

Heart of the West District Newsletter

From the Governor

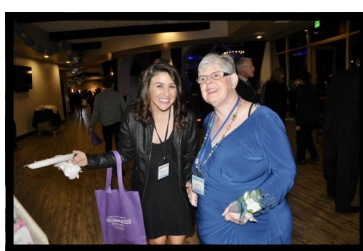
Hi Civitans! It's hard to believe that half of our year has already gone by. Our District is doing well and continues to grow even after losing one of our most loved clubs.

As I write this update, I am currently spending the week in Idaho visiting all of the six local clubs in Area 5 and Area 6.

Backing up to January, we started off the year by taking the Lura Turner Home residents, The Phoenix Bird Civitans, to their Annual Phoenix Zoo Lights visit. This is one of their favorites as well as mine.



February was "Night to Shine!" This is Prom Night nation wide sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation and put on for anyone in the I/DD community. Phoenix had four locations but "The First Dude" and I, the Phoenix Birds, The Village Civitans and about 600 more of their closest friends went to the Highlands Mega Church. Everyone was all dressed up and looked amazing. Most reported that their favorite part was walking the "Red Carpet!" Once inside there was food, a beauty salon where anyone could get their hair styled, a shoe shine booth, a photo booth, karaoke, and of course dancing... lots of dancing!!! The night ended with a beautiful video message from Tim Tebow himself as he announced everyone "King & Queen" of the Prom. Each of their "matched partners" placed crowns on them and of course there were pictures! What an amazing night of friendships and memories.

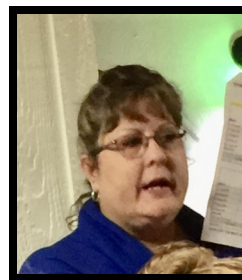


More in February...we had a Super Bowl Party at Sherry & Steve Winden's home for the Metro Phoenix Civitans. The next weekend was Sun Cities First Annual Golf Tournament, which was a great success. For Valentine's Day several Metro Civitans helped the Village Civitan Club make adorable Valentine's Cards and then distribute them to the Civitan Foundation staff members.

As February began to wind down, I found myself packing for colder weather and my trip to Idaho. First stop was to Idaho Falls to catch up with my Governor-Elect, Rocky Deschamps and his wife Nancy. On Thursday I spoke at the Idaho Falls Civitan lunch meeting and they presented me with the perfect “Darth Tater” travel mug and key chain.



By Friday “The First Dude” and I headed over to Pocatello where we stumbled across the Idaho Potato Museum, so we just had to stop and have a look around. We continued our trek to make it to the Bannock Indoor Golf Judges meeting. Since we were virgins at this event, we were paired with two seasoned judges. Andy spent his day with DeAnn Wilson at Clydesdale’s and I was with Marcus Sierra at Hooligan’s. The golfers started at 9:30-10:00 Saturday morning and were winding down by 4:00-4:30 and heading back to Center Street Bar for the prizes. The costumes were awesome, hilarious, outrageous and some even from the 1920’s!!! The “SS Minnow” crew won First prize for Best Costume. The event was amazing and April Hansen and her crew did a wonderful job again this year. I hope we can make it back for this fun event next year!





Sunday was a day of relaxing... Several Civitans wanted to show us the famous Lava Hot Springs, so off we went to Lava for the better part of the day. It was exactly what we needed to wind down from the hectic day prior! Monday afternoon The Twisted Stitchers were delivering donations from their club to the South East Idaho Behavioral Crisis Center. The blankets pictured of course were all hand made by the club! Monday evening the Twisted Stitchers invited me to their meeting to join them in making microwave potholders, also for a donation. They then rewarded me with several wonderful hand made gifts as well.

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Tuesday was another day of more amazing Civitans! Back over to Idaho Falls to the Snake River Animal Shelter where we met up with the Hearts and Hands Civitans. They were ready to pet some kittens and take some dogs for a walk... or a run as it turned out in some cases! We then headed up to Arco, Idaho, to meet up with the Butte County Civitan Club and Immediate Past Governor, Virginia McAfee. I spoke during their meeting a little about CIRC, Civitan at the Helm and also about the videos available for them (and everyone) to watch on the Civitan website at www.civitan.org BTW, the photo below at the Butte Civitan meeting has SIX GOVERNOR'S in it!!





That brings us to our final day in Pocatello and a Bannock Civitan lunch meeting before heading back to Idaho Falls to catch our flight home. Bannock presented Friends Civitan Club with a \$3000 check to help support their club and I presented their President with their Governors visitation patch for their banner. I also had the honor of installing their newest member, Dorie Krovitz. Welcome to Civitan

Dorie!

As we move forward I will be traveling to Las Vegas in early April to visit the Area 4 clubs and also attend the HOTW Junior Civitan Convention. I will have the honor of meeting these young energetic talented people and also get to install their newly chosen 2020-2021 Junior Governor. I'm really looking forward to spending some time with them and learning more about their clubs, projects and amazing fundraisers.

It has been an amazing week and I love spending time here with so many wonderful Civitans! Thank you, Rocky & Nancy Deschamps, for setting up our meetings. Thank you, Bill and DeAnn Wilson, for all the great jerky. And we can't say thank you enough to our most gracious host, Claudia Allen, for letting us spend the week with you in your beautiful home.



LOUIS,

CONGRATULATIONS on your Retirement!! It really is going to take some Big Shoes to fill your spot! Although I've been in Civitan for almost 20 years, I regret not getting to know you until the last four or five years. But now **"I'M CIVITAN HAPPY" thanks to you!**

As your retirement comes closer, this is a very special time for you... As I read about all of your accomplishments throughout your years in Civitan I'm am just in awe and ever more amazed! So this is the time to celebrate all of those accomplishments, a time to feel proud of all your hard work and dedication to Civitan. It's a time to celebrate ALL you've done over ALL the years for ALL the thousands of people that you have helped or touched in some way. Yes, it was your **"CIVITAN HANDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD!" Simply stated, **"YOU ROCK!"****

Now **"WE ARE THE KEY" to **"KINDLE YOUR FIRE"** and set you free out into the world. We wish you a retirement that's relaxing, rewarding, and filled with all the happiness you deserve so much. Yes, you will be missed Dearly... but you can still **"BE THE CHANGE."** You have challenged us all to be **"CHAMPIONS OF SERVICE!"****

From one of your Favorite **"ACHIEVERS"**

Yours in Civitan,

Lynda Wheeler

Governor

Heart of the West



News From International Director Ann McCarty

In late January, the Civitan International Board of Directors joined together for an update meeting through Zoom conferencing. More information was released about the work being done to revise the organization's bylaws. The board voted to expand the committee to include a few more former Civitan International board members. This committee is expected to have a full proposal for the board to review. If approved, these revisions of the bylaws would be up for ratification by membership at the Civitan International Convention in Milwaukee.

The board also approved a proposal to add Afghanistan to the list of countries where Civitan clubs can be built. Staff members have been in contact with a young businessman in Kabul who wants to spread service, knowledge and fellowship there. The addition of Afghanistan means there are 39 countries across the world that are approved places in which staff or members can recruit members. However, the organization currently has clubs in a little more than half of that number.

Club building is also happening in the United States right now. Several club builds are in their latter stages, and one in the city of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, chartered just a few weeks ago. We welcome the new members of Civitan Community Roots Club to the Civitan family.

To help support more building and recruiting, the staff at Civitan International is realigning. The membership staff team will now be focused into areas of club building, club development and club support. The structure is based more on the needs of clubs at a certain time in their lifespan, rather than where they are located. It's not expected that the general membership will notice a lot of the changes, as responsibilities shift behind the scenes. The ultimate goal is to provide the best support we can while strengthening our organization to fulfill its mission.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Civitans in South Korea as the coronavirus has caused that district to postpone plans for their annual meeting, which was scheduled for late February. The district includes more than 31 clubs that total around 730 members.



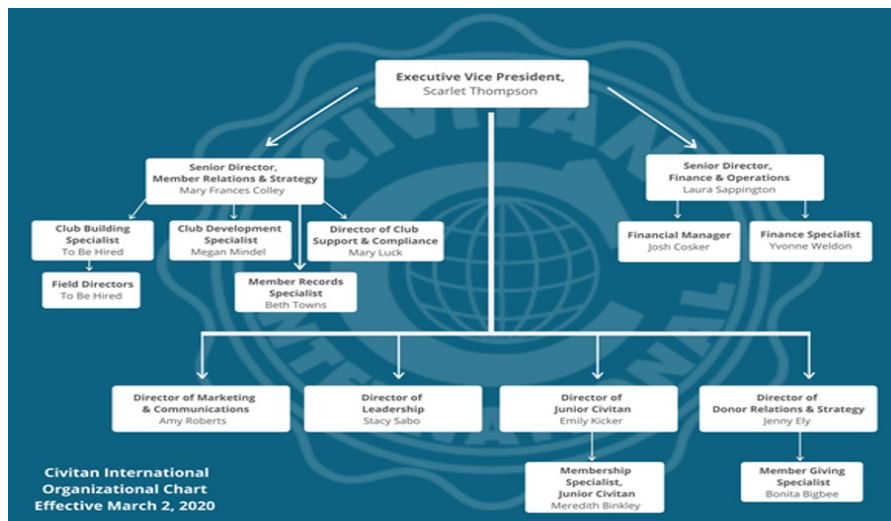
Civitan International is pushing forward with its [Renew by 2022](#) campaign, and specifically one of its pillars of progress – evolving our membership. **In order to effectively tackle our challenges and capitalize on our potential, a staffing realignment will take place by March 2nd at world headquarters.**

A full view of the new organizational chart is available below. In addition, a Zoom meeting detailing the changes and the reasons behind it transpired for district and International leaders earlier this week. You may view the recording of that web call by clicking [here](#).

While the staff member providing support to you as leaders of Civitan International will change, the support you receive should only change for the better. This transition allows us to focus our resources in a way to better serve you and your specific needs. One transition we are particularly excited about is that the Membership staff will now support clubs based on the "lifestage" of that club (Club Building, New Club Support, and Veteran Club Support), rather than their geographic area. **To view an updated Staff Contact Quick Guide, click [here](#).** You will also be hearing personally from your Membership staff over the coming weeks with more detailed information.

Overall, we are excited about this realignment and the ability it gives us to support you and the current needs of the organization all the more. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback on this process, please do not hesitate to reach out to EVP Scarlet Thompson at scarlet@civitan.org, or 1-800-CIVITAN, ext. 132, or Senior Director of Member Relations and Strategy, Mary Frances Colley at maryfrances@civitan.org, or 1-800-CIVITAN, ext. 134.

Thank you for your flexibility, your patience and your dedication to this great organization as we continue working to support our members in the best way possible as we grow into this new decade together.





DUES BILLING DEADLINE!

Mark your calendars now! **All changes to your club's roster (adds and deletes) MUST be submitted to growth@civitan.org no later than 5:00pm CST on March 31st** for your dues billing to reflect your most accurate roster. Don't get caught paying for long-gone club members! Remember, you can find updated, easy to use, versions of all the forms you need [here](#)

Secretary's Tip of the Month

"Composing Minutes is much easier if you begin with a detailed agenda printed out at the meeting. Create a club roster with name, address, phone numbers, birthday, and month and year they joined Civitan. Keep this up to date and make copies available at meetings as well as send out by email. Stay current on all forms required by International such as Adds and Deletes."

- Cindy Barrington, Pensacola Civitan Club Secretary

Treasurer's Tip of the Month

"Depending on how complex your club's finances are, you should ensure that the accounting software used is best-suited for your club's needs. The accounting software I use is great - I can access any reports needed very quickly and it provides necessary details. To give a Treasurer's report at our Exec meetings or Club Business meetings, I print a Budget Comparison Report and transfer that info into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet (so it is easier for club members to understand). Our members have said that the detailed report gives them a better understanding of the club's financial position. I also encourage the membership to ask questions about the financials so that everyone understands the information that is being presented and how it affects the club's bottom line."

- Wendy Robinson, Perth Civitan Club Treasurer



LOOKING FOR FRESH WAYS TO SERVE THIS SPRING?

Are you ready for a service project refresh to get your club rejuvenated for Spring? This month's membership blog post includes interviews with three clubs carrying out successful service projects to improve the lives of individuals with I/DD in different ways. [Click here](#) to learn more about how your club could adopt one of these projects.

Pasadena Civitan Club: Disability Employment Awareness

Pensacola Civitan Club: Wheelchair Ramp Construction

University of South Alabama Campus Civitan: Spirit Contest supporting PASSAGE USA scholarships

PRESIDENT'S TIP OF THE MONTH

"Encourage members during your term to be the next leader in your club. Recognize members for acts of kindness, support to a particular project, or a "just because". And, never be afraid to admit to a mistake because no one President or President-elect is ever perfect".

- Keith Wilson, North Bay Civitan Club President

Do you have a tip, idea or best practices to share with your fellow Presidents? Email it to growth@civitan.org, and you may be featured!

PRESIDENT'S PLANNING CALENDAR

Tasks from the March President's Planning Calendar include:

- Personally sponsor a new member
- Begin planning Civitan Awareness Month activities for April
- Ensure insurance coverage and proper contracts are in place for upcoming events. If you have questions, contact Civitan International or a local attorney or insurance agent.
- Review roster and re-engage non-attending members

Make sure you're on track by reviewing the rest of the calendar [here](#).

Junior Civitan

March 5, 2020-Junior Civitan Report

Academy High School-#2331(Tucson, AZ) The Academy will have 11 Junior Civitans and 3 Chaperone's attending the Heart of the West District meeting in April. Faculty Advisor Rosana Cumberland.

Las Vegas Community Club- #2748 Kim Anderson supposedly has close the account and has sent or going to send balance to HOTW Treasurer John Maddox to put in the Junior Civitan Account.

Idaho Schools Century High School- #2270 Dues paid for 14 members and they meet regularly every Wednesday during lunch. The club will be participate the April Pocatello Environmental and do Social Awareness Campaign. The club has 8 Junior Civitans attending the Heart of the West Junior Civitan Convention in Las Vegas. Faculty Advisor is Earla Durfee.

Pocatello High School-#1530 The club has paid dues for 6 members. They are collecting kid friendly luggage, suitcase, backpacks duffel bags and diaper bags for the local Foster Care Agency. The club has 2 members going to Heart of the West Junior Convention in Las Vegas. Also, 3 chaperone's and George Asboe (Driving Van), Ted Van Horn(Driving Van) and Kenda Van Horn. Faculty Advisor is George Asboe.

Highland High School-#1560 Dues paid for 37 members. In March we will sponsor a toiletries drive for the homeless shelters and /or SEICAA. In April we will work on a campus clean up. The Club has 8 Junior Civitans who will be going Heart of the West District Convention. Advisor is Velda Smith.

American Falls High School- #2172 I tried to make contact with the Faculty Advisor is Emily Wright to see if International dues have been paid. International dues are sent straight to Civitan International.

Shining Stars Junior Civitan -#2817 Dues have been paid for 20 members. On Feb 17, 2020 3000 LBS. sorted in 1 hour with 22 people. JUNIOR CIVITANS YOU ROCK! I am hoping we will have couple of members come to the District Convention in Las Vegas April 3-5, 2020. Year which starts in the July 1, 2020. We do district training as well.

Heart of the West Junior Governor Dakota Crabtree Cody has raised \$2500.00 for the All In Summit. He was eligible to go to annual Governor's' Update in Birmingham, AL the weekend Feb 7-10, 2020. A Big Thank you goes all Heart of the West Club Presidents, Civitan members and other persons who supported Cody in this cause!!!!

Heart of the West Junior PR Coordinator/Team Leader Dance-a-thon Colton Powell has raised \$525 for Dance-a-thon. Again, this year Dance-s-thon will be held at the International Junior Convention in Tampa, FL on June 25-28, 2020. If he raises \$1500.00 the District will paid her way to the Junior Convention along with the incoming Governor and District Junior Chair. Many clubs have not donated yet. Remember this money goes to the CIRC. Clubs have are Bannock Civitan Club, Youth in action /Shining Stars Dance competition, Phoenix Bird Civitan Club, Village Inc , and Twisted Stitchers Civitan Club. **Below is a letter and form to donate to Dance-a-thon.**

The Annual Heart of the West Junior District Convention will take place on April 3-5, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Gold Coast. I have so far 29 Junior's and 7 adults (including me) coming to the convention in Las Vegas. Our keynote speaker will be will be Lynette for the Nevada Project for Homeless Youth and we will be doing service project of 50 Hygiene bags. Also, we will be making 50 Easter Baskets for Sunrise Children's Hospital. The Junior's will also elect District Officers for 2020-2021 Junior Civitan Year which starts in the July 1, 2020. We do district training as well.

Heart of the West President

Dear President,

Junior Civitan International is proud to host the 47th Annual Junior Civitan Dance-a-thon. Dance-a-thon is a dance marathon put on by middle and high school youth focused on helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Junior Civitan Dance-a-thon participants have incredible passion and fundraise tens of thousands of dollars for the Civitan International Research Center annually.

My name is Colton and I am the Junior Civitan Dance-a-thon Leader for the Heart of the West District. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the Heart of the West District this year and join alongside you to make the world a better place.

Currently, I am member of the Shining Stars Junior Civitan Club in Idaho Falls Idaho. Being a part of Junior Civitan has been an extremely fulfilling experience. It allows me to support my community all while building friendships with others in my club and district.

This year, I am honored to serve as the Dance-a-thon team leader for our district. It is so rewarding to come together as a team and have the opportunity to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Civitan International Research Center through Dance-a-thon. I'm excited to represent the Heart of the West district in Tampa, Florida this coming June.

This year, I have set a fundraising goal to raise \$1,500 to support life changing research at the Civitan International Research Center. We are going to do all that we can to meet our goal and make the Heart of the West Junior Civitans proud.

Yours in Civitan, Colton Powell, Heart of the West Junior Civitan Dance-a-thon Leader coltonater50@gmail.com, (208)541-2390



Heart of the West District Convention August 14-16, 2020



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CIVITAN CLUB _____

REGISTRATION FEE \$100.00 After July 1 \$120

no refunds after July 1, 2020

This includes Saturday Convention Meetings plus Lunch and
Banquet Dinner

Guests not attending Convention meetings and programs

Lunch fee \$35.00

Banquet \$45.00

IF THIS IS A CLUB REGISTRATION

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET WITH ALL THEIR INFORMATION

Please return this form and checks made to the ***Heart of the West Civitan District HOTW c/o Deborah Maddox***

1572 east marconi avenue

Phoenix, Arizona 85022

HOTEL AND CONVENTION INFORMATION

EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL PHOENIX-SCOTTSDALE

4415 E. Paradise Village Parkway S. Phoenix, AZ 85032

ROOM RATES 90.00 + TAX PER ROOM FOR 2

ADD \$15 PER EXTRA PERSON IN ROOM

Rate is good till July 15,2020 or the block of rooms are gone

Please do this as soon as possible

THIS INCLUDES FULL BREAKFAST AND MANGERS HAPPY HOUR EVERY NIGHT

Thank you for confirming your Group block at Embassy Suites Hotel Phoenix-Scottsdale.

The HiltonLink you requested is now ready for use. Simply copy and paste the URL below into your browser to access the exclusive rates available for this group:

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FRIDAY EVENTS

PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT- ELECT TRAINING FROM 9AM - 3PM

BOARD MEETING 3:30-5:30 PM

RECEPTION AND TOUR AT CIVITAN VILLAGE

12635 N 42nd Street Phoenix 85032

Transportation will be provided

SATURDAY EVENTS

Club President remember to bring an item for raffle

We also need items for silent auction at banquet

REGISTRATION

7:30 am -8:45

GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION

9:00 am -11:45 am

LUNCH 12:00-1:30

AWARDS 1:30-4:00

HAPPY HOUR

INSTALLATION BANQUET

7:00-10:00

Heart of the West Club News

Area 1, Director Lyn Barefoot

Phil Schlesinger Club: President Sandra Jerman: (Advisor: Lyn Barefoot) PS just had a bowling fundraiser to help our supported school. We raised over \$500. The principal of the school was with us and when I told him he almost cried. He said how much it would help his school. It makes us feel so good knowing how we are helping.

Old Pueblo: President Bill Lindeman: Old Pueblo continues their monthly dances for adults with disabilities in Tucson. In March, it will be a St. Patrick's Day theme.



Cresta Loma: President Carl Mangelsdorf III: Cresta Loma golfed in the Sun Cities Civitan tournament. In April, they will join Roadrunners for the 30th and final annual golf tournament.

Roadrunner Club: President Jim Martens: Roadrunner members continue to volunteer at Beads of Courage as they are able. Non-perishable food items, empty prescription bottles and books/magazines continue to be collected at meetings for various groups in town. Members helped at St. Paul's Methodist Church in packing 50,000 breakfasts to be distributed by various agencies in town to homeless and to schools whose students receive breakfast at school. Plans are being made for the Linus Blanket project and our 30th and final Annual Golf Tournament. In January, our 5th Wednesday Pizza Hut fundraiser was held.

Area 2, Director Andy Wheeler



Phoenix Metro: President Becky Stingle: The beginning of 2020 started off with a big bang for Metro Phoenix Civitan helping with three other clubs' activities.

Lynda Wheeler, Governor of HOTW, along with Deborah Maddox, helped the Village Club members with creating 30 Valentine cards to be delivered to Civitan Foundation.

Kristina, a member of both Metro and Village clubs, visited Camp Civitan near Williams for the first time.

Our Metro February meeting was well attended as we installed 2 transfer members from London Bridge Civitan Club: Chris and Don Bergen. They have been very active in the past. The meeting was highlighted with the story of the three chaplains in WWII. We were privileged to have the coordinator of the bell ringing in Phoenix, Captain Smith, from the Salvation Army. We all learned that the Salvation Army is a very busy community organization.

Deborah and John Maddox, Andy Wheeler and Governor Lynda assisted and played at the First Annual Sun Cities Civitan Golf Tournament and several more of the Metro Club and friends had a great time on Feb. 22nd.

Lynda Wheeler, Governor, and Andy journeyed to snowy Idaho to visit six clubs. They enjoyed the Idaho gang of Civitans!

Metro's Super Bowl party was once again held at Steve and Sherry's with fantastic food and a chance to win some money from 2 boards. Five of us left with more money than we came with.

Lynda and Andy attended Tim Tebow's "Prom Night" for the DD community nationwide with members of the Phoenix Bird Civitan Club. They got to walk the "Red Carpet" and all 600 attendees were crowned "KINGS and QUEENS" of the Prom. One of the highlights was hours of dancing for all.

Lynda figured up the years of service for 9 Metro members with 207 years that joined Civitan in Jan. through March. They averaged 23 years for each of the 9 members. Time as members ranged from 1-61 years. Quite a record!

Sun Cities Civitan: President Michelle Sniezek: Our SCYSAC group had a wonderful time at the annual Christmas Party. At our January meeting Area 2 Director Andrew Wheeler was our speaker. We thank him for his review and answers to questions regarding the new compliance requirements and growth opportunities.

Our 1st Annual golf Event February 8 was a success. Over \$2000 was raised to benefit SCYSAC, Lura Turner Homes and SOAZ Westside Roadrunners. Congratulations to Cresta Loma Civitan Club golf team for their 1st Place finish. A good time was had by all!

We owe a HUGE thank you to Metro Civitan Club, Cresta Loma Civitan Club, Lura Turner Homes, the Phoenix Civitan Bird Club and to all the sponsors, participants, volunteers, and especially to the Sun Cities Golf Club for letting us play on their beautiful course.

At our February meeting we celebrated the Pastors of Lakeview United Methodist Church as part of Clergy Appreciation month with lunch and recognition of their service to our community.

In March we will be meeting on Saint Patrick's Day.



Phoenix Bird Club: President Esther Alpers: (Advisor: Chris Stingle): The highlight of the Holiday Season was the Annual Zoo Light walk in January. Members attended the Spaghetti Dinner in support of Lura Turner Homes, where most of the members live. Three prospective members attended the February meeting. In March, the Birds will be working and attending the Annual High Tea that supports Lura Turner Homes, the largest fundraiser of the year for them.

The Village Club: President Jason Levy: (Advisor: Kristina Ehrle): They are having a Shoe Drive for 3rd world countries. In February, they made Valentines Day cards for the employees at Civitan Foundation. Deborah Maddox and Lynda Wheeler helped with the project. About 1/3 of the shoes have been collected for the Shoe Drive. An Ice Cream Social is scheduled for March 13th. Membership is up by 3 for the year, for a total of 35.



Area 4, Director Mike Ryder

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: The Lovely Ladies Civitan Club has had 2 activities in the 2nd quarter: February 15th we participated in a Women's Safety Seminar at our local Police Area Command.

February 22nd, we Participated in a sort-a-thon at our local food bank Three Square for meals on wheels program.

March 14th - Brews Best Beer Fest for New Vista -

New Vista is committed to providing people of all ages with intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, equal opportunities and supported living arrangements so that they may experience life to the fullest.

Area 5, Director DeeAnn Wilson



Bannock Civitan: President Rainbow Maldonado:

We have decided as a club to get all of our volunteer club members background checked and the club will pay - so we will be all set for our different activities. We have 1 new Member- for January & February & March so far. We have our new Member Mentor Committee (the BC Builders - Bannock Civitan Builders) off and running with two great Club Members Nic & Jodi leading this Committee. This Mentor program will help keep our new and seasoned members engaged. The PUTT-PUTT Indoor Golf Tournament was a success with 82 teams this year and 23 different participating bars. April and her committee members and volunteers did a great job - will update more as numbers come in. The ISU Student Civitan Club is up and moving now with 6 new recruits. Revive @ 5 Committee has been Meeting and plans are moving accordingly and getting pre-pared for a great season.



Friends Civitan Club: President Skylar Cody: (Advisor Ann McCarty)

These last few months have been very busy with a Canned Food Drive for Aide for Friends; over 200 canned goods were packaged in a decorated box and delivered. President Peter Gollnick initiated four new members to our club. We also started the Holiday Season with Bannock Civitans, by sharing the word of Civitan by riding and walking on the Operation Life Savor Trolley, where we handed out glow sticks with information of Civitan attached to the glow stick. December we participated in Bowling for Santa, with thirty of our members bowling and donating an unwrapped toy for Bannock Civitans SEICCA's Children Christmas Party. Friend's members also helped sort toys, fill candy sacks with Bannock, and the Junior Civitan Clubs of Pocatello for the SEICCA Children Christmas Party. We had a Christmas Social on December 20th at Newday Products with over 60 participants; great food provided by parents of the club members. The menu was Tacos, Enchiladas, Rice and Beans. The members each brought a dessert to share and a wrapped gift for the Right Left game. One of the highlights of the night was Santa came and had a great Christmas Trivia game to share, and prizes were giving for the answers. January we made valentines for the Assisted Living Center in our area. In February we celebrated Clergy Appreciation with the reading of the Story of the Four Chaplains and the sinking of the USS Dorchester and scrapbooking. Valentines Day we delivered Valentines to the care centers. March we will Fill Easter Eggs for Head start program. Friends Club also sponsored the Heart of the West Junior Governor Cody Crabtree with a \$100.00 donation for All In Summit, and Civitans at the Helm with \$450.00 on Giving Tuesday. We have 45 members.

Twisted Stitchers: President Teresa Wakeman:

December Project

The club filled 16 backpacks with Toiletries items and donated to Pocatello High for the homeless students or students in need. The Club made 31 hats, 7 scarves, and gloves were donated to Pocatello/Chubbuck School District 25. Our December meeting was also a Christmas Social on Dec 11 besides filling the 16 backpacks.



January Project

The club made 16 receiving blankets and newborn hats for the Compassion & Hope Pregnancy Center. The center will give each girl a receiving blanket in their packet and a homemade hat.

Members of the club deliver items on Jan 15, 2020 and got a tour.

February 12, 2020 was the Twisted Stitchers 5 year Anniversary Celebration! We had a Chinese meal and a Power Point Presentation of what projects the club has done in the last 5 years.

February Project - Southeast Idaho Behavioral Crisis Center donated 9-Twin size Blankets. Other supplies were donated: Paper Plates, Plastic Utensils, Napkins, Paper Coffee Cups, Paper Towels, Pop Tarts, Socks, 3 reams Printer Paper, file folder labels, White Board Markers, DVDs, Books. Heart of the West Governor Lynda Wheeler and Andy helped delivered these items to Crisis Center on Monday March 2, 2020.

March Project was member Lori Austill's idea. At our March 2, 2020, meeting Heart of the West Governor Lynda Wheeler and members helped make 10 Microwave Pot Holders. The club is making them for the SEICAA Seniors and also making more Microwave Pot Holders in April along with Personal Hygiene kits.

Area 6, Director Roger Smart

We were thrilled to have our Heart of the West Governor, Lynda Wheeler, and her husband Andy, attend all of our clubs' meetings in Area 6. Thank you for coming to Idaho!

Idaho Falls: President Nick Burrows: The biggest news from the Civitan Club of Idaho Falls is that we are hosting our 18th annual Indoor Pub Golf tournament on March 7. This is our second biggest fundraiser of the year. We anticipate approximately 60 teams of 5 (one must be a designated driver) to participate in the miniature golf tournament that takes place at 18 bars throughout Idaho Falls. We will be raffling off donated gift baskets and a season golf pass to the city's public golf courses.

In addition to our fundraising efforts, we have continued to serve lunch at our local soup kitchen every second Sunday of the month. A team of 15 volunteers typically serve lunch to 150 people every time we provide this service. On February 22, we sponsored and provided chaperones for a special needs prom that was put on as a senior project by four local high school students. The students arranged dates, provided corsages, secured a DJ, decorated the venue, and served refreshments to a packed house. Our club provided 7 chaperones, including Mrs. Bonneville County. Finally, on March 31, we will be holding a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross.



Hearts and Hands: President Brandon Burchett: (Advisor Nancy Deschamps)" : Membership is steady. The members made Valentines and delivered them to an assisted living facility. They visited the Museum of Idaho in February and had a wonderful time. In March, they visited the Snake River Animal Shelter. They walked the dogs.

Butte County Civitan Club: President Robert Chambers: We have 33 members maintaining Golden Circle status. An ice fishing event was held in February with individuals attending from many locations in Idaho. Chili and hot dogs were served and prizes awarded. This event was fun and successful. We hope to make this an annual event.

The club is in the process of planning the "Rake Up Arco" event. This will occur once the snow melts. They will Rake up yards for individuals that need assistance. Several projects are planned for 2020.



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