



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



4TH QUARTER CIVITAN YEAR 2008/2009

September 15, 2009

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR: Thank you! Thank You! Heart of the West District Civitans!!

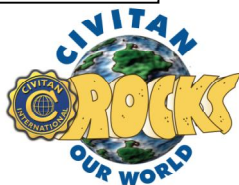
I received many comments about what a great Hospitality Room we had and Slot Tournament we held. Thanks for your hard work and commitment to making Heart of the West District shine at the 2009 International Civitan Convention. As you may know our district went a way with both Big Fish Trophies. One was for the most attendee's (103) to the International Convention and one for the most clubs in a district (16 out of 20) representative at the convention. What a great club the Phil Schlesinger Club is. They had 26 attendee's of the Heart of the West's 103 and then they were asked to do the Presentation of the flags at opening ceremony. I received a comment from Bill and Louise Hofer from Greensboro, NC. They were so impressed with the P.S. Club and they felt the PS Club represented the very theme of Civitan. You guys are great! Thanks to the committee for the Host District which began working last September and put in many, many hours. What great week! Watching Mark Eisinger be installed as next International President was awesome. Thanks for those who attended the District Convention as well and help celebrate the first 5 years of the Heart of the West. We had nearly every club represented at the General Meeting and had 109 at the Installation banquet. Congratulations to the new officers. Governor Roger Smart, Governor-Elect, Theresa Cisler, Secretary, Ann McCarty, Treasurer, Bill Toth, Area 2 Director, John Maddox, Area 4 Director, Tracey Gorman and Area 6 Director, Kurt Karst and Elected Past Governor, Carl Mangelsdorf III. Congratulations to Amy McLaughlin, Bannock Civitan and Belinda Veloz, Civitan Accelerated club. They received the District Civitan of the Year plaques. Congratulations to John Vanderploeg and Carl Mangelsdorf III. for receiving the District Honor Keys. What a great year for Heart of the West. I can't say "Thank you" enough. I've had a wonderful experience this year representing the Heart of the West. I got to meet many of you for the first time. Thank all of you for packing my parachute this year. I could not have done it without you! On to Roger and Mark as "**Civitan Rocks our World**" !!!

Teresa, Governor 2008-2009

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of commitment to make a difference in the lives of other." Deann Hollis



Mark and Cassie Eisinger



Incoming Civitan International President, Mark Eisinger, rocked the International Convention and introduced his theme for the coming Civitan year "**Civitan Rocks Our World**" at the International Convention in Las Vegas. Civitans make a tremendous impact around the globe through the research center, Campus and Junior Civitan, and their support of local projects.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW GOVERNOR

I would like to remind all Presidents and Presidents Elect to complete their training. This is a must per International. All Treasurers and Secretary's need to go online to complete their training. If you have been trained in the last two years you are covered, if not you need to be retrained. International requires Treasurer and Secretary be retrained every three years; Presidents and Presidents-elect need to be trained annually.

During the last District Convention it was decided the \$5.00 fee for new members would be dropped. At the same time it was passed that District dues would be raised to \$8.25 per month per member. This works out to be \$24.75 per quarter per member. Presidents and Treasurers please remit this amount to International for your District dues. This will take effect October 1 2009.

All Presidents this is a reminder to get your club plan of actions in to me so I will be able to get the District plan of action formulated. If you could do this as soon as possible it would be appreciated.

The 2009- 2010 District Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona around the First of August 2010. Time and Place to be named at a later date. I will be going to Phoenix on the 6th of October to install officers for Phoenix Birds and Metro Clubs. Debra Maddox graciously accepted setting up our convention and I will have more to report after I return in October. Speaking of the Phoenix Birds this is their 30 Year Celebration they are to be congratulated for the accomplishments they have made. On this same note Bannock Civitans have sponsored a new Golden Circle Club called "FRIENDS". **YOU ROCK !**

Roger T. Smart
Governor Heart of The West 2009-2010

New Clubs Chartered



New Club “**Civitans on the Green**” was chartered on July 10, 2009 in Las Vegas. Governor Teresa Wakeman celebrated his hole in one shot with new Civitan member Michael Ryder. Michael and wife Katherine are charter members of the new club.

The Friends Civitan Club in Pocatello, Idaho was also chartered on July 31st with a total of 31 chartered members. See Page 5 for a picture on more information .

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



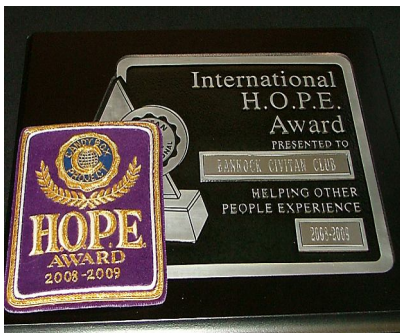
Special thanks to the committee for the Host District for the International Convention which began working last September and put in many, many hours.

103 Civitans from the Heart of the West District attended the International Convention. Thanks to all of these Civitans that helped make the Convention an outstanding success just by attending and a special thanks for all those helping in the Hospitality Room and other events. There were a number of "First Timers". What a great experience for all of us!



Governor Teresa Wakeman and Governor-Elect Roger Smart with the District's "Big Fish" award.

BANNOCK CLUB HONORED



Recognition at the Convention

The Banner Club from Idaho received the Hope Award given to a club each year for excellence in the Candy Box Project. The following clubs from the Heart of the West were honor clubs for the year: Bannock, Henderson, Idaho Falls, The Old Pueblo, and the Phil Schlesinger Club.

It was a great honor to be at the installation of the new Civitan International President, Mark Eisinger from our own HOTW. Virginia Campbell from Idaho Falls, Idaho was installed as our International Director for Region 8.

NEW FROM THE FANTASTIC DISTRICT CONVENTION



Club President Gary Parson, from the London Bridge Club was named Club President of the year. London Bridge Club was also the Outstanding Club of the Year with The Lovely Ladies from Las Vegas names the Outstanding New Club of the Year.

Celebrating 5 years of the Heart of the West was the theme of this Heart of the West District Convention held on July 9, 2009. The day began with Past Governors Breakfast. Fifteen Past Governors from the Heart of the West, Intermountain and Arizona-Southern Nevada attend. Governors were given a small gift. In the Registration packets was a Civitan 5 year anniversary pen for everyone who attended. Motivational speaker Mary McElhatten began the general meeting giving attendees an opportunity to choose their word for the day. We had 84 members attend the general meeting: 14 clubs out 20 were present. A hospitality suite was hosted in Governor suite from 5-6 pm and the Installation and Awards banquet began at 6:30. The Banquet was attended by 109 members. Beginning the banquet was a slide show presentation of the last 5 years of the Heart of the West background music was "Celebrate" by Kool and The Gang. That set the mood for great night to follow. (See the District Website at www.heartofthewestcivitan.org / for a complete list of award.)



New Recipients of the District Honor Key – John Vanderploeg, from Las Vegas and Carl Mangelsdorf, from Tucson. Outgoing Governor, Teresa Wakeman, also received an Honor Key. District Honor Clubs were the Metro Phoenix Club and the London Bridge Club.

News from Lake Havasu



Lee DeLaGarza, a long-time member of the London Bridge Civitan Club competing in the Special Olympics Northern Region Bocce Tournament in Flagstaff.

Congratulations to The London Bridge Club selected as the Outstanding Club of the Year at the District Convention.

They have been busy with their Special Olympic Athletes training and attending the Northern Region Bocce Tournament in Flagstaff. The Club also plans on a London Bridge Road clean up after Labor Day. **The London Bridge Club was also selected as the Outstanding Organization of the year by State of Arizona Special Olympics.**



Don Bergen and Trish Bear, Chairman of the Board of Special Olympics at Leadership Banquet in Tempe,

News from the Phoenix Area



Our Civitan House in Phoenix has been renamed the Joyce Ridge Civitan House. Enough money was also raised to pay off the mortgage leaving Joyce absolutely speechless. The Civitan House, a 26-bed supervisory care center, was finished and open for business on March 20, 1989. The change of name was celebrated at the District Convention in Las Vegas in July.

The Phoenix Birds on October 6, 2009 will be celebrating their 30th year as a Civitan Club at the Moon Valley Country Club. We are happy that celebrating with us will be our District Governor Roger Smart, the Phoenix Metro Club and then special members of the former Phoenix Breakfast Club. Dar Adams, Terry Temple, Chester and Mary Grace Oakes, Mark Ponte, Steve and Toby Guerst with former Civitan Governor Don Poppe and wife who have been with us every year. It has been my honor and privilege to have been their Advisor for 30 years. They have taught me much and we have had fun as we learnt and did work projects together. We never had to beg to get members to run for office and always had enough people for work projects. I think they will set a record for their one big fundraiser each year when 100 % will take part in their Walk-A-Thon. We now have 37 members who are ready for another great year.

Joyce Ridge

News from the Phoenix Area (Continued)

The Metro Phoenix Club has been busy promoting and selling the Football Books for this NFL season. They helped with the Lura Turner Homes, Inc. display at the International Convention and promoted the books there. President Council Members enjoyed the Hosted Beer Hall (see picture to right). Members will be helping with the Patty Foster Memorial Golf Tournament and the Lura Turner Homes Annual Boutique/Craft Fair on Saturday, October 24, 2009. They are looking forward to sharing the Phoenix Bird's 30th anniversary.



News from the Idaho Area



On July 31 the Friends Civitan Club, Pocatello Idaho was chartered. At the beginning of the charter meeting 21 members had signed up and 10 more joined on the spot. A total of 31 chartered members. This club is mostly of make up with people with disabilities. Club builders were Virginia Campbell and Governor Teresa Wakeman. Sponsoring clubs were Bannock Civitan and Idaho Falls Civitan clubs. The Friends Civitan club had their first service project on July 29 where they had a food drive for the Idaho Food Bank and collected more 485 cans of food.

News from the Tucson Area

1st annual Roadrunner and Cresta Loma Golf and Civitan Club Wii Bowling Tournament

Since projects are few and far between in the summer months in Tucson, the Roadrunner and Cresta Loma clubs held a social in August to beat the heat and do something other than golf. A number of us and guests got together and enjoyed burgers and brats, and Wii Bowling. What fun. The golfers did well bowling but I think high score went a guest - Jeannie with 5 strikes in a row and didn't even work up a sweat. I think we are on to something here.

News from the Las Vegas Area

Lovely Ladies hosted a blood drive on Saturday, July 18th. United Blood Services brought out their blood mobile at Marie Callenders and provided each person who donated blood with a free breakfast. 13 units of blood were donated. **New On Going Service Project – Spread the Word-Kids to Kids.** They are collecting children's books to donate to **Spread the Word.** The goal is to promote literacy and to make it possible for all of Nevada's children to experience the magic of books. **Wine Walk to Benefit New Vista Community.** Nevada Civitans are partnering with New Vista Community which supports the independence of the disabled community for a wine walk on September 26th from 6:15 pm to 10:15 pm at Boca Park.