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On a January day just weeks before the nation became embroiled in World War I, druggist Claude Hagan was preparing to leave his pharmacy in downtown Birmingham to attend a meeting of a newly organized (community club), when his friend, Dr. Courtney Shropshire, dropped by. Hagan invited Shrop to join him at the meeting and they attended regularly for about a month-and-a-half.

Hagan later recalled that, “We [the entire club] reached the conclusion, whether properly or not that the main purpose of that organization was to make money for someone and we thereupon surrendered our charter ”[in club]”.

In mid-March, Shrop, Hagan, and others created a local independent, service-oriented club in the city, a club that was committed to building up the community rather than to increasing the business of its members. Drawing from the “out-standing citizens” of the community and “firmly [eschewing] any narrowly

submarine activity moved the United States toward the Allied cause in Europe, these Birmingham professionals banded together to promote activities that such and emergency demanded of good citizens. Linking patriotism to progressive zeal, charter member Jelks Cabaniss, a local attorney, suggested the Latin word for citizen, “Civitas”, as an appropriate name for the group. Another member, however, suggested that naysayers might be irresistibly tempted to nickname members of the Club “Civic Asses,” and members finally agreed upon a derivative form of “civitas,” Unanimously choosing “Civitan” as the name for their new organization.. The Club motto followed naturally as charter member Arthur C Crowder, Sr. suggested “Builders of Good Citizenship.” Shropshire was elected president for two successive terms, (Continued on page 3)

commercial purpose,” the members held their first meeting on March 17, 1917.

As Anglo-American loyalties and German

CIVITAN 1ST 25 YEARS

- 1877** Courtney W Shropshire born
- 1917** Birmingham Civitan Club Formed
- 1920** Honory membership given to General John J. Pershing
- 1920** Little Rock Civitan Club Formed
- 1921** Civitan International formed
- 1921** First Civitan International Convention, Birmingham, Alabama
- 1921** Wichita, Kansas Civitan Club Formed
- 1921** Metro Tulsa Civitan Club Formed
- 1921** Dallas Civitan Club Formed
- 1922** Champ Andrews of the Chattanooga, Tennessee wrote the “Civitan Creed”
- 1922** Civitan International Convention, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 1923** Civitan International Convention, Washington, D.C.
- 1923** First Civitan magazine published, International Secretary John & Mary Mix
- 1924** Civitan International Convention, Miami, Florida
- 1925** 154 Civitan Clubs
- 1925** Civitan International Convention, Dayton, Ohio

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1ST QUARTER, 2016-17 CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Oct 1	Civitan Centennial Year Begins
Oct 4	Deadline for ADDS/DELETES for 2015-2016 Year
Oct 9	First Heartland District Board Meeting Conference Call @ 7 pm
Oct 16	First Centennial Leadership Team - Presidents Call/Training Session @ 7PM
Oct 20	Oct Dues Delinquent after this date

NOVEMBER

Nov 3-5	International Board Meeting, Birmingham
Nov 6	Centennial Leadership Team - Presidents Call/Training Session @ 7PM
Nov 15	Deadline for Club Officer Training Certification

DECEMBER

Dec 1	Honor Club/Competitive Awards Applications Due for 2015-2016 Year
Dec 24	Deadline ADDS and DELETES for Jan Billing

JANUARY

Jan 8	Centennial Leadership Team - Presidents Call/Training Session @ 7PM
Jan 15	Heartland District Board Conference Call @ 7 PM
Jan 20	January Dues Delinquent after this date
Jan 27-31	Junior Civitan Sno-Do
Jan 30-Feb 4	Clergy Appreciation Week
Jan 31	Postmark Deadline, Quality Achievement Award, Shropshire Scholarship Applications

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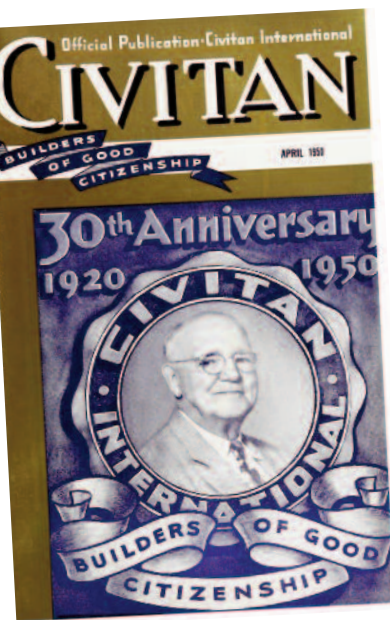


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and by 1920 the Birmingham Club had grown to almost two hundred members.

The club published a weekly newsletter, *Civitates*, which included biographies of members, inspirational features and Club information. The April 1920 *Civitates* included an article offering \$100 in gold for the best submission of a club song. The article called for a "...snappy, tuneful, zippy song that Builders of Good Citizenship can sing at their luncheons and national conventions". Typifying Progressive Era activism, Birmingham Civitans determined to go beyond their routine business and professional activities by initiating unified and systematic community project. They participated in early Club projects that ranged from encouraging greater voter participation through payment of poll taxes to supporting the Allied war effort in Europe with Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives and campaigns for the Fatherless Children of France.

The Club was receiving inquiries from other southern cities where professionals learning of the work of the organization, wanted to establish comparable clubs. Lacking neither vision or confidence, on March 13



Cover of 1950 Civitan Magazine, celebrating the 30th anniversary of becoming an International Club

1920, members of the Birmingham Club filed incorporation papers at the Jefferson County Courthouse- thus creating the International Association of Civitan Clubs.



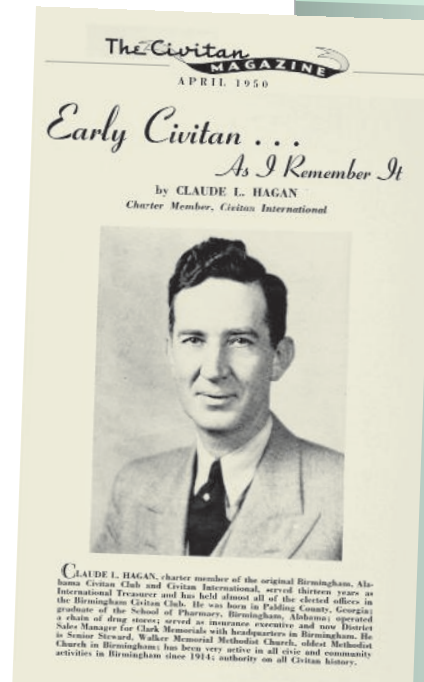
Click above to see the informative and inspiring online video of Civitan's 100 years at <http://civitan.org/heartland/100video.html>

That evening as Shrop and his wife discussed the day's exciting events, Leta Mary remarked to her husband that she hoped Civitan would be "the greatest achievement" of his life. Her untimely death only four days later led Shropshire to dedicate himself to making his wife's wish become reality.

“It was an age of pioneering and an age in which citizenship through Civitan

flickered at times but was constantly being brought back to life to burn more brightly after each trial... Even though I look back to the brilliance of yesteryears, I still have a vision of Civitan's future. I predict that Civitan is still just in the beginning.”

Claude L. Hagan,
Charter Member,
Civitan International,
The Civitan Magazine,
April 1950



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

By Marcia Dechand, Heartland Governor, 2015-2016

As I sit here tonight writing this final Governor's address, there is a storm brewing outside as the rain, wind and storm clouds "stir" within an all too familiar Kansas thunderstorm. There is also a storm brewing within — deadlines looming, goals to continue to reach for and so much yet to accomplish!! With just a couple of weeks remaining this Civitan year however we should all be very proud of how far our Heartland District has come!

One of my most favorite books and movies is "The Incredible Journey" - the story of three determined and committed family pets who work together through good times and hardships to travel hundreds of miles to be reunited with the human family they love. For me, this year as Governor has been an incredible journey — one of meeting many new Civitan friends across this great Heartland District, traveling to some fascinating locales, participating in many exciting Civitan events and seeing the results of just what a group of determined Civitans can build for their communities to enjoy as well as to leave magnificent legacies for future generations.

As you know, we set some lofty goals at the beginning of this Civitan year! This was to stretch us all and test our endurance for the journey ahead. Some we fell short on, but many we reached successfully and far exceeded. A couple of our "KEY" goals this year were to build clubs and build membership — well, we have built new clubs here in Heartland and we are "on the road" to building back our overall membership. If we all focus on bringing friends and family along with us on our journey, not only will the journey be much more FUN, we can spread the load and overcome the "bumps" we may come across in our road ahead.

We have Civitan club "building" going on all across the Heartland District — new senior clubs, Campus clubs and Junior clubs. We are excited there has been an overwhelming interest in building new Junior Civitan clubs this Fall - in high schools in Arkansas, Missouri and Texas - that will take our journey into parts of several of these states we have never before ventured, where there are no senior clubs in close proximity to provide sponsorship and direct support - however, we will develop a plan to support and encourage these energetic high

school students in becoming part of our Civitan family.

Speaking of our Junior Civitans, under the leadership of Junior Civitan Governor Avery Elliott, our Heartland District Juniors are going strong!! Our Juniors have represented the Heartland District at the Civitan International Annual Junior Civitan Convention the past two years as well as at Sno-Do in Canada and Dance-A-Thon in Myrtle Beach this past year. Thank you, Junior Civitans, for all your fundraising efforts and representation of

the Heartland District. We appreciate you joining us on our journey.

We are hopeful our current three Heartland District Campus clubs will soon be joined by two more campus clubs this Fall. Final paperwork on both new clubs is in process now. Our Campus clubs are "gearing up" as a new school year begins - Activities Fairs held - and new members signed up. Lots of Fall activities are being planned as our Campus Civitans look ahead to fun Halloween activities as well as many other special projects. Campus Civitans from Tulsa Community College ventured to Wichita and joined us at the District convention - what a great opportunity to network

with our Campus Civitans!!!

We had a number of occasions to join with our Civitan "family" this year, at each of our seven Area Meetings, our Spring Meeting in Bartlesville, and our District Annual Convention in Wichita. What great events and opportunities to re-connect with family and friends from across the Heartland. These celebrations make our journey SPECIAL - especially when we are re-united!!

This year has truly been an incredible journey for me — one that I will never forget!! Thank you to everyone who provided a warm place to sleep, a great meal, a road-map to follow, fellowship and friendship along the way!!

Best Wishes to Governor Frank and his Leadership Team as they begin their special journey October 1st!!

I will see you on the next leg of our journey!
(The storm clouds have dispersed and the sun is shining brightly this morning!)

Yours in Civitan,
Marcia



GOVERNOR-ELECT MESSAGE

By Frank Kelley, Heartland Governor, 2016-2017

Hello Heartland District Civitans!

I am excited to be leading our District into our Centennial Civitan year, celebrating our previous 100 years and looking to the next century of service. As we move forward, I ask that each of you, particularly if you are a club officer, to work to revitalize and renew your club with eyes focused on publicizing your meetings and projects. Don't fear venturing out to expand your presence in Social Media. It can be a lot of fun and can reach more people! And remember to try Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest. If you don't know what those are, ask your kids, grand kids, or even google it!

Since my last article, we have held our International Convention in Norfolk and our District Convention in Wichita and they were great! Norfolk was a great place to visit and the Membership Extravaganza was one for the record books! It included a great historical video which highlighted our first 100 years of service as well as cannons that inundated the convention delegation with "tons" of confetti. Please note that there are a number of special Centennial Celebration branded merchandise items available for purchase in the Civitan International Supply House that would make great speaker gifts, appreciation gifts, well you get the idea. Check it out!

Harold Connell, our Meeting Planner put together a great Annual District Convention in Wichita. The highlight for me was the great entertainment that Marty Rothwell and the ARC of Sedgewick County graced us with during the special events. Congratulations to Marty for his recognition as our 2016 Citizen of the Year! Thanks go to the Civitan Club of Wichita and Chris for their wonderful hospitality room! Thanks go out to Mary Luck from Civitan International and Region 7 Director Dan Brown and his lovely bride Kim as well as the nearly 100 people who came to hear updates on the organization, conduct business, elect new officers, and to celebrate the successes of our 2015-2016 Civitan Year.

I would like to thank Marcia for her service as our Heartland District Governor and congratulate her on earning her Heartland District Governor's Honor Key and receiving a Civitan International Research Center Fellow. You have done well!

I would also like to give a Shout Out to our two newest Civitan Clubs: The Lawrence ACTION Civitan Club and the KC Ex-Men. Congratulations to Lawrence Charter President Jason Holbert, his leadership team, and our 19 Charter Civitans for making this happen! The Club Building team was Frank Kelley, Kim Kelley, Marcia Dechand, Bill Buscher, and Patty Bottorf. Congratulations to KC Ex-Men's Dymon Dawson, President, and Certified Club Builders Marcia Dechand,



Dymon Dawson, Gerald Yotter and Michelle Frazier. Thank you to all of these great Civitans for their effort in building this fantastic club.

I would like to let everyone know that we will not be having a Heartland District Spring Meeting in 2017. Rather we are planning one wonderful Region 7 Meeting in the Oklahoma City Area during March 17-19, 2017! Please note that Region 7 encompasses the five (5) states in our District as well as New Mexico and Colorado from the Great Southwest District. Please note that Friday, March 17th is Civitan's true birthday and St. Patrick's day as well, so a major celebration event is planned! I have also been informed that our 2016-17 Civitan International President Duane Capps will be with us at our meeting. That is fantastic news! You do not want to miss this meeting. Registration and more information will be posted on our District web page and District Facebook page once the details and arrangements become final.

I call your attention to our Centennial Celebration International Convention that will take place in Birmingham during June 24-27, 2017. There is a special reduced basic convention cost of \$100 available until November 15, 2016 that you can access on our international website, www.civitan.org.

Hotel registration can also be accessed on the website as well. That being said, I would like to ask all Heartland Civitans to register now for the Convention and hotel so that you save your money and to ensure that we are all together in Birmingham to celebrate an awesome Centennial Celebration Convention. Club Presidents and Presidents Elect: I ask that you register now to be in Birmingham with me to take part in our Centennial Celebration!

As we enter the new Civitan year, we need to focus on what our one true goal is: it is to have a fantastic year! I ask you to pull out your Honor Club Application form and have a meeting with your leadership team to go over the various objectives that need to be met for the award. Assign each team member to one of the objectives and work with them to be successful. My goal for each club leadership team is for you (and your Club) to receive one of the three levels of Honor Club recognition. I am committed to helping you succeed and if there is anything that I can do to help, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you for everything that you do in your Communities in the name of Civitan!

Frank Kelley

MST and Terra Morehead, MST and the Club Builders

BOB TALES

Thoughts from incoming Governor-Elect Bob Shell



Thank you for placing your confidence in me at the recent Heartland District Convention in Wichita, KS by electing me Governor-Elect. This coming year, I will prepare to assume the role of Governor of the Heartland District in October 2017. Although I will need the help of every member of

the Heartland District, my focus will be on helping you in every way I can. If your club is struggling, if you need ideas, guidance, or help, feel free to contact me by phone, text, email, or Facebook.

I did not attend the District Convention seeking to become the Governor-Elect. That said, I am a firm believer that God brings us to decision points that we do not expect and do not seek, but for which we are called to “such a time as this.” Moses was not expecting or seeking to go to Egypt to rescue the Jewish nation from Pharaoh’s tyrannical hand. Thus when told by God to go rescue the people, Moses responded, “Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” Maybe Moses thought God would have second thoughts and choose someone else. But God responded simply, “I’ll be with you.” Later in response to Moses’ further trying to shirk this responsibility, God says to him, “I will teach you what you shall do. (Exodus 3:7-12; 4:15)

What are the decision points that God has put before you? Are you struggling with accepting the challenges that are in front of you? Be comforted by three facts:

God is calling you

God (and God’s servants) will be with you

God (and God’s servants) will teach you what you need to do.

Bob Shell

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Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.”.

– Esther 4:14

Geographical Leadership Training Deadline November 15th

PRESIDENTS & PRESIDENTS-ELECT
Be sure you are trained for your leadership role for the coming year.

Presidents and Presidents-Elect are required to participate in a training program for the club to remain in good standing for the 2016-2017 Civitan Year (voting rights, awards, etc.).



Who’s the Man This Issue? Lowell French

Our behind the scenes audio video man for all our district gatherings. Please say thanks to him as you see him at our events!



Civitan International, Heartland District Governor Marcia Dechand, MST, Civitan Club of Topeka President Rebecca Cole and Ranger Civitan Club President Joe King are happy to announce a new club for men and women:

LAWRENCE ACTION CIVITAN CLUB

Charter Number 4145



Charter Date: August 26, 2016

Jason Holbert, President

The Civitan Club of Topeka and Ranger Civitan Club are sponsoring the new club. The Certified Club Builders are Frank Kelley, MST, Kim Kelley, MST, Marcia Dechand, MST, Patty Bottrop and Bill Buscher.

Civitan International, Heartland District Governor Marcia Dechand, MST and Civitan Orchids President Terra Morehead, MST are happy to announce a new club for men:

K. C. CIVITAN EX-MEN CLUB

Charter Number 4149



Charter Date: September 29, 2016

Dymon Dawson, President

The Civitan Orchids are sponsoring the new club. The Certified Club Builders are Marcia Dechand, MST and Terra Morehead, MST and the Club Builders are Dymon Dawson, Gerald Yotter and Michelle Frazier.

**Dateline—Golden Horseshoe Golf Club,
Williamsburg, VA, July 12, 2016**

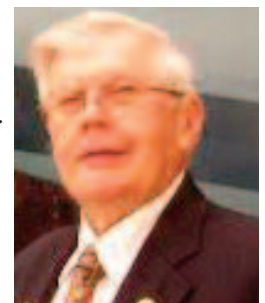
Harold Connell Scores First Hole-in-One Ever at Civitan International Golf Benefit



Golf Benefit golfer, Harold Connell of Wichita, KS set a record by being the first Breakthru/Golf Benefit golfer to score a “hole in one” since the beginning of this 25th annual fundraising event which started in 1992.

Connell achieved his first such “hole in one” on the 17th hole on the Green Course of the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club which is listed in Conde’ Nast Traveler’s “Top 100 Golf Resorts in the World”. He used a driver on the 141 yard par 3 hole from the red tee (which was permissible based on his age in the Civitan Golf Benefit). Neither he, nor his 3 other teammates actually saw the ball go into the hole from the tee. They thought it had reached the green, but when approaching the green they could not see the ball, so they thought it must have rolled past the green. While checking all around, fellow golfer, Bob Robinson walked past the flag and discovered the ball in the cup. Needless to say, Robinson, Connell, and his other teammates, Rob Boister and Linda Hadley started shouting with joy.

Connell was also honored at this event by having the most individual sponsors (44) and most non-Civitan sponsors (24). All together he raised \$8,301.00 for the Civitan International Research Center which ranked him as 4th for total amount raised.



In Memoriam

PAUL MORENO (1957-2016)



I met Paul when I had contacted our local American Cancer Society to request someone to come and speak to us about the upcoming Grand Prairie Relay for Life event. He came to our meeting and explained that he was the Logistics Chair of the Relay for Life of Grand Prairie event and that

he came to speak to Ranger Civitan Club to recruit volunteers. After completing his talk, he asked if he could stay for the remainder of our meeting. Naturally, we agreed and he stayed for the meeting. He was so impressed by Civitan's mission he joined the club and we were so blessed. Paul quickly jumped in with volunteer projects and gladly accepted his first officer nomination. Paul had a servant's heart and loved to help others in need. He especially loved any project involving cooking food, like the Clergy Appreciation Breakfast, Special Education Staff Appreciation Breakfast, and the Dragon Boat Races booth. We had the pleasure of working with him and his family on many wonderful club projects. Paul was serving as President of the Ranger Civitan Club at the time of his death on August 18, 2016.

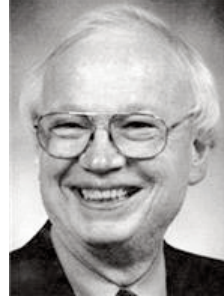
Paul was also near to our hearts as a teacher. As we know, Civitans have always been partial to educators and Paul was a stand out in this area. As a Special Education teacher with the Birdville ISD, Paul felt a kindred spirit with the founders of Civitan. He loved teaching and always felt that he made a difference in the lives of his students.

As his brother Joseph said: "The dash between the dates on his headstone represents so much more than anyone could imagine. I knew he was a great man, a great brother, son, father and friend. I knew, that when he was diagnosed with cancer so many years ago, he never complained or lost his faith. The cancer was an inconvenience, and he carried on. He had things to do. He kept the faith. He touched more lives than I can possibly fathom. All of those lives are better having known him. He was the strongest man I knew and I miss him. His "dash" is a legacy that I can only hope to imitate. Keep the faith.

Paul's message to us: Keep the faith. Always.....We will miss him terribly.

-Frank Kelley

ROGER ALEXANDER (1935-2016)



Roger Alexander, 81, died August 19th at The Journey Home hospice in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Though he had been battling some form of cancer for fourteen years, Roger seemed untouched by the disease until the final weeks of his life.

Roger earned a B.S. in Engineering from Kansas State University and an M.S. from Oklahoma State University. He served in the United States Air Force Reserves and moved to Bartlesville in 1957 to begin a career with Phillips Petroleum Company. At Phillips, he worked first as a mechanical engineer, then as a systems analyst, project leader and manager of professional development.

Roger was active in the Bartlesville Civitan Club, serving as President three times. He was actively involved in the construction of the fully accessible Civitan Park in Bartlesville. Roger became the first governor of the Heartland District, when the Ozark, Texas, and Kansas-Oklahoma districts combined. Several years later, the Heartland District named him Civitan of the Decade.

Roger chaired the Washington County Democratic Party for six years. He worked on numerous community projects, including Meals on Wheels, the Washington/ Nowata County Nutrition Project, Elder Care, Concern Center. He was President of the Board of Family Promise of Washington County as recently as 2015. Through Disciples Christian Church, he made three mission trips to Nicaragua and Honduras to help with fundamental issues like access to clean water.

Roger's ongoing devotion to others made a lasting difference in people's lives. His emails often ended with a quote from Margaret Mead: Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Editor's Message



Hello Fellow Civitans!

The summer was busy with excitement! Family visits and picnics; along with conventions and a new District and International Boards to bring us to our 100 year celebration.

David and I are trying to make this year's newsletters a historical journey for you. Each quarter will review a 25 year segment of Civitan History. We can get sense of what their community environment was like as well as what was going on in the world at the time. Civitan International headquarters will be contributing articles from their historical files. Enjoy the reading.

At the end, I've included an interesting historical installation you can use if need be.

Please be sure to register for the International convention by November 15th so you can get the registration for \$100.00. Dan Brown will be holding a regional meeting on March 17th, (date of 1st Civitan Club) in 2017. More details as they become available. Tentative locations are Norman or Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Please be sure to invite your friends and family to your Civitan meetings, so you can show off all your training! Don't forget to fill out the District and International Awards form for all your projects! Congratulations Muskogee Civitan Club for their 60 years!

Civitans 100 Years of Service

Ann Livingston, Heartland District Newsletter

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Starlight Civitan Club received third Place Community project for helping with halloween party for 200 children with disabilities at International Convention.



There is often a misconception that once a member joins your Civitan club the work is done. On the contrary, in today's changing world we are constantly reminded that membership involvement or renewal isn't automatic.

With our current environment of economic concerns, elections, constant change, and competition for scarce time, money, and attention, service clubs must constantly provide superior service and quality in all activities, not only to meet the member's perceived value, but to exceed it. Today's sophisticated consumer will accept nothing less.

With members continually evaluating the benefits they receive in return for their time and dues checks, the retention process clearly ties in with every initiative undertaken by your club and its members.

Factors affecting the value of an individual's membership are:

- Initial contact
- The new member's perception of the local club
- Club programs and activities
- Club operations
- Fellowship
- Acceptance by club members

It is clear that for our membership process to succeed, it must be woven into the day-to-day operations of your club. That means it requires the attention of everyone, from officers to fellow members. As harmless as it may seem a peevish response from a member imprints a lasting impression and may jeopardize another member's renewal. The book *Keeping Members* states, "As members look to reduce expenditures and simplify their lives, many are picking and choosing among several memberships. How a member is treated, whether his or her particular needs are met and how they perceive the club will determine where they spend their membership dollar. To be among the memberships renewed, clubs must deliver

Since members are our most precious resource, we must find ways to provide them with a source to meet their needs, involve them, and give them real responsibility that makes them feel valued. When a club fulfills these requisites, it will ensure each member's relationship long after the initial membership application is signed.

Surveys of Civitan Members

Why Members Remain in their Clubs:

Members who participated in past surveys stated the aspect of their membership they most valued was the oppor-

Why is
Membership
so important
anyway?

tunities for community involvement and helping others. Being a member of Civitan enables them to make a difference in a way they couldn't do individually and gives them feelings of accomplishment and satisfaction. Their membership allows them to use their time con-

structively, while having fun.

Common reasons given for members staying are:

- Enjoy being with friends who are members
- Enjoy socializing with others in the club
- Feel like a contributing part of the club
- Interest in the club's activities
- Enjoy a particular project the club conducts
- Believe in the values and mission of Civitan

Why Members Leave their Clubs:

There appears to be no single explanation of why members leave their local Civitan club. Respondents to exit surveys give a variety of reasons for dropping out of their clubs. Both positive and negative comments are received when surveying the benefits and drawbacks of membership. Overall, the responses have provided us with valuable insight to common strengths and weaknesses of Civitan clubs. Interestingly, with few exceptions, former members' reasons for leaving did not include monetary costs, or shortage of networking opportunities.

The most common reasons former members dropped their membership are:

- Never felt welcomed, club was too cliquish and political
- Frustrated by fellow members' unwillingness to try new ideas/projects
- Burned out — too few members did all the work in the club
- Dissatisfied with meetings
- Perceived no value for amount of time
- Poor leadership
- Never became involved

With this information in mind, it is so very important that each club officer, particularly the club President and President-Elect work with their club members to ensure that their club is vibrant and inclusive. As we celebrate 100 Years of Service, let's all work together to keep the members that we have and look toward recruiting new members that will bring new ideas and knowledge into each of our clubs. We can do this Together!

Frank

How I Became a Civitan

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.”

-Lao Tzu, 6th Century BCE

Bob Shell, Bartlesville Civitan Club

In my first months of becoming a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, I went door-to-door throughout two square miles of Bartlesville to meet people and introduce myself. I met Ken & Mary Ellis who asked me to attend a Civitan meeting and later, asked me to join the club. I also visited Kiwanis and Lions Club. What I found in the Civitan club—that was missing in the other clubs—was 1) a clear sense of mission [helping persons with developmental disabilities], 2) regular service projects in the community, and 3) a willingness to change to meet changing needs and interests.

I have sponsored nine members into Civitan, the most recent one being Harland Rolfs. Harland and his wife Claudia (whom my wife Mary sponsored) are friends from our Sunday School class. We traveled with them to the Holy Land in 2013 with a group of 40. We like them and wish to spend more time with them. We invited them to attend a Membership Cookout and they attended. At that cookout, we asked them to join and they said yes.

In both cases and virtually every case on record, the key is someone asked someone else to join.

Ann Livingston, Starlight Civitan Club

After my husband's passing I was just going through the motions of living. I would come to work and doing my tasks and go home. One day a now fellow Civitan came by my cubicle and stopped by to see how I was doing as well as talked about some of the projects going on at work. The next day the person came by again and informed me a new Civitan Club was forming and they needed new members. Then the next day came by again telling me how much fun I would have; well I looked up Civitan on the internet to find out about the organization. Again the persistent Civitan came by again and again, by the end of the week I came to a meeting. That was the year 2004 and I have been going to Starlight Civitan meetings every month and seeing Dale deReign ever since then.

Dixie Shoptaw, Siloam Springs Civitan Club

My co-worker, Jake Naramore was involved in Civitan. Jake moved to San Antonio Texas but made me a deal I couldn't refuse. He paid my dues for a year in order to keep our local club from losing a member. At the end of that year I was already President elect for the next year. I loved the people first and foremost and found that there were about five people that I already knew quite well that were Civitans. Once I volunteered for Special Olympics I was hooked. I love being a part of the Civitan family.

David Overton, Dallas Town North Civitan Club

I think it was back in 2003 that my friend, Jim Stinson, invited me to my first Civitan luncheon. I had done some pro bono graphics work for his wife, Gayle, who worked at the Dallas Center for Developmentally Disabled and their annual walk-run, which the Dallas Civitans helped sponsor. So I had seen their logo on the brochures I had designed but I had no real knowledge of Civitan or what it represented.

That day, I was treated to a tasty lunch (the first one is free, they jested) but more importantly I was treated to a lively discussion and met some wonderful guys. They were all friendly, interesting people and several of them were former World War II pilots, including one member, the late Eric Schleier, a hero who was wounded on a bombing run over the fabled Bridge over the River Kwai. Needless to say, I was impressed by these gentlemen, but also a little intimidated. When they asked me to join, I jokingly asked if I needed a pilot's license.

I became a member that very day. A year or so later, at an Area Meeting, I met the Heartland Governor, Elaine Johns who enrolled me in designing the Heartland website and Civitan has been a significant part of my life ever since.



GIVING LEVELS NEEDED TO REACH OUR GOAL OF \$10,000 FOR THE RESTORATION FUND!



Since its opening in 1976, your Civitan World Headquarters has been the central office, providing volunteers with resources to address needs in their community and enhance their development as community leaders. The building serves as the learning center for club, district, and international leaders. The Civitan International Board of Directors has launched the Restoration Fund to upgrade the building. This campaign is designed specifically to address much needed repairs and improvements at the headquarters. It has been 25 years since the last major repairs were made and many parts of the building are in serious need of renovation. Your International Board has challenged each club to give to the Restoration Fund with the hope of raising \$10,000 to name an office after Junior Civitan International. There are 329 Junior Civitan clubs, so if each club gave just \$31 by December 31, 2016, we would reach our goal!

BRONZE \$250 SILVER \$500 GOLD \$1,000

BRICK SPONSORS \$100 OR LESS

All clubs donating \$100 or more will receive a special Restoration Fund **banner patch** and gift certificates to the supply house will also be awarded to sponsors. Bronze sponsors will receive \$15, silver sponsors will receive \$25 and gold sponsors will receive \$30 gift certificates to the supply house.

A SPECIAL INVITATION



The logo features the number '100' in large blue font. The '0' is replaced by a yellow circular emblem with a globe and the text 'CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL'. Below the '100' is a blue banner with the text 'Celebrating 100 Years of Service'. The years '1917' and '2017' are positioned on either side of the '100'.

The celebration has begun! Civitan is turning 100, and you are all invited to the Centennial Homecoming next June.

SPECIAL Civitan Registration Fee of \$100 Celebrating our 100th!



Duane Capps
International President
2016-17

The “Centennial Celebration” that kicked off during the Norfolk convention will conclude in Civitan's birthplace of Birmingham, Alabama. Join Civitans from around the world as we look back at our rich history of service, as well as forward to our next century. Visit our newly restored world headquarters, the Civitan International Research Center, and reunite with friends you have

made over the years.

This convention will be one to remember, but Birmingham has so much more to offer. Rich in history, great food, and baseball. More exciting announcements will be coming out during the year, so make your plans now to be part of this special homecoming.

The Civitan International Board of Directors is hoping for our largest delegation in history to celebrate our 100 years of service. At the Board's recent meeting, a SPECIAL Civitan Registration Fee of \$100 was approved for all registrations received through November 15, 2016. This special only applies to Civitan registrations, not Guests or Youth.

Take advantage of this tremendous offer! Register at <http://civitan.org/convention/convention-2/>.

Look for more information regarding next summer's Centennial Celebration in Birmingham! We look forward to seeing you in June!



Sheraton Birmingham Downtown Hotel

The convention headquarters hotel for our 2017 Centennial Celebration is the Sheraton Birmingham Downtown. Special Civitan guest room rates are \$115 for single/double/triple/quad. Boasting an energetic lobby teeming with urban energy, the convention headquarters property in Birmingham's Uptown Entertainment District is suited for Civitan business and leisure. Just under ten minutes from Birmingham International Airport, the Sheraton is fully wired to keep you connected and collaborating. Guest room reservations may be made at <http://civitan.org/convention/hotel-information/>.

For more information about next 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.

TCC Campus Civitan: Reflections on the Heartland District Convention



Campus Civitan of Tulsa Community College were excited to be part of Heartland District’s Annual Civitan Convention in Wichita and left with more passion for spreading Civitan Awareness. Our highlighted moments included the opportunity to engage with individuals interested in meeting people where they are! We were inspired by each of the individuals who shared their amazing talents at the Leadership Luncheon and the banquet. One of our take-aways already in action is “Find Your 100”: We have committed to increase our donation to Civitan International Research Center by \$100.00. Between the exposure to formal procedures in Civitan, receiving recognition (CIVIBEAR and award patch), and fellowship - we left with a great reminder of why community engagement is so important and appreciated! Thank you all for a great time and the possibility to see our dream in action!

Chamia Starks, Secretary, TCC Campus Civitan (and fellow TCC Campus Civitan members)

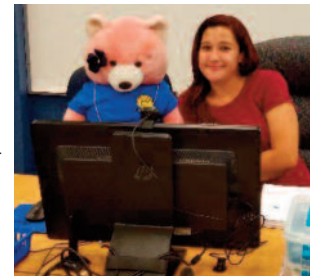
TCC Campus Civitan attended the Heartland District Leadership Luncheon and Convention

August 26-28, 2016, in Wichita. Six members: (L to R) Casey Worden (Virtual Communications/Social Media), Patricia Robinson, Chamia Starks (Secretary), Sheneeka Harvey (Co-Treasurer), Jami Carter (Vice-President), and Michael Handlan (Co-Secretary) accompanied Dr. Diane Potts (TCC Campus Civitan Faculty Advisor) to the convention.

CiviBear News: Making the Transition to Life at Tulsa Community College



As tradition has it, CiviBear leaves the district convention with a different club each year. CiviBear had a most wonderful year with the Civitan Orchids and came with quite the wardrobe and accessories as well as many wonderful memories. TCC Campus Civitan received the honor of bringing Civi home – to Tulsa Community College – and hope to share a few highlights of her adventures in each district newsletter. In the few weeks Civi has called TCC home, she enjoyed the trip and fellowship on the way to Tulsa, has a special space in Dr. Potts’ office, has attended club meetings and will assist with recruiting student members and the garage sale this week. Civi reminds us each meeting of the 100th anniversary and challenges us to make it a special year.



CiviBear assists TCC Campus Civitan President, Elizabeth Gutierrez with club meetings

CiviBear joins TCC Campus Civitan for 2016-17



All buckled in for the trip home to Tulsa



CiviBear and TCC Campus Civitan members after meeting



CiviBear was a big hit at Student Success Fair!

Inauguration of Starlight Civitan Club

by Steve Cowen of Broken Arrow Men's Club

President Elect-

President in waiting.

Just as Civitan was formed in 1917 there were some popular people in who waiting began in 1917.

The suffragettes movement was in full swing as women were pushing for the right to vote; J. Edgar Hoover got a job with the U.S. Department of Justice on the way to becoming the head of the FBI. Jazz great Ella Fitzgerald and president John Fitzgerald Kennedy were born in 1917.

Do you accept the role and responsibilities of support to your president and club as you plan for your term as the leader of Broken Arrow Starlight Club on this great Civics' Organization push toward its second Century?

President

In October of 1917, the Bolshevik Revolution Over threw the current system of government in Russia and eventually created the Soviet Union five years later. This is not a political statement, but a vision of one Leaders need to affect change. They also need to address situations, measure them carefully and call, in your case the club, in Woodrow Wilson's case a country into action, even when initially neutrality or doing nothing looked like the best option. When the German Empire began unrestricted submarine warfare, he wrote several admonishing notes to Germany and in April 1917 asked congress to declare war on the Central Powers. National women's suffrage was achieved under Wilson's presidency.

Do you accept the role and responsibilities of leading the Broken Arrow starlight Club through measured decision making and risk taking while maintaining the diplomacy of flexibility when necessary?

Treasurer

How to handle the clubs money. 3 days after Civitans was formed, (March 20) the United states purchased the Danish West Indies for \$25 million. You know them as the virgin Islands – coincidence I think not. Many American have a time share in St. Maaten. Perhaps as a Treasurer you should be looking for that big investment. That same month in 1917 the U.S Charted the first federal land bank. So treasurer there is great precedents from 100 years ago on how to handle Club funds.

Do you accept the role and responsibilities of being the overseer of Broken arrow starlight Club Finances?



Secretary

You are the information keeper and reporter of documents – a glorified historian with, what I consider the clubs, busiest assignment. Important info like what happened on May 5 & 6 as Ernie Koob and Bob Groom, St. Louis Browns no-hit the White Sox (world Series champs), 1-0 & 3-0. A little over a month later, Babe Ruth, Red Sox, upset over four pitches called balls, punched umpire Brick Owens in the face and was ejected. There are things of importance that must be reported.

Do you accept the role and responsibilities of keeping records, taking notes and completing the necessary paper work required of Civitan international for the Broken arrow Starlight Clubs?

You are all installed as officers of the Starlight Civitan Club.

To the Club -

These officers will sometime ask you to do things you many not want to do. On May 18th U.S. Congress passes Selective service Act, authorizing the federal government to raise a national army for the American entry into World War I through compulsory enlistment. On Jun 5th 10 million U.S. men begin registering for draft in World War I.

As dues-paying Starlight members you have signed up to support the leadership and participate in it various functions. Do you accept the role and responsibilities that go along with being a Civitan, as our motto states being a builder of Good Citizenship?

Robert “Bob” Jones

Candidate Civitan International President Elect 2017-2018



I am excited to announce that I am a candidate for Civitan International President Elect 2017-2018.

In 1989 I was invited to attend a Civitan meeting and my first question was, “What is Civitan?” I have found that Civitan is a group of caring people all working together to help make our community’s and world a better place.

I served as District Governor in 2008-2009, and as International Director 2013-2015. At our 2016 International Convention I was honored to receive the International Honor Key.

I want to help Civitan make a difference in our communities and world by working together. We have to embrace our Junior Civitan as they are the future of our organization.

My goal is to see our organization move into the next century of service making our world a better place.

I invite you to attend the International Convention in Birmingham and I would appreciate your support.

District Service

- NCDW Governor 2008—2009
- NCDW Governor-Elect 2007— 2008
- NCDW Lt. Governor
- District Fund Raising Chair
- District Fruit Cake Chair
- District Sales and Marketing
- Special Olympics Volunteer

Local & State

- Victory Junction Chair
 - District Judge Advocate
- Honors and Awards
- International Honor Key
 - International Foundation Fellow
 - NCDW District Honor Key
 - NCDW Governor’s Honor Key
 - NC District East Fellow
 - NC District West Fellow
 - Outstanding Lt. Governor
 - Outstanding Cabinet Member
 - Victory Junction Fellow
 - ARC Distinguished Service
 - Club Honor Key
 - Distinguished Club President

International Service

- International Director Region 3 - 2013- 2015
- International Committee—“Civitan Traditions
- Governor Elect Academy
- Presenter at District Conventions
- President’s Council
- Certified Club Builder
- Assisted with Club Builds:
- Tillery Area Civitan & Joy Civitan Clubs
- Attended 8 International Conventions
- Fundraiser at 8 Breakthru Golf Tournament