

HEART OF THE WEST

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



February, 2016

Happy New Year HOTW Civitans and Families:

Boy, the holiday season was very busy for all of us: making food baskets with our disability Friends club, bowling and gathering toys for Toys for Tots, filling candy gift bags for the SEICAA Children's Christmas party, and gathering trees for the Snowmobile ride (4 wheeler) for the SEICAA outdoor outing for Christmas trees. We spent a Sunday afternoon feeding the hungry at My Brother's Table. I am a member of three different Civitan clubs and it can keep you hopping to make the season right. I can only hope that your heart was filled with warmth with your actions as a Civitan during the holidays.



The New Year landed 96 Civitans in Las Vegas in January to strengthen our knowledge, fellowship and service to Civitan. We were honored to have our International President, Debbie Juhlke and Vice President of Membership-Leadership,Louis Stephens as our guest speakers. Sharon Hessoun our own Region 8 International Director sure knows how to put a convention together!! We thank her for all her hard work. The Palace Station was a great venue for the events, with two districts (HOTW and California) meeting Friday night for a fabulous hospitality gathering with lots of laughter and Civitan talk. Both HOTW and California governors conducted a face to face meeting with their boards while others were gambling and taking in the sites or the night life of Las Vegas. Saturday brought us all back together to for a very educational session with Louis Stephens on the Five Components of Club Development.

- Officer training
- Monthly board meetings
- Conducting service projects
- Regular meetings
- Interaction-Communication



President, Debbie Juhlke presented us with an update of Civitans Around the World with the newest Civitan club, Roma in Italy. She encouraged us to focus our thoughts into developing a three minute or less elevator speech that best describes Civitan. Everyone is a recruiter and recruiting opportunities are everywhere.The key is to adopt the attitude of "you can never tell too many people too many times about the special opportunities Civitan has to offer through service, knowledge and fellowship."

District Clubs

Bannock
Pocatello, Idaho

Civitan Car Club
Las Vegas, Nevada

Civitan Club on the Greens
Las Vegas, Nevada

Cresta Loma Golf & Civitan
Tucson, Arizona

Desert Sun
Yuma, Arizona

Diverse City
Las Vegas, Nevada

Friends
Pocatello, Idaho

Hearts & Hands
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Helena
Montana

Henderson
Nevada

Idaho Falls
Idaho

Las Vegas
Nevada

London Bridge
Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Lovely Ladies
Las Vegas, Nevada

Metro Phoenix, Inc
Arizona

The Old Pueblo
Tucson, Arizona

The Pill Schlesinger Club
Tucson, Arizona

Phoenix Bird
Arizona

Roadrunner, Inc.
Tucson, Arizona

Sun Cities
Arizona

Twisted Stitches
Pocatello, Idaho

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Sno Do — Jr. Civitans



Thank You HOTW Civitans, Family, And Friends for supporting the Civitan Research Center !
Sno Do was a great experience for Junior Governor, Riley Glascock, Governor Ann McCarty and
Teresa Wakeman. The Canadian Civitans worked very hard to put on such a great event for
Junior Civitans. Barrie Ontario Canada's hospitality was truly the finest !!

The 2016 Junior Civitan International Sno Do, with 18 Junior International Board Members and
Governor's raised about \$58,500.00 for the Civitan International Research Center.

Twisted Stitchers—Pocatello

A new board member position was filled in January. Garra Jensen filled that position. Claudia Allen is the chaplain. Laura McDevitt presented a new donation project—collars and leashes for the animal shelter. These would make nice gifts for those adopting a new pet. The possibility of a table at a local craft fair was proposed. This would take place in April and another one in the fall. A garden basket will be put together for a drawing. Members will gather the items and sell tickets. The Anniversary Dinner will be held March 9, 2016. First Friday Art Walk was held on February 5 and Twisted Stitchers were located at the Orange and Black Store.



Kathryn Maiben delivered hats and blankets to Portneuf NICU.

Lovely Ladies - Las Vegas

Quarterly Projects: Detergent, socks and underwear drive for Safe House; yarn for lap shawl ministry. Disability Awareness Day (yearly). A traditional event for the club is the Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation Gala held at the Bellagio in November. The Annual Christmas Social/Luncheon was held in December with a white elephant ornament exchange.

Everyone had a blast. The 2016 USA Sevens Rugby will be held in March. Adult volunteers are needed for ticket sales, record keeping and shuttle tracking, etc. Other fundraisers included Candle Sales and a Mary Kay fundraiser.



PS Club - Tucson

Events and News: Special Olympics State Bocce. All members received gold medals. Everyone did well at county bowling. PS members teamed up with the Roadrunner Club to collect empty medicine bottles to help the homeless. They also joined the Roadrunner Club at the



Gaslight Theater for their area meeting. Twelve members attended the Region 8 meeting in Las Vegas. PS Club won a quilt at the Region 8 meeting and they are now raffling that quilt. Tickets are \$5 and the raffle ends May 31. On a sad note, the club lost long time member Gus Graham at 89 years old. Daughter, Roberta, now lives with Lyn and Ian Barefoot as part of their family.

Officers

Governor
Ann McCarty

Governor-Elect
Lyn Barefoot

Immediate Past Governor
Governor
Claudia Allen

Elected Past Governor
Roger Smart

Directors:

Area 1 – Dotty Wood
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Area 3 – Elaine DeFelice
Area 4 – Tracey Holyoak
Area 5 – Alicia Tauscher
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Awards
Teresa Wakeman

Candy/Coin Box
Kevin Wakeman

Fruitcake Sales
Deborah Maddox

Friends - - Pocatello

Past Events:

Annual
Canned Food Drive, Festival of Lights Parade,
Annual Christmas Social and spaghetti dinner.



Upcoming: Valentines for Seniors, Clergy Appreciation and Easter Eggs for the Head Start School.

Bannock - - Pocatello



Picture: Bannock members preparing for the SEICAA Children's Christmas Party:

The Bannock Civitans held their holiday party in January with a women's appetizer contest and a men's dessert contest. The 28th annual Indoor Golf tournament will be February 27. This is their largest one-day fundraising event. Past events included Bowling for Tots and the SEICAA Children's Christmas Party and Snowmobile event for Christmas trees. My Brothers Table, an event the Bannock Civitans volunteer for, served 66 meals. Two \$500 scholarships were given to developmentally or physically disabled students at Idaho State University.

<http://www.orgsites.com/id/bannockcivitans/>



Helena, Montana

SOLD OUT:

Claxton Fruitcake was sold from Van's Thriftway,



Jorgenson's Restaurant and the Panhandler. It was a very successful year. Coming up: Scouting activities, a Princess Tea Party for Helena's Playable Playgrounds and ushering at the Last Chance Stampede. Join Helena at 7:00 a.m. every Tuesday at Jorgenson's.

Roadrunner - - Tucson

The Christmas Party: Fun, food, the Linus blanket, a board meeting and MORE food. Roadrunner supplied Christmas wishes for Catalina Village with magazine subscriptions and a book drive. They are working on their primavera project of toiletries for the homeless. Their meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month and a luncheon meeting with a speaker on the third Wednesday. The 5th Wednesday social and fundraiser was held at Fuddruckers with the Phil Schlesinger Club. All Civitans were invited.



Desert Sun, Yuma AZ

Since their charter in October, the members have held a food drive and stuffed back packs for the local food bank, participated in the Veteran's Day Parade, gave Halloween gifts for pediatric patients at the hospital and helped with "Welcome Back Winter Visitors" at the fairgrounds. Coming up: participation in "Achieve Human Services"; a formal dance for the developmentally disabled. The club is forming committees and working on fund raising and coming up with a major project for the year.

Go Desert Sun!

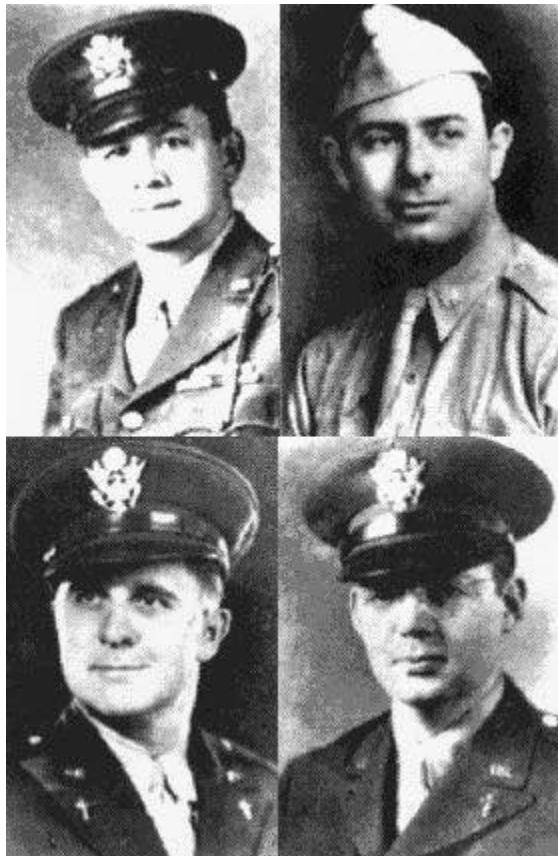
London Bridge

Lake Havasu Arizona

Have you seen "The Channel" - London Bridge Civitan's newsletter. It is worth the read. Very informative and fun!

Upcoming events include a garage sale in February. Winterfest on Main Street . The 100 degree Day Contest. River Cities Area Special Olympics—The March Games.

The Strain's hosted the Christmas Party in December. It was potluck and the gift exchange was fun. Clothe-A-Child was also held in December at the Eagles and K-Mart.



February is the 73rd anniversary of the sinking of the USS Dorchester during WWII. As Civitans, we remember the legacy of the Four Chaplains who died as the vessel sunk into the frigid waters of the Atlantic Ocean after being torpedoed. Clubs in the HOTW District are planning appreciation events this month in remembrance.

<http://civitan.org/charitable-programs/clergy-appreciation-week/>

Phoenix Bird Club

Coming Up: High Tea with the Metro Club in March.

Past events: Boutique Day at the Farmers Market. \$1000 was raised at the Walk-A-Thon. Carabas Italian Dinner in January — 100% of the profit went to the club.

Multi Club Events: Zoo Lights with Metro, Thunderbirds and Turner Club. Super Bowl party with the Metro Club (see picture left).



Metro Club—Super Bowl

Idaho Falls

Shop with a Cop included a fundraiser where members volunteered as waiters at a restaurant. The Eagles Lodge provided breakfast for the kids and law enforcement officers. The kids were transported to K-Mart in police vehicles. So exciting!

Idaho Falls Civitan Plaza was decorated for the holidays and Civitan members participated in the holiday light parade.

Festival of Trees: Over \$1000 was donated for a dog house with a tree coming out, Proceeds from the festival went to the developmental workshop.

Idaho Falls Civitans donated \$300 to Jr. Governor, Riley Glascock for Sno-Do. \$1700 was donated to Innovative Riding, which provides persons with disabilities a therapy program by riding horses.

Upcoming: The Homeless stand-down breakfast at the American Legion Hall. Clergy Week in remembrance of those lost on the USDT Dorchester. The Indoor Golf Pub Crawl is in the works for March.

<http://ifcivitan.wix.com/ifcivitan>

IDAHO FALLS CIVITAN CLUB

14TH ANNUAL Indoor Pub Golf Tournament

March 12, 2016 • 8:30 am

5-Person Teams

Early Registration:

\$150/Team

Late Registration:

\$175/team

Major Prizes for
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place!

Costume Contest

to Win a
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ELKS LODGE

For more information & Registration forms:
Ask your favorite bartender or call Krael at 313-3851

ALL proceeds go to multiple
LOCAL charitable projects.



Follow the
Idaho Falls
Civitan Club
on Facebook!



Mark Your Calendars for Norfolk Virginia:



Save the Date

District Convention, Pocatello, Idaho.
August 12-14, 2016. Clarion Inn.
Theme: Come As You Are To the
Heart of the West. Cowboy boots and
hats. The fundraiser will be Revive,
Western Style and Saturdays ban-
quet will be Western. Sunday is the
Bannock Civitan Golf Tournament.
More details to come.



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 13-16, 2016 • Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel • Norfolk, Virginia



With 144 miles of shoreline, there's no shortage of waterfront fun while you're in town. From fishing at Ocean View Beach and sailing classes in downtown to simply indulging in a cold drink while watching the sunset on the Elizabeth River.

Prepare to be entertained with an array of unforgettable experiences like exploring the decks of the Battleship Wisconsin, one of the largest and last battleships the U.S. Navy built, or take a waterfront cruise on the Elizabeth River passing one of the world's busiest sea ports and the world's largest naval base.

Be sure to bring your appetite! Norfolk is home to more than 80 chef-owned restaurants ranging from fresh coastal cuisine to traditional Southern fare, and everything in between. Sip and savor our local flavor at O'Connor Brewing Company, Smartmouth Brewing Company, and the Mermaid Winery, Virginia's first urban winery.

Our walkable downtown and convenient light rail system make grabbing a bite and seeing the sights a breeze. Getting around Norfolk is easy...it's leaving all the fun that will be the hard part.

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<http://civitan.org/convention/convention/>



Your Support is Needed

To lend your support to this campaign, please complete and return this form. You can learn more by visiting the Civitan website at www.civitan.org or by contacting the Development Department at your World Headquarters for more information.

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$_____ in support of the Restoration Fund. (If your donation is greater than \$5,000, please contact the Development Department for available naming opportunities.) Clubs will be recognized with a special banner patch for donations of \$1,000 or more.

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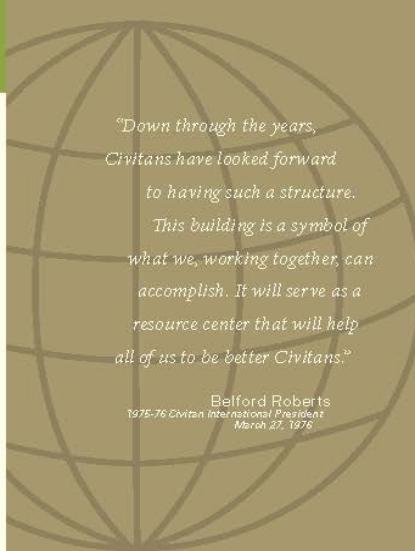
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THE CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL Restoration Fund

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS RESTORATION PROJECT. HOTW District has approved \$1000 and pledged a total of \$5000 from our District and Clubs. The Board of Directors chose the restoration of the road sign.

Get a copy of the brochure: http://www.civitan.org/Restoration_Fund.pdf



Restoring Your World Headquarters

Since its opening in 1976, your Civitan World Headquarters has been the central office, providing volunteers with resources to address needs in their community and enhance their development as community leaders. Thousands of volunteers and dignitaries have graced the halls over the past forty years to support the mission of Civitan International. The building serves as the learning center for club, district, and international leaders.

The board of directors has launched the Restoration Fund to upgrade the building. This is a temporary campaign designed specifically to address much needed repairs and improvements at the headquarters. It has been 25 years since the last major repairs were made and many parts of the building are in serious need of renovation. One example is the air conditioning system. During the past year, your staff worked without air conditioning in the heat of the Alabama summer while the unit was being repaired... nearly five weeks with fans and temperatures nearing 100 degrees.

All donations are appreciated. **Civitan International agrees that it will apply your contribution to the Restoration Fund and that NO administrative fees will be assessed.** Personal donations are also tax-deductible under U.S. federal tax laws.



Preparing for Our Centennial Anniversary

We are preparing for our 100th Anniversary Celebration to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, in conjunction with the 2017 Civitan International Convention. Since so many of our Civitans will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see their World Headquarters, we want it to be positive a memory.

A few of the goals for the fund include:

- Making much-needed repairs throughout the building
- Refurbishing offices and meeting rooms
- Resurfacing the parking lot and repairing exterior lighting
- Replacing outdated lighting and other equipment for energy efficiency
- Repairing or replacing worn-out flooring, trim, furniture, and appliances



Sponsorships

Large donors have a chance to "sponsor" offices at the International Headquarters. These donors will be recognized with a small plaque installed outside the respective office. Sponsorship levels are \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, and \$20,000. Sponsorships are available on a first-come basis.

Large donors will be honored in the Civitan Magazine, the Annual Report, recognized through the Major Gifts program, and at a special reception during the Centennial Anniversary Convention in 2017.

Individual Cornerstone Sponsors

Individuals that contribute \$1,000 to \$4,999 will receive the following recognitions:

- Name published in the Civitan Magazine
- Name published in the Annual Report
- An invitation to attend a special reception to be held during the 2017 Centennial Anniversary Convention in Birmingham, Alabama

Club Cornerstone Sponsors

Clubs contributing a minimum of \$1,000 will receive a special 100th Anniversary Cornerstone banner patch as well as recognition in the Civitan Magazine and the Annual Report.

Club Brick Level Sponsors

We understand that all clubs want to be a part of this exciting restoration project. For clubs unable to give at the Cornerstone level, we will accept donations of \$100 or more as "Brick Level" sponsors and those clubs' names will appear in the Annual Report.

In 2017, Civitan will Celebrate 100 Years of Community Service

Governor, Linda Colley and President Debbie awarded Lillian Rey from El Monte-Arcadia California Civitan club the (Father Bob) Humanitarian Award for her decades of work leading Emergency Resources. Also, Governor Linda Colley announced her candidacy for Region 8 International Director for 2016-2018. Amy Forge from the California District presented John Fournier's candidacy for International President-Elect for 2016-2017, and Kendyl Massey was represented by Past HOTW Governor Claudia Allen for her Candidacy for International President-Elect 2016-2017.

Our service project for the convention was making valentines and mailboxes for the soldiers represented by the Blue Star Mothers. What a fun and rewarding time. It will hopefully make a soldier's day to receive a fancy designed mailbox with a great valentine in it. The event ended with a slot tournament; winner—Claudia Allen. Flying home was very entertaining, the airport in Idaho Falls was fogged over and our flight was diverted to Bozeman, Montana for the night. It's sure nice to have a daughter living in Bozeman. We spent the night with her and her hubby.

January also brought me up to a total of 50 members recruited to our great organization. I was awarded a lovely plaque and top recruiter card from International.

Sno Do was a great experience for me and Jr. Governor, Riley, Glascock. We both thank all Civitans and family members for your support pledges toward the Research Center. The Canadian hospitality was at its finest. The bus ride to Barrie Ontario, Canada was blessed with a spectacular stop at Niagara Falls. We had the experience of going through customs and living through traffic that Canadians do every day between Toronto and Barrie.

The meeting place was at the beautiful Innisbrook Golf Course. The juniors suited up in Sno-Do snowmobile gear and spent time riding snow machines and tubing at Snow Valley Ski area. Other adventures included a trip to the top of the CN tower in Toronto and ice skating in the courtyard of Toronto City Hall. Riley was awarded a member of the 2016 Sno-Do Round Tuit Club for raising over \$500 outside of Civitan donations. Her final donation was \$3280.00 to the Research Center.

Their banquet was filled with several Civitan dignitaries and special past international officers. President Debbie and Tim Juhlke, Past President, Jay and Gina Albertia were right in the middle of the juniors. The Governor's update was very informative for the juniors and the adults.

If you have not ever experienced this event, I would highly recommend it. Teresa Wakeman and I enjoyed ourselves every minute and even got a picture with a Canadian Mounted Police officer. The ice fishing man fell through the ice taking our picture.

This month I am headed to Birmingham, to International Headquarters to our mid year Governor's update. My goal in this next quarter is the help Rocky Deschamp build a YP Club in Idaho Falls. Governor Elect Lyn Barefoot is just finishing her Governor Education academy at headquarters. I can't hardly wait to talk to her about her experience.

Think Civitan! Remember service and fellowship my friends. You are the KEY!!! - Ann McCarty, Governor, HOTW!



Governors and Governor Elects