

HEART OF THE WEST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



May, 2016

Governor's Message:

Ann McCarty, 2016 Heart of the West

April Snow and Rain Showers bring May Flowers and Civitans out in their communities to work hard in service! Howdy HOTW Civitains and Families:

February was busy for me and Governor-Elect Lyn Barefoot. We both traveled to Birmingham in different weeks for the Governor's update and GE Academy. Again, my experience with all my fellow Governors and President, Debbie Julke and Civitan International staff was so fun and very moving. Lyn states her week was very intense but she learned a lot. She got to see Civitan International headquarters for the first time. The time at the Civitan International Research Center and the UAB is beyond words. She can hardly wait to work with her new leader, President elect, Duane Capps.

I received my plaque for recruiting over 50 members; I should reach fifty five by June. Okay, HOTW Civitans, I challenge you all to recruit one member by June 1st.

Spring is here in Idaho. March travels took me to Las Vegas to NASCAR on a personal trip, but I did get to meet with Elaine De Felice from Lovely Ladies and Nancy Moore from the Henderson Club. It still makes me sad that the Henderson club was no longer able to continue in service to others as Civitan. Thank you, again, Nancy and Elaine for all your hard work to try and save this great club. On a positive note while watching the windy, rainy NASCAR race, seated right behind me were two past members of the Lovely Ladies Club. Civitans pop up everywhere. *(continued on Page 9)*



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Kali Wilson,
International
President
Junior Civitan
was our
honored guest
for the District
Jr. Convention
April 29,30,
2016.



See page 6 for District Convention information

Bannock - - Pocatello

Bannock Club held their Indoor Golf fundraiser in February raising \$15,200. A proclamation from the City of Pocatello was awarded to Bannock, Friends and Twisted Stitchers for Civitan Awareness Month.

Bannock members are looking forward to community events which include the annual Environmental Fair and the Urban Obstacle Race. The Environmental Fair is a Civitan Awareness activity and the Obstacle race raises funds for SEICAA. Revive @ 5 plans are underway for an opening date of May 25. Camp Taylor Maintenance and Campout will be held in early June. Civitan Youth Seminar with the Idaho Falls Club will be held in June, as well. Summer activities include Paint Fest and Relay for Life.

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

Idaho Falls

The Pub Golf raised over \$10,000 this year.

April in Idaho Falls—The Club helped Hearts and Hands Club with the zoo cleanup. The seek meeting was held gaining 9 new members. The EITC (Eastern Idaho Technical College) scholarship award ceremony was held with 5 scholarships going to persons with disabilities.

Coming up: Adopt a Highway cleanup, planting flowers at Civitan Plaza, Alive after Five starts in May. Fellowship camping this summer.

The Idaho Falls club received a 3rd place international award for best club newsletter.

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



Helena, Montana

Helena has had speakers from Special Olympics at their meetings. A presentation was made regarding playground equipment for the disabled. This club has plans to help this happen. They are sponsoring Scouts to attend the national training in Washington DC in June. Their goal is to send member(s) to the upcoming District Convention.

Twisted Stitchers—Pocatello

A project was proposed to make animal collars and leashes for donation to the local animal shelter. A Garden Basket fund raising project will also be held with members donating items for the basket and selling tickets for raffle. Proceeds will go to International for sign renovation.

Some members attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon to promote the club to the community.

The club's one year anniversary was held in March with a Mexican themed potluck social.

A table will be at placed at Revive @ 5 once a month to sell hand made items. Members are encouraged to bring items for sale.



Dr. DeLaRosa buys a Garden Basket ticket at the Environmental Fair.

Lovely Ladies- - Las Vegas

Club activities include the ongoing quarterly club project—yarn for the comfort shawl ministry. The USO collection is also continuing.

The Sozo Family Services is still collecting medical equipment and supplies for the lending closet. Upcoming events in May are Bingo for Seniors and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.



The club has volunteered for the Opportunity

Village's Annual Starlight Ball, the MS Walk at Sunset Park and the International Sibling Day event.

They have had speakers from some great organizations; Jasmine Sleight from the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health at the Cleveland Clinic and Meg Dolor from Habitat for Humanity. Bill Fitch from the USO will be the next speaker.

PS Club - - Tucson

Phil Schlesinger Club participated in a Walk-A-Thon. They raised almost \$900. They also had their Special Olympic tennis tournament and everyone did well. Track and Field is scheduled for April 9.

PS is still supporting their kindergarten classes and are donating clothes to the nurse for "accidents" at school. They continue to collect cans and plastic bottles and pennies.

Every month one member tells the rest of the group about what they are doing for work. This has been going very well.

Six members plan to go to Norfolk Virginia for the International Conference and eleven are planning the trek to Pocatello for Heart of the West Conference.

Officers

Governor

Ann McCarty

Governor-Elect

Lyn Barefoot

Immediate Past

Governor

Claudia Allen

Elected Past Governor

Roger Smart

Directors:

Area 1 – Dotty Wood

Area 2 – Vicki Gwynne

Area 3 – Elaine DeFelice

Area 4 – Tracey Holyoak

Area 5 – Alicia Tauscher

Area 6 – Virginia McAfee

Treasurer

John Maddox

Secretary

Dorothy Smart

Jr Civitan

Riley Glascock

Newsletter

Connie Doerr

Webmaster

Shayne Spude

Judge Advocate

Don Bergen

Awards

Teresa Wakeman

Candy/Coin Box

Kevin Wakeman

Fruitcake Sales

Deborah Maddox

Hugs for Soldiers Gathering



Friends - - Pocatello

Valentines for seniors were assembled and signed and delivered to three assisted living homes and the Veteran's home. Easter eggs were filled for the egg hunt for Headstart.

Hugs for soldiers— Care package included snacks, hygiene products, hand made items and letters of appreciation. These will be sent to active duty soldiers.

Members will participate in Camp Taylor and Relay of Life this summer.



London Bridge

Lake Havasu Arizona

Hearts and Hands

Idaho Falls

The club is collecting aluminum cans for fund raising. They made Valentines for the Friends Club in Pocatello. Easter eggs were filled for the Journey's Easter Egg Hunt for persons with disabilities. They worked with the Idaho Falls Club with a clean-up project at the zoo.

Coming up in May: Sorting food at the Community Food Bank and selling water and soda at Alive After Five.



March 15, 2016 London Bridge Civitan hosted its 25th annual Colorado River Area Special Olympics Track and Field Games at Thunderbolt Middle School. This is the club's major service project of the year. Mayor Mark Nexsen read a city proclamation declaring the day Special Olympics Track and Field Day and gave recognition to the club. The club is now looking forward to the Journey of Hope and the Road Clean-up.

The club won an International Award with Jan Strain, President 2014-15. 1st Place Civitan Awareness.

100 degree contest exceeded their goal. They signed up 237 people with total funds of \$1595.

Desert Sun, Yuma AZ

Desert Sun has 24 members which is down from 33. A restructuring of officers is in the works. No projects have been planned. The annual meeting is scheduled for May 19 and new officers will be elected then.

A membership meeting was held with over 100 attendees. The director of Special Olympics spoke at a recent meeting. Some members have attended the local Chamber of Commerce events to increase Civitan Awareness in the community. They are very positive.



Lisa Ball—Special Olympics Speaker

Eagle Rock Young Professionals Idaho Falls

They held their organizational meeting in March, beginning with seven prospective members.

This club is designed for young adults 18-35. It offers all the core benefits of Civitan membership to young professionals.

To join this great group contact Rocky Deschamps at 208-313-2099 or rockyidaho@yahoo.com.

This is a great chance to network with new friends, develop as a leader and give back to the community

Roadrunner - - Tucson

Roadrunner Civitan meets the first Wednesday of the month for a social and a short meeting and also on the third Wednesday of the month for a meeting and programs. This quarter the speakers were the Pima County Attorney, Project Amour, and GAP ministries.

5th Wednesday Socials for all Tucson Civitan Clubs at Fuddrucker's and a fundraising project. The Book Drive for Catalina Village is ongoing. Items were collected for Primavera to distribute to the homeless in February and March. A dinner for 22 was provided at one of their Shelters on March 7. The next Social is the Kentucky Derby Party on May 7.

Cresta Loma — Tucson

Cresta Loma Golf Civitan and Roadrunner Civitan are sponsoring their annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at Rolling Hills Golf Course. This is a major fundraising event for both clubs. They are also selling chance on an Arizona University signed basketball. Sponsorships and sign ups for golfing is going well.



Steve and Brandon Nygren (ends) with PS members Guy Lindstrom (his birthday) and Ian Barefoot

SPOTLIGHT: Shayne Spude HOTW Website

Shayne Spude has been involved with Civitan since her mother, Kathy Spude, joined in 1989 where she accompanied her to projects and she helped build a community school she became a member of director until the club folded a involved and joined the Roadrunner but did attend projects and socials building and managing the club's expanding to Facebook in the last couple of years.

She became active at the District level in 2007 – 2008 when she took over the District's website during Kathy Spude's year as governor. Since taking over, the website has received four awards from Civitan International, most recently this last year.

She attended her first International Convention in 1997 in Nashville. Since 2007 she has only missed two which were both out of the country. By going to the conventions she has developed a lot of relationships with Civitans from all over and she keeps in touch with many through Facebook. She is looking forward to Norfolk, Virginia, this summer which starts on July 13th – her birthday.

socials, etc. Her personal Civitan career began in 1994/95 when she joined the Junior Civitan Club in her high school senior year. After high school she joined the Catalina Civitan Club and served on the board as a couple of years later. After a few years, she got back to the Catalina Civitan Club. Due to work constraints she was not very active when she could. However, she did participate by building and managing the club's website which she has continued to do,



Thank you Shayne; for all you do!!!



WANTED: Pictures and club information to the Heart of the West Newsletter, Facebook and Website

doerc@live.com

Photo Ops



Youth Seminar

What is Civitan Youth Seminar?

It is a five (5) day conference sponsored by *Adult and Junior Civitan Clubs of the Intermountain States* which emphasizes team building and leadership in an exciting, fun, and meaningful format. Our seminar is an opportunity for high school students to learn more about topics relevant to today's youth through interactive discussion groups led by professionals. We also provide recreational activities which include a dance, talent show, and awesome games.

When and where is Youth Seminar?

Youth Seminar begins Monday, June 6, 2016 with registration from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and concludes Friday, June 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. Youth Seminar is held on the beautiful campus of Idaho State University (ISU) in Pocatello, Idaho. Get more information here:

http://www.orgsites.com/id/bannockcivitan/_pgg7.php3

HOTW—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 Saturday's banquet will be Western. Sunday is the Bannock Civitan Golf Tournament.

Go here for Agenda, Registration Form,
President and President Elect Registration and Golf Sign-Up

http://www.orgsites.com/id/bannockcivitan/_pgg3.php3



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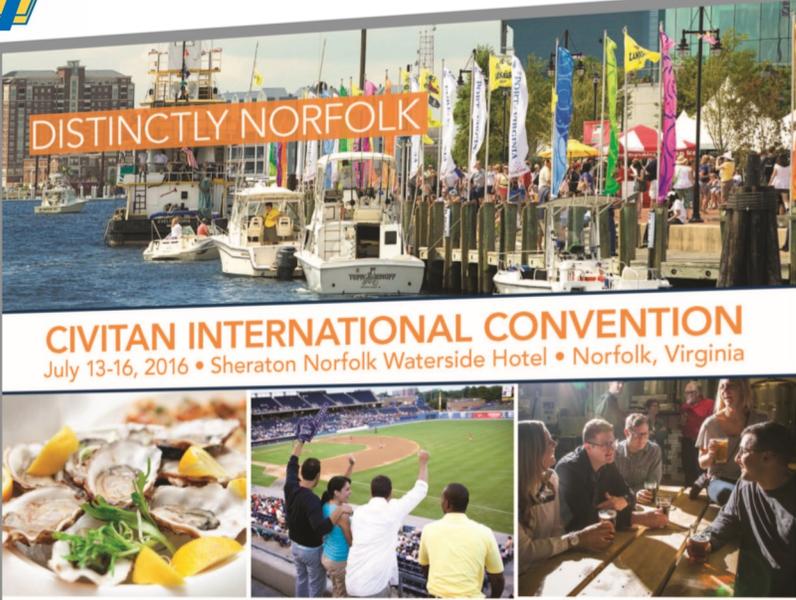


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<http://civitan.org/convention/convention/>

GOLF at Convention—On July 12, 2016 we will tee off our 2016 Civitan International Golf Benefit at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Resort in Williamsburg, VA. The Golden Horseshoe is a Rees Jones design course and is listed by Conde Nest Traveler as one of the top 100 golf courses in the world. The Golden Horseshoe is located next to Colonial Williamsburg and while you are golfing your companion can tour Colonial Williamsburg. Visit all of the shops and great restaurants and see a major part of our history. Because we are golfing at the Golden Horseshoe, we have a special ticket price of \$20.00 and we will furnish the transportation. So, if you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity just let us know and we will arrange the trip. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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.

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I would like to congratulate HOTW Clubs receiving International Awards for 2014-2015 with their great leader, Governor Claudia Allen. London Bridge Club took 1st place for Outstanding Awareness Project with President, Jane Strain. HOTW District Website took third place (Shayne Spude) and Idaho Falls club President Dave Purcell/Rocky Deschamps also took third place for Outstanding Newsletter. Claudia missed getting her Quality Achievement award as our Governor by just a few points. With all of her hard work this last year, it truly saddened me for her to miss that. Clubs, please look over the Honor club form and please submit if you qualify.

Please support clubs with their spring and summer projects coming up. The district Claxton Fruit Cake sales reached 4,300 lbs. this year. Thank you Phoenix Metro, Helena Montana and Sun Cities Civitan clubs.

During the months of March and April I traveled to Idaho Falls several times to help build a new YP Club with club builder and President of the Idaho Falls club Rocky Deschamps. I spent an evening at their seek meeting helping recruit ten new members to their club. Way to go President Elect, Tami Holmes! I also have been very busy with my three home clubs: filling Easter Eggs and making gift bags for Hugs for Soldiers with Friends club, celebrating the Twisted Stitches first anniversary with a great dinner and scrapbooking, and working the entrance gate at the Community Environmental Fair and gearing up for Camp Taylor maintenance and Camp Taylor Adults with Disabilities camp out! This weekend, Teresa Wakeman, District Jr. Chair and Junior Governor Riley Glascock are hosting the Junior HOTW District Conference in Pocatello.

I know there are several of our clubs that have pledged money to help restore the road sign at headquarters; Go Civitans! You are the key, and please have your pledges ready for district convention August 12, 13 and 14 in Pocatello, Idaho. Please come and join the fun. The registration forms are on our website (see page 7 of this newsletter for the link). I have sent them to all the board and club presidents, as well. Mary Luck from Civitan International Headquarters will be our honored guest along with Sharron Hessoun of Region 8, International Jr. Director, and Linda Colley, candidate for Region 8 director from California. Happy Spring!!!!

Ann McCarty

Greetings, Heart of the West Civitans!

It has been an honor to serve as the International Director for Region 8 during these past two years. It's hard to believe that in just a few months, my term will come to an end. I look forward to seeing many of you in Norfolk, VA, at International Convention in July and at the HOTW District Convention in Pocatello in August.

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about two International By-Laws changes that will be coming before the delegates at the convention in July.

First is a \$1/month dues increase. The Finance and Audit Committee has been recommending this increase to the International Board for the past 3 years. The Directors have discussed this at each meeting during this time. Many budgetary changes have been made to put this off as long as possible, including changes in travel costs, reduction in staff from 21 to 17, more paperless/printless options for communication, just to mention a few. It has been 8 years since the last increase and there are a variety of factors that have impacted this decision. Costs of goods and services in all areas of the economy have risen during this time, with a composite inflation of 10.4%. Returns on managed reserves have not grown at a pace to sustain the stream of income that has traditionally been budgeted for operations from them. A decline in North American membership and Candy Box participation cause ongoing budget pressure. Programs and services have been expanded in the past 8 years by introducing the new YP Program, preparations for the Centennial Celebration Convention in 2017, total revamping and expansion of the website, field directors working in several Districts, geographical training has gone system wide, a larger International footprint in 47 countries, and the new Blackbaud accounting and membership database management system to streamline headquarters operations.

The second change would remove one sentence from the current By-laws to enable the magazine to be published online, at a savings of \$65,000. Online publication will allow the magazine to be expanded with more content and pictures, viewed on all devices including phones and tablets, reference links can be included for enhance reading. Content will be searchable, more current and can be forwarded to friends, family and member prospects!

The Restoration Fund for International Headquarters is approaching its goal of \$410,000. As of April 15, \$278,155 has been pledged/funded. This restoration will bring Headquarters up to a level to be proud of!

If you have questions about anything, please don't hesitate to contact me at shessoun@gmail.com or 330-730-8124.

Sharon Hessoun, Region 8 Director

