

Heart of the West District Newsletter

“STATE OF THE DISTRICT”

Hello Heart of the West Civitan. Our first quarter has just flown by and I'm having so much fun traveling around the district and visiting our amazing Civitan Clubs. If I haven't come to visit your club yet, don't worry, I'll get there!

First off I want to congratulate ALL of our officers in every club! We are 100% trained and one of very few districts to be 100% certified! So thank you all for getting trained— even if I nudged you just a little...

So, Lets start off with Area 1 Clubs since that is where I started off my Governor's year actually in September while I was still Governor -Elect. My first “Official Duty” was a visit to The Old Pueblo Civitan Club in Tucson to install their 2019-20 club officers. The luncheon was great and I even stayed to help Carol with the computer to get her Secretary training completed. My second visit to The Old Pueblo was actually to attend their monthly dance with the I/DD community. The October dance was the “Halloween Theme” and nearly 300 costumed partiers attended this great event. The “First Dude” attended with me in our “Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich” costumes. The Old Pueblo is holding strong with 18 members.

Sept 30 I returned to Tucson to assist Carl Mangelsdorf with the Installation of the Phil Schlesinger Civitan officers. Lyn Barefoot does an amazing job keeping them going with projects and she had a ton of awards for them all. As a tradition, Roadrunner Civitan club also holds their installation combined with the PS Club. PS Club has 27 members to start the year and Roadrunner has 23 members. Since Carl was there lets count this as the trifecta and add in the Cresta Loma Golf & Civitan Club, after all you can't ever get all of that club together at one time, they are scattered on different golf courses and at most in a four-some! They started the year off with 12 and are already a PLUS 1 with Eric Holyoak getting his FIRST SPONSOR PIN AND LST PIN!!!

Area 2: In October Metro Civitan Club hosted the 40th year celebration of the Phoenix Bird Civitan Club. It was also a combined installation banquet for the two clubs. Past Governor Don Poppe has had the honor of installing the Phoenix Bird Club officers EVERY year for the past 40 years! But in addition to the Metro Civitan officers, I also had the honor of initiating four new members into our club, two of which I am very proud to say are mine and my husband's children. Phoenix Bird Civitan started this year off with 37 members. Metro Phoenix started Oct at 24 members. They added one new member in September and 3 in October. That also earned Andy Wheeler his FIRST SPONSOR PIN AND LST PIN and Lauren Wheeler her FIRST SPONSOR PIN!!!



The Civitan Club of Sun Cities does a lot of work with SCYSAC, a project of the Sun Cities club that started 40 years ago. Sun Cities will also be hosting their first golf tournament on Feb 8, 2020. Please contact Andy Wheeler or Deborah Maddox if you are interested in playing. They are holding steady with 15 members.

The Village Civitan Club of Phoenix is the District's fifth I/DD club and they started out on fire and haven't slowed down one bit. They have projects and fundraisers going constantly. They Chartered with 32 members in May and have several more ready to join soon.

Area 4: I was in Lake Havasu over the summer but haven't been back to visit with the London Bridge Civitan Club since then. This club does a lot of work with the I/DD community and they host the Journey of Hope cross country bicycle riders every summer. They also partake in a HUGE town wide Halloween party where the main street closes down and trick or treaters are gifted with hundreds of dollars of candy! London Bridge has 11 members.

I also have not been to Las Vegas lately but I was very happy to have all the officers of both Lovely Ladies and Civitan on the Greens trained this year, especially since LL didn't even have officers until the end of the summer. Lovely Ladies has 18 members and COTG has 7.

Area 5: I was in Idaho at the Bannock Civitan Club Installation Banquet. This is another very active club and they started this year off with 121 members but have already added 11 new members since then. Earlier this year Rainbow, the newly installed President, told me her goal was to be the next Shropshire Club. Well Rainbow, at this rate, you are well on your way. Keep up the great work Bannock Civitan.

Also in Pocatello are the Twisted Stitchers who are busy knitting away making scarves, hats and tons of warm things for Vets and others during this winter season. They are holding steady with 14 members.

Friends Civitan Club in Pocatello has 45 members. I met some of these amazing Civitan when I was in Idaho for the HOTW Convention and I can't wait to see them in action at one of their events.

Finally Area 6. In September I had a fun four day trip to Idaho. I arrived on Thursday and quickly headed over to the Hearts and Hands Installation Banquet. What an amazing and BUSY club. They are a Golden Circle club with 33 members.

Friday I had a little spare time to take a drive over to Arco, Idaho to see where our new club, Butte County Civitan Club is located. I didn't actually meet up with any of the new members but I'm looking forward to visiting them this Spring. Butte County chartered as Golden Circle with 30 members.

Friday evening I had the honor of installing the new officers of the one and only International Shropshire Civitan Club, The Civitan Club of Idaho Falls. 157 Members to start off the year and enough weekly and monthly projects to keep all or most of them quite busy. The officers of this club take on a real commitment to keep it running like a fine tuned machine.

I hope everyone is keeping track of their club projects, guest speakers, and International donations... come next November that will make it a snap as you all fill out your **HONOR CLUB APPLICATIONS!** And since every club is trained, you all are eligible! **Next Goal: How Many Club Officers Can/ Will Sponsor A New Member??**

Please know that if your ever have any questions, concerns, issues or problems that I can help you with, I am here for you. Call, text, email, snail mail, carrier pigeon or pony express... I will help you out wherever I can.

Yours in Civitan,

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News From International Director Ann McCarty

Happy fall! Heart of the West Civitans Here's my report for the 1st.

Quarter of the Civitan Year 2019-2020 .You all are Champions of Service.

REVISED POLICY 0305 – Civitan District in Good Standing

International Board's October meeting, the group made changes to this policy which reflects the need for compliance not only on the club level, but on the district. The following items keep a district in good standing:

- Remain current in financial obligations and reports to Civitan International.
- Operate in accordance with the governance documents of Civitan International.
- Have the governor and GE trained through the Academy and Update efforts (attending at least 75% of those meetings), and have the district secretary and treasurer trained through the trainings on the website.

Through the governor and GE, actively participate in goal setting sessions with International staff and the International President, setting forth and implementing a realistic membership plan that benefits both the district and International.

- Have a current copy of district policies on file with CI.
- Adhere to any laws put forth by the country, state and/or province in which the district operates.

Have current proof of general liability insurance, whether it's secured through world HQ or independently.

The district secretary and treasurer training is new to this policy. We are asking them for now to go to our website and find the club secretary and club treasurer trainings, respectively, and take those in lieu of official district secretary/treasurer trainings.

General Liability Insurance – Districts

One of the pieces of Policy 0305 includes the requirement that districts at least have their own general liability insurance. While districts are under the umbrella of International and they were created and managed overall by International, districts are their own entities by virtue that they have their own bank accounts, and they are functioning as such. Thus, any entity needs insurance to protect itself and its parent organization. Districts have been listed on Civitan International policy along with the clubs, but the clubs have been charged a small fee for it. In passing the 2020 budget, the International Board voted to start collecting a similar fee from districts if they'd like to stay on our policy.



That fee will be assessed in January and is a set \$400. District needs to decide by December 13, whether or not they want to opt into this coverage, or seek some out on their own. Civitan International will be sending a form to fill out to denote the choice.

New Initiative: Accord Process

Civitan International are ready to introduce the accord process to our North American clubs — which is where C.I. will ask each club to submit compliance information as a way of demonstrating they are following the rules of being their own entity. Club leaders will receive warning them of three deadlines regarding this initiative. The first deadline will be December 1st to have their bylaws, articles of incorporation and policies (if applicable) The second deadline will be January 15th to have their annual budget submitted . The last deadline will be February 15th, to show Civitan International proof they have filed their 990s. The last deadline is only applicable to American clubs.

Policy 0304 was revised to require new clubs incorporate within six months of their charter. Overall, it's now required that all Civitan clubs be incorporated to be in good standing.

Policy 0316.1 covers the protocol when clubs are under the “stop billing” program. Revisions approved in this meeting allow clubs to now be in that circumstance for administrative matters, and just not financial ones, if approved.

Several of the policies that put forth guidelines as to how the organization carries out its elections process each year at convention have seen a few tweaks. If you are considering running for an International office, you should be sure to read through these changes. The biggest of these is a revision that no longer allows candidates for International President-Elect or International Director to run from the floor. One of the reasons behind this change is to allow for certain reviews like background checks to be properly processed. Anyone interested in the position of International President-Elect or the International Director position in their region has to file the necessary paperwork and adhere to requirements outlined in these policies by May 1st. Contact Stacy Sabo at Civitan International for any additional information.

WORLD HEADQUARTERS SALE UPDATE

The Civitan International Board of Directors adopted a resolution in their October meeting to allow the Executive Vice President to hire a realty company to put the building on the market. An agreement has been signed with Colliers International to list the building. A written protocol and adhoc committee were also approved in cases where offers are received.

JUNIOR CIVITAN BYLAW ISSUES

The Board also looked at three different issues related to the bylaws of Civitan's oldest program, Junior Civitan. The group approved the addition of a section that addresses the removal of a member. The group revised language in one of the section of bylaws that addressed removal of a club officer. These two measures have to now be voted upon by the Junior Civitan International Board of Directors, then ratified by membership at the Junior Civitan International Convention in Tampa this coming summer.

In addition, the Civitan International Board of Directors approved some extra language in a bylaw section that addressed size of districts and the implications of that. The language distinguishes between provisional districts and districts in good standing. The change will allow more established districts that have seen a decrease in membership the chance to still put forth candidates for International elections, among several actions. This measure has already passed the Junior Civitan International Board of Directors, so it now needs ratification at the Junior Convention.

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL RECEPTION GUIDELINES

The President's Council is an annual giving program created by Civitan International to offset the expenses of having a philanthropy department. A donation to this program really is a "seed gift" that brings back many more dollars to the organization through sponsorships and other efforts that wouldn't be possible without a staff team working on those endeavors.

A reception is held at the annual convention each year to thank donors to this program. A longstanding tradition for this event is to host guests, in hopes they will join the Council. In the last few years, under the guidance of the International Board, guests have been charged a small donation to attend the reception in an effort to be fair to those who are actual members. At the board meeting in October, the group guided staff to only allow guests who are siblings, children, parents, spouses or significant others of Council members to purchase these tickets. That move is to try to protect the exclusivity of the program, and to keep the intent of the reception on thanking those who choose to give to the program monthly/each year. If you would like to join President's Council, sign up online at <https://mycivitan.org/presidents-council-donation/>.

Civitan International will be designating September as Member Appreciation Month. Staff at world HQ will be developing tools clubs can use to mark the milestone each year, and many of the awards and pins previously mailed to members little by little will now transition into being a part of this celebratory month. In addition, an effort to customize communications to specific club and district leaders. "Civitan Connect" will include new Facebook groups for members as well as targeted monthly newsletters

Milwaukee, Wisconsin The 100th Civitan International Convention July 26-29 2020

Have a great Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

Heart of the West Civitans please review the guidebook. The guidebook is on the Civitan website under resources, junior Civitan.

This guidebook for members serving vulnerable communities contains the legal foundations, relevant definitions, and policies and procedures related to the prevention, response, and reporting of abuse and neglect of individuals included in vulnerable communities. This guidebook gives specifics behind and enhances the policies of Civitan International dealing with protection of such individuals.

GUIDEBOOK APPLICATION STATEMENT

It is the policy of Civitan International (“Civitan”) that Civitan and all of its member clubs and affiliated entities (collectively, the “Civitan Entities”), including their members, officers, member and non-member employees and/or contractors, and volunteers, maintain the strongest sense of integrity, safety, nurturing, and care involving all interactions with individuals included in vulnerable communities.

This guidebook offers up rules for all activities and events planned and executed by Civitan International and its related entities that involve individuals included in vulnerable communities. Civitan seeks to provide a safe environment in which opportunities for abuse or neglect are minimized through the proper enlistment, training, and supervision of those persons working with individuals included in vulnerable communities.

When third-party groups sponsor activities at properties or facilities owned, leased, occupied or operated by Civitan Entities, the protection policies of the outside group or third party, not this guidebook, shall apply to individuals belonging to such third-party groups who are not Civitan members.

November 2019-Junior Civitan Report

Academy High School-#2331(Tucson, AZ) Dues have been paid to Civitan International and Heart of the West for 34 members. Faculty Advisor Rosana Cumberland.

Las Vegas Community Club- #2748 Not sure what this club is doing. Contacted email or left messages for Advisor is Kim Anderson. Have contacted Lovely Ladies Past President. She said Kim would contacted Teresa Wakeman. I have not followed up with her as of yet.

Idaho Schools Century High School- #2270 They meet regularly every Wednesday during lunch. They have paid Civitan International and Heart of the West dues for 14 members. The club has helped with blood drive in December for American Red Cross to be held here at Century. The club helped and participated in the Stone Soup Fundraiser on October 21, 2019. Upcoming activities with eh Bannock Civitan Club with Toy Sorting for SEICAA Children's party on Dec 14, 2019. Faculty Advisor is Earla Durfee.

Pocatello High School-#1530 The club helped and participated in the Stone Soup Fundraiser on October 21, 2019. Upcoming activities with Bannock Civitan Club with Toy Sorting for SEICAA Children's party on Dec 12, 2019 and party on Dec 14,2019. The club will be helping with SEICAA "Sock for Seniors" in December. Faculty Advisor is George Asboe.

Highland High School-#1560 Highland Junior Civitan will helped Bannock Civitan on Thursday, Dec 12 sort toys and help with party on Dec 14, 2019. Also the Club will adopted a Secret Santa family for the Holidays. The club helped and participated in the Stone Soup Fundraiser on October 21, 2019. Advisor is Velda Smith.

American Falls High School- #2172 I have visited the American Falls in October. They participated in the Stone Soup Fund Raiser Oct. 21, 2019 bought Crackers and Butter and 2 members during the event. The club has be working with School activities Red Ribbon Week, Reading to Elementary Kids, Don't Drink and drive. Bannock Civitan Paid dues for 2018-2019 Civitan International and Heart of the West. Faculty Advisor is Emily Wright.



Stone Soup Junior Civitans

Shining Stars Community Club- On October 5, 2019, 14 members help build beds for Thrivent Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build



Heart of the West Club News

Area 1, Director Lyn Barefoot

Phil Schlesinger Club: President Sandra Jerman: (Advisor: Lyn Barefoot) Our bowling fundraiser was another success. We have changed the school we support and for the start we donated 6 cases of bottled water for their school clean up. We had a speaker from the Old Pueblo Transportation Museum and we went and had fun seeing the old buses and vehicles. Then we went on a bus ride around the neighborhood. We participated in the Special Olympic Bowling tournament on November 16th.



Old Pueblo: President Bill Lindeman: Old Pueblo's theme for the October dance was Halloween and everyone who attended really got into the theme. December's dance was about Christmas. These dances are really anticipated by the participants.

They helped with the Fall Special Olympics Bowling, held Thursday November 14-16.

Cresta Loma: President Carl Mangelsdorf III: Cresta Loma continues their good works, raising money and donating to local causes and golfing in charity tournaments.

Roadrunner Club: President Jim Martens: As usual the Roadrunners are very active. They have speakers once a month. Each quarter they join with Phil Schlesinger for a fundraiser for CIRC. You can go and eat at any time during the 5th Wednesday at Pizza Hut. Roadrunners are volunteering each month at an organization called Beads of Courage. They donate beads and they are put into bags which are sent to children who are going through stressful times, like chemo. This organization started in Tucson but now these beads are sent to hospitals through the country. They are still collecting empty clean pill bot-



Area 2, Director Andy Wheeler

Phoenix Metro: President Becky Stingle: October: Joint installation banquet with the Phoenix Birds Civitan Club on October 15. We installed **four** new members: Lauren Wheeler, Michael Wheeler, Kristina Ehrle and Hector Dessis. LST pins awarded: Lauren Wheeler and Andrew Wheeler. Several members served breakfast and lunch at the Jack Adams Walk-a-Thon on Oct 26th to the Phoenix Birds Civitan Club and also joined and assisted them in walking laps to raise more money for their club.

November: A recruitment meeting was held on the 14th. Metro will be serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Joyce Ridge Civitan Home for clients that no longer have family or are unable to go home.

December: Metro will be adopting a Christmas family through a church in Sunny Slope. This is an annual event. The Holiday party is scheduled to be hosted by the Wheeler's on Saturday, Dec 21.

Overall: The Metro Club is increasing membership and is in good financial standing. There is a service project at a home owned

Phoenix Bird Club: President Esther Alpers: (Advisor: Chris Stingle) October: Held joint installation banquet with Metro Civitan Club on October 15. Don Poppe, Past Arizona District Governor 1979-80, installed the new officers for the 40th year in a row. Don was governor and instrumental in starting Civitan's first IDD club, the Phoenix Birds. On Oct 26, as a fund raiser, the Club hosted the Jack Adams Walk- a-Thon. Breakfast and lunch BBQ were served by the Metro Civitan Club

November: Governor Lynda Wheeler spoke at the November 19 meeting at ARCH in Phoenix.



Sun Cities: President Michelle Sniezek: October and November are busy times with our major Project SCYSAC (Sun City Youngtown Special Activities Center). Our weekly meetings have included making Plans for the Caring Angels who use it to make bed mats for the homeless, a Halloween party and assisting members in making tie dye shirts, our annual picnic at the park and SCYSAC collecting and giving money to West Valley Food Bank for Thanksgiving Turkeys.



We held our 40 year celebration of Civitan, SCYSAC and Lakeview United Methodist Church at the church on October 24 at a spaghetti dinner, where fun was had by all.

We again had 5 teams with Westside Roadrunners Delegation of Special Olympics Arizona compete in events on Oct 2nd regional Bocce and Oct 26th the State Bocce tournaments. Each team won medals and had a great time.

We also had Twenty members compete as individuals with Westside Roadrunners Delegation of Special Olympics Arizona at the regional competition on November 16, 2019.

In December, we are looking forward to Silent Singer performances at our local assisted living homes and the Annual Christmas Party for SCYSAC members and families.

We are also working on our First Annual Sun City Civitan Golf tournament to be held February 8, 2020, at Sun City Country Club.



The Village Club: President Jason Levy: (Advisor: Kristina Ehrle) October: Tom Smith of the Salvation Army spoke at the October 24 meeting about bell ringing at the local WalMart. The club voted to do the bell ringing on two weekends in December. Kristina Ehrle was awarded the LST pin. Eleven guests attended the meeting, nine of which are potential new members. As a fund raiser, the club voted to have another ice cream social in the near future. On October 25, the club participated in a Trunk & Treat at Civitan Foundation. Over 300 people among the IDD community attended the event. Governor Lynda Wheeler attended and served food for 3 hours. Overall it was a great event. As a fund raiser, the Club is participating in a shoe drive (new & slightly used). The shoes are distributed to third world countries.

November: Meetings were held on November 7 and 21.

December: Village will be adopting a Christmas Family from the same group as Metro.

Overall: The Club has a lot of “buzz” surrounding it at Civitan Foundation. The members love the meeting. Membership should in-

Area 4, Director Mike Ryder

London Bridge Club: On April 25, 1990, LBCC was chartered. Sadly, it has been determined by their members that the time has come to turn in that charter. With membership dwindling, it's become too difficult to keep everything going.

Of the current 13 members, one of the original charter members, Don Hanak, has chosen to remain an At-large member, and Don & Chris Bergen will be transferring their membership to the Metro Phoenix Civitan Club.

LBCC is planning a Celebration of their club's history of accomplishments during their December Holiday Party. The termination date is scheduled for December 31, 2019.

Civitan Club on the Greens: President Mike Ryder: Please keep Mike in your thoughts as he continues to deal with some difficult health issues.

Lovely Ladies: President Louise Hesse:

It has been a busy quarter starting in October with our participation in disability awareness day Hosted by the Southern Nevada Center for Independent Living. We help register vendors and guests and serve lunch. Each year we are counted on to assist this organization! In November we had two wonderful service opportunities. First, we volunteered at the Salvation Army at the lunch service. Then later in the month the Lovely Ladies volunteered at the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation Gala. This organization relies on our group for their yearly gala.

This month is a big fundraiser for our club. We assist guests in getting from their host hotel to the national finals rodeo! Our annual Christmas celebration is on December 14th and we have a lot of fun with our white elephant ornament exchange.



Area 5, Director DeeAnn Wilson

Bannock Civitan: President Rainbow Maldonado: Since October 1st we have brought in 13 fun and exciting new members. We have added four new committees to our programs for this new year. One is a Veterans committee, whose chair, veteran Lance Kolbert, has already worked with our local Idaho State University with their ROTC Chapter so the Bannock Civitans and other community partners were able to help feed them during our homecoming game as they were volunteering.



The other committee initiatives are our New Baseball Initiative/ Committee that will work with a local non-profit, Hitting Hearts, for local kids with disabilities, our KIND Community Committee that will work on a project during KIND Week here in Pocatello & Chubbuck and our New Mentor Membership Committee, this committee has already met and are planning some fun activities and Mentorship ideas starting in the beginning of 2020 to help with our the amazing new Civitans. We had our first Committee Chair and Co-Chair Social in November. This was a great time for them to discuss and share plans,

We have had several tailgating events at ISU home games. Our Parade Committee signed us up to participate in the Homecoming Parade in October as well as in the Parade of Lights Parade which was held the day after Thanksgiving. We were able to walk and hand out glow sticks to the children. The Friends Club joined us in the parade.

We were able to participate and help with our annual Stone Soup Event in conjunction with our three local High School Civitan Clubs to help them raise money.

Members served, at the Salvation Army My Brothers Table, over 100 people in need during dinner. We collected, cleaned and delivered over 600 coats to local agencies and individuals in need. Over 17 local businesses had boxes for community members to drop off coats. December also brought the annual Blood Drive, Bowling for Santa Toy Drive, and a Snow gear/Christmas Tree event for some families. A mini recruitment lunch was held which resulted in one new member, perhaps more to come!

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Friends Civitan Club: President Skylar Cody: (Advisor Ann McCarty) Friends Club ended their summer with their Ten Year Celebration August 29, a barbecue at Newday Products. We had over 70 in attendance. We honored seven of the past Presidents that were in attendance, Governor Virginia and John Mc Affee , and Area Director Rocky and Nancy Deschamps helped celebrate. We had four of our Charter Members there also. President Skyler also initiated **three** new members that night.

The October Meeting was our Installation of Officers and Halloween Party.

Governor Virginia installed our new Officers.

Members walked with the Bannock Civitans in the Idaho State Homecoming Parade float.



Twisted Stitchers: President Teresa Wakeman:

New Officers were installed at the October meeting. In October, 32 lap blankets and 30 scarves for “Socks for Seniors” were cut out so members could crochet or knit the edges to turn in at the November meeting. Other donations collected in November were hand lotion, eye glass repair kits, magnifying glasses, nail clippers, small flashlights, hot chocolate packets, non-perishable snacks, activity books and pens. In December, hats and scarves will be needed to give to School District 25 students.



Area 6, Director Roger Smart

Idaho Falls: President Nick Burrows: Currently has 156 members! A Halloween Party was held for special needs individuals with fun activities, costumes and food. “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” involves building beds for children who do not have one. There is great club participation where multiple beds are built in Lowes parking lot. This is a community project that members participate in. For Homeless Stand Down, Civitans provided, cooked and served breakfast for over two hundred homeless individuals. This is also part of a community project. Meals are prepared and served one Sunday a month at a Soup Kitchen. At Brew Fest, Civitans poured beer for Downtown Development Fundraiser to beautify and update the older downtown sections. The Festival of Trees started on November 18. Civitans buy and decorate a Christmas tree that we entered into a silent auction. The trees are being sold and the money is donated to community needs. Civitans also volunteer to help at the festival.



Hearts and Hands: President Brandon Burchett: (Advisor Nancy Deschamps) There are 21 special needs members and 13 advisors. There has been one new addition to the club. For the Blessing Bags project, Hearts and Hands constructed forty bags consisting of toiletries and daily needed items. The bags were donated to the Rescue Mission. At a meeting, a speaker from the Rescue Mission explained about the mission and where the bags would go. The club will participate in the Festival of Trees along with Idaho Falls members. They will also make glass ornaments and present them to the residents at Fairwinds Retirement Facility and also sing Christmas Carols for them.

Butte County Civitan Club: President Robert Chambers: There are 31 members. For a new club, they have already started three projects! They held a canned food drive. They are doing a tree for Arco’s Festival of Trees. A diaper drive is being held for families in need.

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