



THE HEARTLAND EXPRESS

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Heartland Civitan Clubs

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Allow Us to Introduce

Debbie Bruce-Juhlke

2009-2010 Governor, Civitan Heartland District

Debbie Bruce-Juhlke comes to us from Heart of the Rock Civitan Club in Round Rock, Texas, Civitan's first club of the 2009-10 year in the Heartland District. Debbie has a long and illustrious record in Civitan and has held offices as an International Director, 1993-1995; Governor of the Texas District, 1991-1992; Charter Club President, 1983-1984 and 1986-87; and Junior Civitan Chairperson from 1988-1990 and 1996-2004.

In addition she has been awarded International, District, and Club Honor Keys; was recognized as Distinguished Governor for Texas District and as Distinguished Club President twice. She has also been named Volunteer of the Year, Mentor and Business of the Year and Civitan of the Year and is an International Research Center Fellow, Texas District Fellow, Junior Civitan Fellow. Debbie is a Certified Club Builder, Junior Civitan Master Club Builder, and Charter member of the President's Council. She has served in various leadership roles Killeen and Round Rock and has earned the President's Volunteer Service Award three times.

Debbie was born in East Texas and earned her Nursing Degree. She has worked as a Registered Nurse (RN) for over 15 years. She continued her education, earning a Bachelor of Sciences in Social Work from Central Texas College and obtained her license to work both as a RN and SW. Debbie joined Civitan in 1980 while living in Tyler, Texas because of her involvement with Special Olympics and the meaning the Civitan Creed.

Debbie's husband, Dr. Timothy Juhkle has a PhD in Chemistry and has been part owner of Exfluor Research Corporation for 25 years and Debbie has worked as the Human Resource Manager for the same company for 12 years. Their entire family has been involved in Civitan and/or Junior Civitan since 1980. All three of her children were raised as both Junior Civitans and Civitans, with her two sons serving on the Junior Civitan International board. Arthur, the eldest son served as the Junior Civitan International Vice-President 2000-2001 and President 2001-02. They truly believe in giving back and sharing what they have—her motto has been, "To whom much is given much is expected."

Debbie and Tim currently live in Round Rock, Texas and have three wonderful grandsons whom they enjoy spoiling. Tim and Debbie, along with their son Arthur, have just completed building Civitan's first club for the 2009-10 year in the Heartland District, Heart of the Rock Civitan Club in Round Rock, Texas.

Civic activities include Ambassador for the RR Chamber, RR Police Department Victim Services, Round Rock Special Education Advisory Council, Director of Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. Round Rock ISD Star Mentor to name a few.

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Planning Ahead

CALENDAR OF EVENTS For First Quarter 2009

N O V E M B E R

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| 15 | All officers must be trained for club to be certified |
| 15 | District Newsletter Deadline - 1st Quarter Issue |
| 15 | Area Director Int'l Report Form Due to District Governor for 1st Quarter |

D E C E M B E R

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| 1 | Deadline for International Competitive Awards applications for 2008-2009 year to International HQ |
| 5 | District Meeting Webinar- "Own a Piece of Civitan Rock" (repeating session) |
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J A N U A R Y

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| | First Quarter Rock Award |
| 10 | Leadership Meeting Webinar |
| 15-19 | Governors-Elect Academy |
| 24 | District Board Meeting Teleconference |
| 29-Feb 2 | Junior Civitan International Sno-Do |
| 31 | Postmark Deadline for Shropshire Scholarship Applications |
| 31-Feb 6 | Clergy Appreciation Week |

F E B R U A R Y

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| 1 | Junior Civitan International Appreciation Month |
| 15 | District Newsletter Deadline-2nd Quarter Issue |
| 20 | Area 5/6 Meeting-Round Rock, TX |

**HEARTLAND EXPRESS**

is the newsletter for the Heartland District of Civitan International. It is published quarterly for sharing news, activities, events and other items of interest for all the Civitan Clubs of the Heartland District. It is also hoped that it may serve as a tool for showing non-Civitan and prospective members what it is to be a Civitan. Past issues are

also available for download online in PDF format at <http://www.civitan.org/~heartland/newsletter.html>
Please e-mail articles and photos for publication to David Overton, david@overtontdesign.net or by mail* to David Overton, 3616 Regent Drive, Dallas, Texas 75229

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

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| Second Quarter Issue | February 15 |
| Third Quarter Issue | May 17 |
| Fourth Quarter Issue | August 15 |

*Regrettably photos submitted by mail cannot be returned, so please be sure to send duplicates. No negatives, please.

New Member Sponsorship Incentives!



Civitan International President, Mark Eisinger, has a limited time offer for you, SO ACT NOW!

Fire up your browser and point it to the following web address: <http://www.civitan.com/template.php?id=217> and take a look at this entertaining infomercial highlighting the new Sponsorship Rocks Awards, the 2009-2010 member recruitment incentive. Really, Mark is much better than that ShamWow guy! Or visit Civitan's website or our Facebook page to learn about all the fantastic prizes and recognitions you can earn when you sponsor a new Civitan member!

Help Civitan Rock Our World this year by sponsoring new members in your club and we'll richly reward and recognize your efforts with the following incentives:



Sponsor One Member – Quarterly drawing for 2010 Convention Registration. Two drawings per quarter (name added w/ each new member sponsored). Drawings will be held January 1, April 1, and July 1 of 2010. (Those who sponsor their very first member also earn the First Sponsorship pin.)

Sponsor Four Members – Receive 2009-10 MST recognition/pin (name appears also appears on the Super Recruiter list in Civitan Magazine)

Civitan Rocks Leadership Level Sponsor Six – Receive a personalized, deluxe Civitan Rocks our World name badge

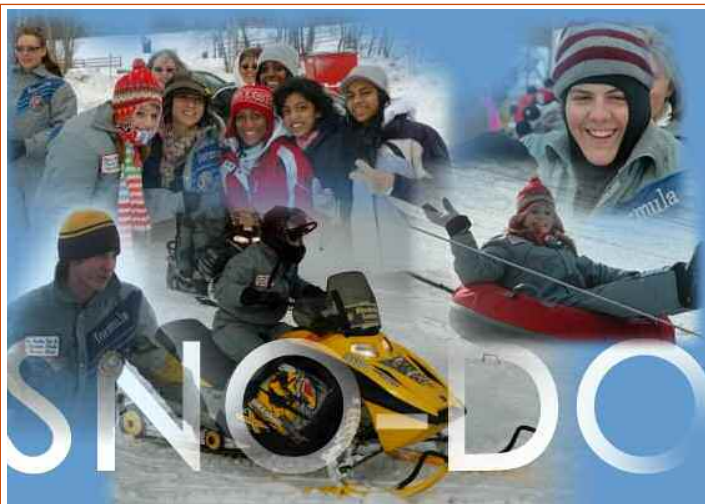
Civitan Rocks-One-A-Month Level Sponsor 12 – Receive a Registration for the 2010 or 2011 Civitan International Convention - OR - a Nintendo Wii Game System!



Civitan Rocks-Two-A-Month Level Sponsor 24 – Receive a 4 night stay at the 2010 or 2011 Civitan International Convention Hotel - OR - \$500 donation to local or international Civitan charity of your choice



Civitan Rocks Top Recruiter Award One week trip for two to Hawaii (room donated).



URGENTLY NEEDED: DOUGH for SNO-DO

Support the Heartland District Junior Civitan in their efforts to raise money for the Civitan International Research Center.

The Junior Civitan Sno-do event will be held in January 29-February 2, 2010. Our Junior Civitan Governor, Staphany Chnthavong, will be attending and we have received permission from Civitan International for an additional member to go.

At the District convention in Hot Springs this year, we asked if you could put an amount into your budget for the Sno-do event. We are hopeful that your Civitan Club can make a contribution. The funds go to the Research Center under the name of Junior Civitans. Your dollars and cents matter to them and to the thousands of people the Research Center helps each year. Let's work together in the Heartland to make sure Junior Civitans represent our district at this event.

Send Your Donation Today Directly to:

Vivian Dail, 2731 Cold Water Trail, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Make checks payable to Junior Civitan International.

Please designate your donation to Jr. Civitan Sno Do.

Golden Circle Clubs

Congratulations to the following Heartland Clubs for achieving Golden Circle status:



Little Rock
Benton
Muskogee
El Dorado
Enid
Hutchinson
Topeka
Broken Arrow
Paragould

Bartlesville Uptown
Rose City
Houston Clear Lake
Hot Springs
Turtlecreek Jonesboro
Yes We Can
Cabot
North Little Rock
White River Valley
Heart of the Rock

JUNIOR CIVITANS, MEET US IN FLORIDA FOR THE 2010 JUNIOR CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA • JUNE 24-27 HOSTED BY THE FLORIDA DISTRICT

Beyond the majestic skyline of downtown Jacksonville, you'll find quaint riverfront streets, lined with boutiques and sidewalk cafes. You'll find shopping malls and upscale dining. And of course, Jacksonville boasts breathtaking and undeveloped natural landscape. There are miles of white sandy beaches to explore and you'll also find a true paradise for hiking and water sports. Best of all, no matter where you venture, you'll find Jacksonville's unique brand of Southern hospitality and charm.

The Jacksonville Landing

The Landing is a festive marketplace on the north bank of the St. Johns River. Doubling as an entertainment fixture and nightlife hotspot, a stroll through the Landing's shops uncovers novelty and gift items, apparel, and locally fashioned accessories. Restaurants include a mixture of nationally known, as well as locally owned eateries.



Omni Jacksonville Hotel

This four-diamond luxury hotel is in the heart of downtown and just steps away from the Jacksonville Landing Riverfront Marketplace, where art, music and shopping thrive. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the St. Johns River and take in the best of Florida at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel.

**START PLANNING NOW FOR NEXT
SUMMER'S HIGHLIGHT EVENT!**

Announcing Our Newest Clubs

White River Valley Civitan Club

(See article on page 11)

Charter Number 3909

Charter Date: September 29, 2009

Nancy Roberts, President, White River Valley Civitan Club

Post Office Box 2714, Batesville, Arkansas 72503

Email: nancyr@thecitizensbank.net

The Paragould Civitan Club is sponsoring this new club. The Certified Club Builders are Joyce Walton, Angie Huffine, MST, Karla Fournier and Norma Pew.

Cabot Junior Civitan Club

Charter Number 2568

Charter Date: September 30, 2009

Hannah Buchberger, President

Cabot Junior Civitan Club

220 Saddlebrook Road

Austin, Arkansas 72023

hannah.buchberger@ymail.com

George Brown, President

Cabot Civitan Club

1055 Mount Carmel Road

Cabot, Arkansas 72023

brown6710@aol.com

The Cabot Civitan Club is sponsoring this enthusiastic new club. The club builders are Teresia Cunningham and John Cunningham.

AND THE FIRST NEW CLUB IN ALL OF CIVITAN FOR THE 2009-10 YEAR: Heart of the Rock Civitan Club

(See article on page 8)

Charter Number 3912

Charter Date: October 1, 2009

Irma Dillard Ramirez, President, Heart of the Rock Civitan Club

9 Lake Drive, Round Rock, Texas 78665

Email: ramirez7779g@att.net

The Houston-Clear Lake Civitan Club is sponsoring this new club. The Certified Club Builders are George Thompson, MST, Tim Juhlke, Debbie Bruce-Juhlke, MST, and Club Builder Arthur Bryan, II.

Hope Civitan Club

(See article on page 8)

Charter Number 3915

Charter Date: December 1, 2009

Kim Smith, MST, President

Hope Civitan Club

Post Office Box 2340

Hope, Arkansas 71801

Email: smithkbb@sbcglobal.net

The Hot Springs and El Dorado Civitan Clubs are sponsoring this new club. The club builders are Peter Zargari and Master Club Builders Rita Blackwood, Mike Blackwood, Connie Black, and Ellen Voss.

THE YEAR'S JUST STARTED AND THE HEART'S ALREADY ROCKIN'!

We've chartered the first club in Civitan International, we've got a great new group of officers and staff and a can-do attitude — let's start building some momentum.

Remember our theme for the year: "Civitan Rocks Our World!" We've even got a theme song — "We Will Rock You" with our own lyrics set to Queen's 1977 classic rock anthem. (If you want to read the lyrics and sing along, go to:

<http://www.civitan.org/~heartland/heartlandrocks.htm>

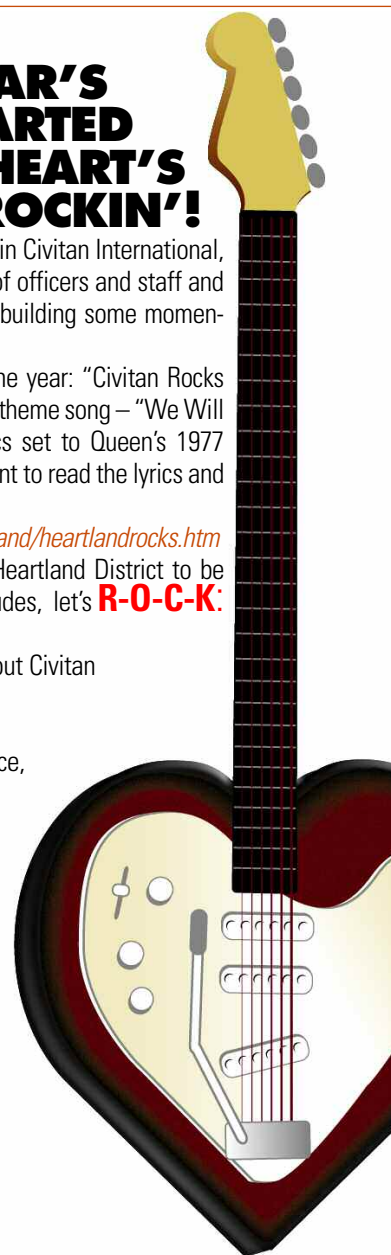
So it's up to us all in the Heartland District to be "Solid as a Rock." Come on, dudes, let's **R-O-C-K**!

Raising awareness about Civitan in our communities.

Opportunities for Service, Knowledge and Fellowship

Civitan Creed
(Creating a legacy)

Key to making this world a better place!



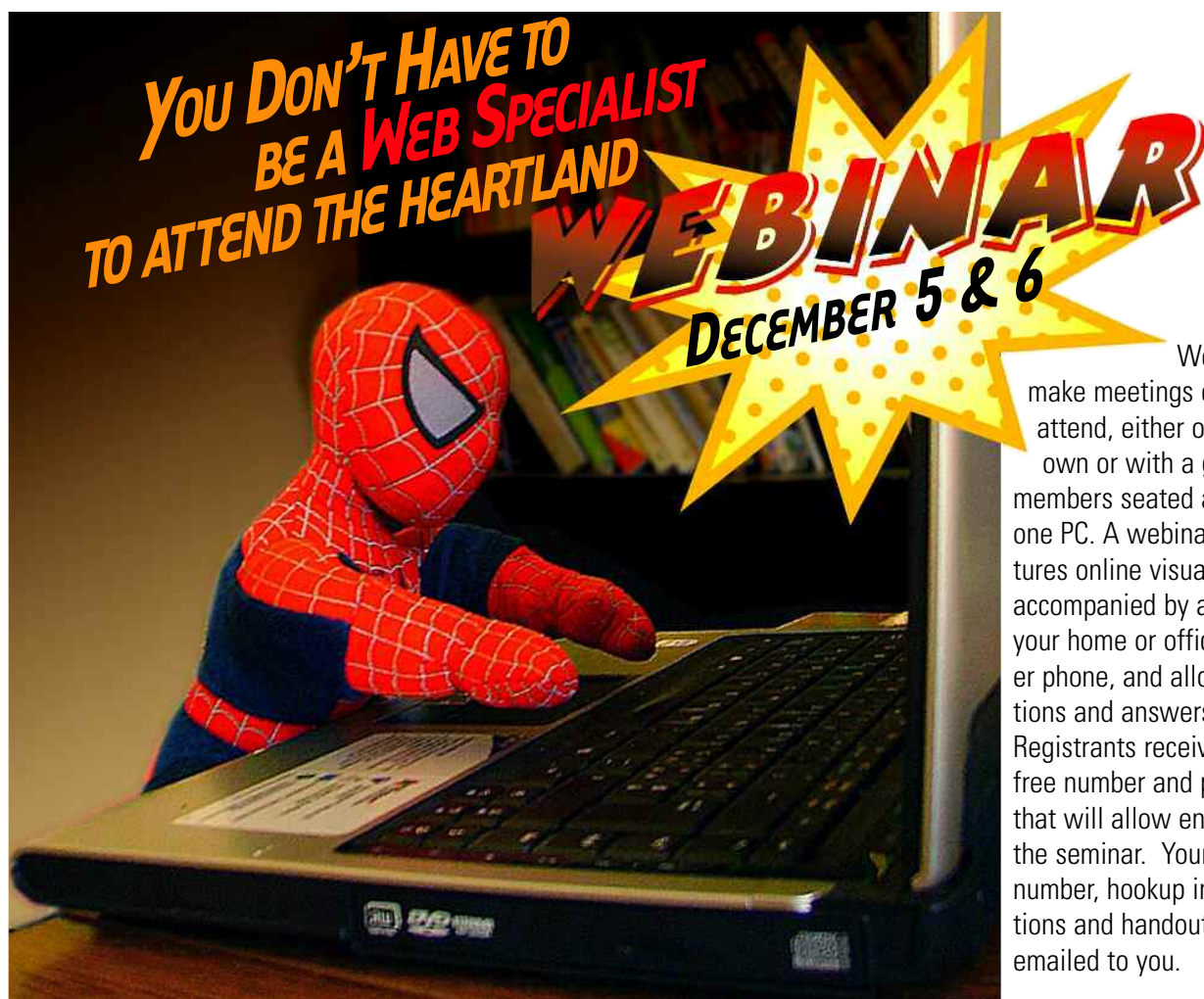
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S M L XL XXL XXXL

To order contact
Connie Black,
heartlandtreas@sbcglobal.net



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Webinar attendance is simple if you follow these important guidelines:

Computer system requirements: PC-based attendees will need either Windows2000, XP Home, XP Pro. 2003 Server, Vista or newer. Macintosh users will need Mac OS 10.4 (Tiger) or newer.

Audio connection. The most common method is a speaker phone, or computer speakers and microphone if available.

Register in advance on line through the GoToWebinar link emailed to you from the District, which will send you to the registration website.

Open and save the e-mail confirmation. It will contain the date and time of the webinar, the link to join, and the call in number and access code to join the Webinar, plus a password if required.

Join the Webinar a few minutes before the starting time, using the information in the confirmation, sign on the system first, then dial in the call in number for audio. A screen will be displayed when the "Host" has joined. The Host will provide further instructions at the start of the meeting.

This webinar is for the club officers and any members who would like to be on the session with us. So make your plans to participate at one of the times below and keep an eye out for an email giving details on how to get connected and the code needed to get on for this online event.

You *must* be registered before the session.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH • 10:00 AM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH • 3:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH • 8:00 PM

To Register, contact JoAnn Hampton, jahampton@suddenlink.net

Civitan Connect

A Service Club Online

Civitan Clubs around the world work hard to meet needs and improve the lives of people in their communities. From collecting school supplies, to feeding the homeless, to building wheelchair ramps, members are working with their clubs to address concerns of all different varieties and types. Many Civitan clubs conduct projects that support our international focus on improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities. You can see what some Civitans are doing around the world by viewing the most recent episode of Civitan TV.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Mark Eisinger | Las Vegas, NV |
| Tammy Pearson | Chickamauga, GA |
| Jennifer Decker | Roy, UT |
| Elizabeth McDowell | Athens, AL |
| Daniel Boulais | Pittsfield, MA |
| Daphne Carr | Birmingham, AL |
| Kevin Aldridge | Irvine, CA |
| Justin Webb | Stephenville, TX |

Our goal is to charter with at least 30 members, grow to 50 members, and then create regional Civitan Connect clubs!

Recruiting and sponsoring people into Civitan creates enthusiasm and offers to others the opportunity to give back to their communities. The first step in preparation to Talk Civitan is to develop a quick description about Civitan Connect. For example:

FIND OUR FACEBOOK "CIVITAN CONNECT" PAGE AND BECOME A FAN!

How To Create Your Civitan Connect Member Profile

1. From home page of **www.civitanconnect.com**, click on **Members**
2. Click on **Member Login**
3. In **Existing Member** box, enter your **Email Address** and **Password** (created at registration) and click on **Log In**
4. In **You** box, click on your name
5. Click on **Detailed Profile**
6. Make sure that **Opt-Out of Public Player Profile** is **NOT** checked
7. Click on **Browse** to locate your photo
8. Once you select photo, click on **Upload**
9. Click on **Save**
10. Your Member Profile will show your picture, city and state

BUILDING MEMBERSHIP DURING A RECESSION

Effects of a Recession In economics, recession describes the reduction of a country's gross domestic product (GDP) for at least two quarters. Our current recession is said to have started in December of 2007. Though Wall Street has since rebounded, unemployment continues to grow and wages generally remain static. In such a hard economic climate, many people have a tendency to be less altruistic, less inclined to contribute to a good cause. And for many, paying dues for membership in a civic organization like Civitan may not seem like a good idea in uncertain times.



Herbert Hoover with Civitan delegates in 1932

How Did We Get Into This Mess? The roots of our current recession are largely from the aggressive, often deceptive selling of home mortgages to "subprime" buyers. Such programs, originally designed to make housing more affordable to lower income buyers, began in 1989, but until 2004 subprimes represented less than 9% of all mortgages. Only with the advent of obscure, unregulated financial innovations like derivatives and credit default schemes did subprime loans swell to 21% of the market, as various, sometimes unscrupulous, investors began packaging such high-risk mortgages as legitimate, profitable investments. In addition, in 2004 SEC deregulation on securities firms allowed them to raise their debt-to-asset ratio from 12:1 to as high as 33:1 (so even a 3% asset decline could wipe out a company.) Such irresponsible practices became so widespread that when the housing bubble burst, serious damage rippled throughout the American economy. And we, as Civitans, may feel the effects on our efforts.

So What does This Mean to Civitans? History shows we may have to work a little harder to grow membership. Seven years after Civitan became an international civic club, the Great Depression almost strangled the new movement, as enrollment and fundraising dropped drastically. Though not a member himself (like his successor, Roosevelt) Herbert Hoover tried to encourage the growth of such clubs, praising their "mutual advancement, self-expression, and neighborly helpfulness."

The organization suffered another drop in membership during World War II, but Civitan persevered, organizing scrap metal collections, war bond sales, and blood drives. One club in Birmingham held so many successful bond drives that the Army Air Forces named a B-25 and a P-47 in the club's honor.

After World War II, as the economy bounced back, Civitan tripled in size between 1946 and 1956. So as conditions get better, we can expect our prospects to improve. In the meantime, as Civitans we shouldn't let the recession put us into a depression. Let's just work harder to spread the word about our clubs and our causes. (Article and photographs adapted from Wikipedia)



B-25 bomber named for the Birmingham Shadeyside Civitan Club in honor of their war bonds sales

Heart of the Rock is First Civitan Club Chartered in 2009-2010 Year

The Heart of the Rock Civitan Club was chartered Friday October 30, 2009 with 37 members at Bella Notte restaurant in downtown Round Rock. The Houston-Clear Lake Civitan Club is sponsoring this new club. The Certified Club Builders are George Thompson, MST, Tim Juhlke, Debbie Bruce-Juhlke, MST, and Club Builder Arthur Bryan, II.

Some of the projects which the Heart of the Rock Club will be involved in are Local Autism Association, Austin State School annual Christmas Party, Williamson Co. Head Starts, and



projects associated with developmental disabilities. They continue to look for projects to help the community and are seeking to expand their membership to people who want to make a difference in their community.



A Sign of Hope – and the Road to Our Newest Civitan Club



On December 1st, our newest Civitan Club will charter in Hope, Arkansas, the fourth club chartered in the 2009-2010 Civitan year. We can expect big things from a small town that has given us both Bill Clinton and Mike Huckabee.

The Hot Springs and El Dorado Civitan Clubs are sponsoring this new club and club builders are Peter Zargari and Master Club Builders Rita Blackwood, Mike Blackwood, Connie Black, and Ellen Voss.

If you would like to attend the charter ceremony or wish to send congratulations or donations, contact:

Kim Smith, MST, President, Hope Civitan Club
Post Office Box 2340, Hope, Arkansas 71801
Email: smithkbb@sbcglobal.net

Charter Date: December 1, 2009, 6:00 pm

Place: Hope Country Club, 3605 Patmos Road, Hope, Arkansas 71801

Dinner: Can accommodate approximately 30 visiting Civitans and guests. Cost per plate \$20.00

SPOTLIGHT CIVITAN

Charles Powers Recognized for 25 Years Membership in Dallas Town North Civitan Club

On November 17th, Ernie Bryant made a surprise presentation to Charles

Powers with a plaque recognizing his 25 years of service and camaraderie in Dallas Town North Civitan.

Charles has served as Club President 3 times and has been District Treasurer 3 times. He has also served many times as club Secretary/Treasurer, and is currently serving as Treasurer.

In addition, Charles has been tireless in promoting Civitan, frequently brings guests to meetings and is always a good source for ideas and implementing plans. Dallas Town North is very fortunate to have him.

Congratulations Charles and Thanks for Everything!



SPOTLIGHT CIVITAN is a new feature for the Heartland Express, honoring individual members for special service or accomplishments. If you would like to spotlight one of your club members, submit photo and information to david@overtontdesign.net by the deadlines on page 2 of this issue.

Bryant Civitan Club Celebrates 10th Year

October 4th was the 10th anniversary of the Bryant Civitan Club. To commemorate the event, Saturday, October 3rd the group held a yard sale fund raiser in the Heartland Bank parking lot. The funds collected will be used for club projects. According to Ann Hudson, a charter member, "The club has conducted over 50 projects. Most of these projects benefited the disabled, homeless, or other individuals in need."

The Bryant Civitan Club also sponsors a youth club at Bryant High School. Both groups have goals that promote community citizenship.

Following Saturday's project, the group met at the Bryant Chick Fil A for their anniversary celebration. Rita Cruz Blackwood, the charter sponsor and mentor, brought cake and her congratulations.

The Bryant Civitan Club is currently conducting a membership campaign, and has recently added six new members to their roster.



Hot Springs Civitan Club President (HSCC), Kathy Allen awarded medals for a large variety of categories.

Doing the Bump in the Night: Hot Springs Civitans Sponsor Abilities Unlimited Halloween Dance

At the Halloween dance on October 30th, the ghosts and goblins were definitely at Abilities Unlimited in Hot Springs, Arkansas, a licensed provider for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. Ninety clients of Abilities Unlimited were invited to this gala affair, and almost that many were in attendance and dressed in costume.

The Hot Springs Civitans, sponsors of this event, served hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, pickles, chips, cupcakes, brownies and beverages.

Ellen Voss chaired this event, assisted by Rita Blackwell. The very talented Connie Black provided music and entertainment, which they all enjoyed, and chef Pat Long grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs.

Many thanks also go to all the other Civitans who worked very hard to make this event special, and they are: Mike Blackwood, Cody Calhoun, Joe Calhoun, Paula Calhoun, Jackie Davis, Tricia Hicks, John Hoefl, Jim Lakey,

Polly Lakey, C. W. Miller, Virginia Miller, Mary Moore, Haley Riggs, Sherry Riggs, Eleanor Sherfield, Jo West Taylor, Bud West, Mary Ann Witcraft, Debbie Scrivner, and guest Roger Witcraft.

Everyone danced, ate and had so much fun it was almost scary!

Almost 90 clients of Abilities Unlimited attended, most in costume.



Little Miss Muffet with her curds and spider sitting beside her was voted by her peers to have the most sexy costume.



Hot Springs Civitans Spare No Effort to Sponsor Special Olympics Bowling Tournament for the Youth Division



Youth Division Area 10 Special Olympics Bowlers gathered at Central Bowling lanes on Friday, October 30, for the annual bowling tournament sponsored by the Hot Springs Civitan Club. HSCC has sponsored this event for several years. Members sent out letters to area coaches inviting them to participate in the event, division the athletes as entries are received, run the tourney, and award ribbons to all bowlers. Weather kept a few schools away, but 167 athletes under age 21 participated. Bowlers over the age of 21 will bowled on November 6. Thanks to members Jackie Davis, Rita Blackwood, Mary Moore, Mary Ann Witcraft, Paula Calhoun, Joe Calhoun, Cody Calhoun, Polly Lakey, Jim Lakey, Ellen Voss, Connie Black and Debbie Scrivner, as well as several guest helpers, for their efforts in making this a successful event. ~Article & Photo by Rita Blackwood, Chairperson

Jessieville Junior Civitans Cheered on Special Olympics Bowling

The Jessieville Junior Civitans prepared a banner (right), and sponsored a pep rally to show their support for the eight Olympians from the Jessieville Lifeskills Class, prior to them boarding the bus to go to the Central Bowling Lanes in Hot Springs.



Top: Connie Black (left) and Polly Lakey are busy directing bowlers to their lanes

Left: : Cody Mullin uses a little body english to achieve a perfect strike.

Right: Jonathan McFarlane will advance to State Competition

All of the Jessieville bowlers received a ribbon. In doubles bowling, Daniel Wooten (picture not available) and Jonathan McFarlane will both advance to the State competition in Little Rock. Great job Lifeskills bowlers! ~Information and Photos for Jessieville Lifeskills provided by Yvonne Westfall, Lifeskills Teacher

Bartlesville Civitans Make Their Mark in the Park

Take a nice day, enthusiastic Civitans and happy, playing kids and what have you got? The Bartlesville Civitans Park Day, which was a lot of fun and a great success.



Just remember the White River Valley and the new Civitan Club there too!



On September 29th, the White River Valley Civitan Club of Batesville, Arkansas chartered as a new club, sponsored by the Paragould Civitan Club. They are fired up about doing great things for their community with several projects and their first fundraiser event already completed.

UPPER LEFT: Nancy Roberts, WRVCC President, and Jerry Stobaugh, WRVCC Sargeant at Arms, stand beside our club banner during its presentation at our charter banquet.



LOWER LEFT: Our beautiful table display set up at our Charter banquet. WRVCC in conjunction with Celebrating Home kicked off their first fund raiser of candle sales the night of charter banquet.

UPPER RIGHT: Jennie Lee Stobaugh (middle), WRVCC Vice President, and Lisa Pinkston (right), WRVCC Secretary are presenting Joe McDougal (left) of White River Specialized Industries, Inc. with food and party supply donations from our club members for use at their annual Halloween festivities.



Education Director, is accepting a generous donation of Halloween goodie bags from Danny Stobaugh (left), WRVCC Chaplain, and Michael John Stobaugh (right), WRVCC member. All 200 special education children within the district were to receive one of our special surprises.

LOWER RIGHT: Michael Huffine, Tom Johns and Angie Huffine are from other Civitan clubs but are helping us prepare participation bags for "Camp Happy Trails". This was a 3-day camp sponsored by Network of Community Options, Inc. for adults with developmental disabilities that encompassed a tri-county area.



Little Rock Civitans Get Down and Come Clean

There were two events to kick off Little Rock Civitan's new year—Adopt-a-Street and Gettin' Down for Down Syndrome, both at the Little Rock Zoo. Both activities recorded a good turnout and lots of fun and food. Fred Norman and Jack Truesdell did most of the cooking, as well as Betsy Barnes, John Campbell, Jody Crawford, Keith and Sondra Dover, Lisa Hudson, Jean Theus and Lee Truesdell.

Adopt-a-Street was an activity of Civitans who volunteered to clean the street. They enjoyed more than enough donuts and delivered an extra dozen to the zoo volunteers. These generous



street cleaners included Betsy Barnes, Cindy Dawson, Keith and Sondra Dover, Gina Orellano and Jean Theus.



Tulsa Civitans Take Off for Air Show Event

On November 7th, Metro Tulsa Civitan Club and Starlight Civitan Club - Broken Arrow donated their time to the Commemorative Air Force Air Show at the Riverside Campus of Tulsa Tech. The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and flying of World War II aircraft and honoring the service of the air men who helped defeat the Axis powers. The Civitans helped register people for the event, helped set up and serve food for lunch and collected the money. From the Starlight Civitan Club volunteers included Dale and Linda deReign, Meg deReign, Buddie and Sharon Conley and Ann Livingston. From Metro Tulsa Civitan, Jerry and Pat Miller helped out.



Left: Diamond Lil, the CAF's restored B-24 bomber. Below: A P-51 Mustang fighter on the runway



Paragould Civitan on the Roll for Area Special Classes

Claps, laughter and a few groans were heard on October 27th when the Paragould Civitans held their bowling morning event for the Special classes in area schools. The lanes were jumping as 104 students bowled and teachers, aides and Civitan members helped and cheered them on.

Five of the Paragould Junior Civitans came and were a great help serving hot dogs, chips and drinks, as well as helping with the bowling.



Little Rock Central High Junior Civitans Raise Bucks Workin' at the Car Wash, Yeah!

The Little Rock Central High Junior Civitans really cleaned up at their recent car wash fundraiser. They showed up in good numbers, worked and played and raised over \$1,400 in the process. Way to go

Junior Civitans! According to Club Sponsor April Rike, this club now boasts 286 members—possibly the largest Junior Civitan Club in Civitan International.

