Center. The event raises approximately \$60,000 each year and has raised more than \$1.5 million since its inception.

To donate to the Sno-Do event online, go to www.junior-civitan.org/donate. Simply click the appropriate button, enter the amount, and follow the instructions to donate securely through PayPal. You can donate with any major credit card or debit card. Be sure enter Avery Elliott's name by clicking the link labeled, "Enter Junior Civitan's name here."

Donations must be received by December 20, 2015



ANNOUNCING

Tri-County Lake Civitan Club

CHARTER NUMBER 4114

Charter Date: September 29, 2015
Send congratulatory messages and donations to:
Steve Jackson, MST, President
Tri-County Lake Civitan Club
Post Office Box 254
Fordyce, Arkansas 71742
Email: sjackson@blrmortgage.com

The Cabot Civitan Club is sponsoring the new club.
Certified Club Builder is Governor Steve Jackson, MST.

Campus Civitan Club at the University of Arkansas

CHARTER NUMBER 4120

Charter Date: 9/30/2015
Send congratulatory messages and donations to:
Hayden Elliott, President University of Arkansas Campus Civitan Club 1662 South Arizona Drive, Apt 305 Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701
Cabot Civitan Club is sponsoring this new club. The club builders are Hayden Elliott, Richard Moran and Joshua Walls.



El Dorado Fish Fry

The social event of the year was attended by 48 Civitans and guests. The fish, French Fries, slaw, and hush puppies, catered by McDonalds Grocery, could not have been better. Oh, let's not forget the desserts provided by Civitans and their wives. There were so many Desserts, it was not possible to sample them all. Attendees were allowed to enjoy an evening of fellowship followed by several games of Bingo. Prizes ranged from a screwdriver and hammer to a razorback apron for a "grill master." Thanks to Mike Dumas and Grady Tracy for helping to make it a success.



Civitan Club of Topeka Car & Truck Show

The Civitan Club of Topeka held their 4th Annual Car & Truck Show on Sunday, September 13, 2015, at the Civitan Day Camp at Gage Park. Over 30 vintage cars and trucks were on display throughout the park while visitors and participants in the show enjoyed lunch served by our Topeka Civitan members. Persons served by Sheltered Living, Inc. also enjoyed the beautiful day by visiting with the car/truck owners, sharing lunch and assisting with some of the judging. We even had a special little monkey join us and keep us entertained throughout the day! Awards and trophies were presented to each category winner.



A First Timers Look at the International Convention in St. Louis July 2015

By Paul Moreno, President Elect Ranger Civitan

I never would have believed that a convention could offer so much in it seems so little time. Being a first timer for a Civitan International convention I was at first leary of what I was going to be doing. I knew from the beginning I would be taking a training class for Presidents and Presidents Elect training. Aside from that, I was wondering how I was going to fill my days. I was in for a treat. From the beginning there were planned events and parties. I was kept busy with one activity after another.

Now, I was unable to be there from the beginning on Saturday for the Pre-Convention Activities as I drove in with two marvelous ladies. Vivian Dail and Laura Chapa were incredibly informative on our drive on what to expect and what I really needed to concentrate on. So, Sunday night basically started for me with opening ceremonies.

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Aside from the introductions of Directors, Honor Key recipients, Distinguished Governors, Dr. Courtney Shropshire Outstanding Club and Outstanding New Club of the Year Award (Us!! Ranger Civitans!!), we were treated to a youth acrobatic troupe who were incredibly talented. I liked the fact that they used a local youth group to fill a major entertainment slot.

That however, was not the end of the evening. The first of several parties was to start shortly after the opening ceremonies. The Roaring Twenties Welcome Party was a taste of what was to come for the rest of the convention.

I was good and did not stay out late as I had an early training workshop. The President and President Elect training was led by Kendyl Massey who is the Director of Area 6. Split into groups that we chose on our own, we went over procedures and reasons for these. What I enjoyed most was one of our training exercises in which we had to complete a small project with one leader from each group. I was the leader for our group and given the directive to explain our project but to handle the project in a Democratic process. In other words, I asked for input and listened to all sides before we started the process. The other members of the group were not aware of the directive, just the nature of the project. Now, other groups had to do their projects with different attitudes: a dictatorial leadership role, a laissez-faire attitude. Both of these types of leaderships failed to a point. They did have a revolt under one of the dictators so that was fun to watch. The point was



TOP: Jack Fournier (second from right) receives International Honor Key • BOTTOM: Ranger Civitans receive Outstanding New Club award

how in Civitan it is important for us to listen to all for we might learn something new, something better, or anything that could aid in projects. It was a clever way for us to teach ourselves what sometimes is not evident.

Now, there simply is not enough time to include everything that happened during the course of the convention. I will, however, state that if one ever has the ability to attend a workshop led by Louis Stevens, it needs to be a priority. Mr. Stevens was incredibly supportive of the ins and outs of both new and established clubs. Frank and honest, he explained the purpose of his workshop entitled "How to Recruit Leaders into Your Club". I was writing furiously as he talked and taking notes both from his talk and the Power Point when he said, "I recently heard about a club that had a guest speaker who had come to try and recruit volunteers as he had a need for a huge upcoming project. I do not remember the

name of that project, nor his name, but he asked to stay for the rest of the meeting and ended up joining the club. He is now their President Elect." I looked up in shock and blurted out, "That was me! I needed volunteers for Relay for Life." Mr. Stevens looked over at me and said, "Wow, you're here. I am so glad."

Then he went on to say that sometimes we just do not know how or when new members might be coming into clubs, but to always be aware that they will always bring something to the table and it is up to the leaders of the club to recognize that and encourage guiding them into new levels of involvement. Mr. Stevens could not stay after his session as he had to rush to another workshop but three people from other clubs came by to offer insight and help if needed. There were multiple different workshops going on all day, such as "Courageous Leadership", "Social Media Can Improve Your Club", "Making Excellence a Habit", and "How to Make Things Happen", but I completely felt Mr. Stevens' workshop was one of the best parts of the convention.

I will end this by saying, if you ever have the chance to attend a Civitan International Convention, do it! It was during this convention that, by accident, fell into a like minded group of individuals, who wanted nothing more than to be of service to others. It felt good. It felt like home, just with more parties.

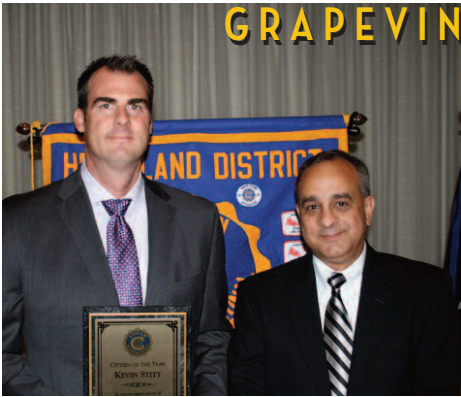
God Bless and Keep the Faith.

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2015 Heartland District Convention

GRAPEVINE, TEXAS • AUGUST 28-30, 2015



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