



# CIVITAN REGION 05 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Wow! Where has this first quarter of the 2009-2010 year gone?

Just a quick rundown as to what has happened so far International President Mark Eisinger and I attended the installation of officers for the Phoenix Bird and Phoenix Metro Clubs October 9th in Phoenix. We were also able to attend a club meeting with the Sun Cities Club and meet some great Civitan Members. I would like to thank these clubs for their wonderful hospitality.

While in Phoenix, Metro Club member Deb Maddox and I were able to visit some possible sites for this years Heart of the West District meeting. It was decided to have the District meeting at the Hilton Point Resort Phoenix, Arizona. The dates for the District Meeting will be July 23rd, 24th, and the morning of the 25th. 2010. The room rate will be \$79.00 a day and the Hilton will give this rate for a couple of days either side of the convention if anyone wishes to arrive early or stay late. An agenda will be sent out later. Lets make plans now to attend our District Convention. Deb has promised many fun things to do. We will have a silent auction at the convention to raise funds for the District so would each club bring items that can be auctioned off? Any individual that has something to auction please donate it.

Keep in mind the International Convention will be held in Cancun, Mexico this year in September. I encourage you to attend.

February will be here before we know it and I believe this is one of the months dedicated for SEEK meetings were we can make a dedicated effort to recruit new members for our clubs. Our District is down a little in membership but I know we can grow during our SEEK efforts. Area Directors, 'How is New Club building going?' I have information a new club is in the process of being built in the Las Vegas area and several clubs have shown interest in sponsoring the new club. To all of you that sponsor and build clubs a great big " **YOU ROCK** "!

I would like to encourage all clubs to support Junior Civitans. They will be having their Sno Do the 29th of January in Toronto, Canada and I believe the Junior Civitan District Convention will be held in April sometime.

If any of you need assistance or have a great idea please contact me or your Area Director. Be sure to visit our web site as Shane Spude has put a lot of work into it and there is useful information there.

I hope all of you had wonderful Holidays and I wish the best for all of you in the up coming year.

Roger T. Smart  
Heart of the West, Governor 2009-2010

**NEWS FROM THE PHOENIX AREA**



Roger & Mark with Max McQueen,  
Exec Dir Lura Turner Homes & Birds

**Phoenix Bird Club Celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Year!**

On October 6, the Phoenix Bird Civitan Club celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Moon Valley Country Club. Phoenix Bird was the 1<sup>st</sup> Civitan club in the world made up of and ran by developmentally disabled adults. International President Mark Eisinger and Heart of the West Governor Roger Smart attended the event and installed officers for the coming year. Members from **Metro Phoenix Civitan**, who co-hosted the event, and **West Side Civitan** were present. Special congratulations to all the members of the Phoenix Bird Club for all the good work they do.

**Metro Phoenix Civitan** followed the long tradition providing Thanksgiving Dinner at the Joyce Ridge Civitan House on Thanksgiving Day. With help from the Home Depot (valued @ \$6,500), the club will be remodeling the kitchen at Civitan House in February. Watch for pictures in the next District Bulletin. During the Holidays, **Metro** provided Christmas presents for needy families in the Sunny Slope area and for children in the Sunny Slope homeless shelter. They also hosted and joined residents of the Lura Turner Homes and members of the **Phoenix Bird Club** for a night at the Zoo Lights at the Phoenix Zoo



**NEWS FROM THE TUCSON AREA**



**ROADRUNNER** Civitans joined others to help set up for the Annual Tucson Buddy Walk sponsored by Southern Arizona Network for Downs Syndrome (SANDS). They also sent a picture of members hard at work on their road clean up. Their next schedule clean up is on April 10<sup>th</sup>.



The Christmas Dinner & Dance at the Armory was a big event for the **Old Pueblo Civitan Club** with about 225 in attendance. Members of the **OP Club** & family members helped Santa when he arrived with presents and taking a picture with Santa for Xmas. **Old Pueblo Civitans** have sponsored the monthly dance for special needs adults for a number of years and now also do the dinners that Cactus Club was doing. Both **Roadrunner & Old Pueblo Clubs** have projects planned at the Ronald McDonald in March. The **Roadrunner Club** is planning for the **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cresta Loma Golf Tournament** on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NEWS AREA 3 – Las Vegas & Lake Havasu – from Chris Bergen, Area Director**

**CIVITANS HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES**

We are a far flung area with two clubs in Nevada and one in Arizona. The big push for the Las Vegas Clubs was fundraising with **the National Finals Radio. Henderson** and **Accelerated** helped other clubs in Area 4 donating 29 hours to this project. A total of \$8,000 was raised. **Henderson's Gift Wrapping at the Outlet Mall** raised a total of \$6,000 for Civitan. Congratulations to the clubs for all the hours that required and for their other help to the needy around the Holidays.

**London Bridge Club** welcomed a new member in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The Xmas Party was at the Bergen's with 18 of the 20 members present and two guests. Their big service projects were **Special Olympics** (1366 hrs) and **Aid to the Elderly** (50 hrs) and a new Xmas project for Foster Children (38 hrs)



**London Bridge Club's** member, Don Bergen, has been selected by **Special Olympics** as Bocce Coach for the Arizona Team going to Special Olympics National Competition in Lincoln, NE in July.

**NEWS FROM AREA 4 – Las Vegas – from Tracey Holyoak, Area Director**

Our newest club here in Area 4, **Civitan on the Greens** has been off and running. They are holding strong with 30 members, have played golf every month, had breakfast or lunch meetings with terrific speakers. They even participated in the Metro Civitan football books fundraiser for their very first fundraiser and did very well. After that they participated in NFR (National Finals Rodeo) and tied for 2nd place along Due North earning \$1230.00 for working 41 shifts of 3 hrs each. Civitan on the Greens is looking forward to having a big fundraiser golf tournament here in June of 2010, more details to follow in the next newsletter.

**Due North** is doing very well. They have fewer members and also worked 41 shifts for NFR along with their Liberty Swing. They are promoting the swing to help cover the cost of insurance. The Swing is available to any group to use that feels it would be beneficial. Due North is working along with Miracle Park to hopefully have the swing available at all of their weekend games. For more information regarding Miracle Park go to [www.MiracleParkLasVegas.org](http://www.MiracleParkLasVegas.org).

**Red Rock** is reorganizing and as president John Vanderploeg is doing a wonderful job. They also participated in the NFR fundraiser and continue to feed the hungry at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission with their famous Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches.

**Lovely Ladies** earned \$1,560 (the most) at the NFR. Their new project for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2010 is collecting new blankets, towels and other necessities for Shade Tree.

Area 4 is working on and has staffed once again another event for The USA Sevens Rugby Tournament and Fan Fair the 13th and 14th of February at Sam Boyd Stadium. We will be curb side greeters at 6 different Hotels and be working longer shifts.

For continuing information on the Nevada Clubs in Area 3 and Area 4 go to [www.nevadacivitan.org](http://www.nevadacivitan.org) and sign in as a member or as a friend.

**More News from the Las Vegas Clubs**



**Civitan Liberty Swing**

Congratulation to The **Due North Civitan Club**. They were awarded a unique rare swing designed to accommodate a wheelchair by Variety, The Children's Charity. The swing is specifically designed to hold a wheelchair in place while the occupant swings eliminating the need for their removal from their wheelchair. The swing also contains a pop-up seat so people with physical limitations (even without a wheelchair) can also enjoy a ride. **Due North Civitans** unveiled the swing at the San Gennaro Feast food festival in September and gave dozens of rides to children and adults during the 5-day event-- including four mobility challenged individuals who had never been in a swing before!

The **Las Vegas Club** helped with CIS to fill over 100 stockings with socks, hard candy & toiletry items for the US Vets House in downtown Las Vegas for the Holidays. An additional 50 stockings were provided to a local Senior Center. The Club's Xmas Family Project provided huge boxes of basic clothing & necessity items with toys for about 100 needy children in 22 families in local elementary schools. The Club was very fortunate to receive a huge toy donation from LVEA which allowed them to provide about 3 toys to each child. With the remaining toys left over, 4 boxes of assorted varieties to the Shade Tree Battered Women's Shelter and 4 boxes to Mojave Mental Health Ctr.



**LV Club filling stockings**

**NOTES FROM MAGGIE, DISTRICT BULLETIN**

I want to thank everyone who submitted pictures and information for this newsletter. I am sorry that it is late. The District Bulletin comes out once a quarter. Our next deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>! Please continue to email me ([bigal.54@cox.net](mailto:bigal.54@cox.net)) your Newsletters. I have also asked the Area Directors to send an article about their area. Even from Newsletters it is difficult for me to write any article since that I not at the event. An article with a picture (in jpg form) as an attachment really helps.

**THINGS TO REMEMBER – FEBRUARY IS CLERGY MONTH. DISTRICT CONVENTION IN PHOENIX ON JULY 23-25 at Point Hilton Tapitio, INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN CANCUN on Labor Day Weekend, September 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Go to [www.civitan.org](http://www.civitan.org) to obtain reservations for the International Convention!**

**We're Called "Diverse City" for a Reason!**

**By Nicole McCarty, Club Builder**

The residents of Las Vegas Valley may not know it yet, but our community is going to be ROCKED in 2010 and beyond! Why are the Club Builders and Charter Members of Diverse City Civitan Club so excited? The members of Diverse City Civitan Club hold a vision of a large, collective force comprised of people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and experiences who join together to make a lasting impact in our community...and our world.

When we speak about Civitan to our neighbors, coworkers and family members, inevitably we share the stories associated with CIRC at UAB. For the families and children whose lives are impacted by the amazing work that is done at CIRC, Civitan International and the local clubs provide the continuing funding of hope. Diverse City Civitans are eager to share information about the great work that is being done at CIRC. After all, Diverse City Civitans know personally the importance of research! our community. (continued on page 5)

### Diverse City Club (Continued from Page 4)

Every officer position in Diverse City Civitan Club is held by a person with a disability. The club is open to people of all abilities. And, if an officer requires assistance, they will be paired with an advisor. There is nothing more empowering than making choices that impact our community. Diverse City Civitan Club provides inspiration to all people in the Las Vegas Valley that each person has the power to effect change in his or her community.

As we reach out to local businesses and organizations, inviting all people to learn more about Civitan and our clubs, we ask you, our fellow Civitans, for your support. Already, Diverse City Civitan Club has received unprecedented support! The Phil Schlesinger and Phoenix Bird Civitan Clubs have signed on as Sponsors of Diverse City! And, what inspiration these clubs provide! With over 60 years of collective experience, the two clubs offer support, both financially and operationally, to Diverse City.

Fellow Civitans, please consider attending one organizational meeting during February or March. Your fellowship at these meetings will be invaluable to our potential members. You can share your experiences and answer questions that our guests may have. We appreciate you and the work you have done already in our community.

Organizational Meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in February and March, (the 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of both months). Our charter date is April 8, 2010. We plan to charter with 45 members, so please encourage everyone you meet to come out and meet our Diverse City Civitans!

Contact the Club Builders, Nicole McCarty (702) 289-0730, Kayla Brown-Cestero (702) 250-9384 or Mark Eisinger, MST (702) 524-4636.

### News from Idaho

Shop With a Cop is an annual event sponsored by the Idaho Falls Civitan Club, Bonneville County Sheriff's Department and K-Mart, for children who have had a negative experience with law enforcement. After reviewing applications, 25 to 50 children are paired with a law enforcement officer for a very full morning of eating, shopping and Santa Claus.

It kicks off early in December with a fund-raiser luncheon to help finance the project. On the day of shopping, the children and their "partners" arrive early for a breakfast prepared by Texas Roadhouse and the Civitans, who also serve and clean up. The children are then taken on a five-mile ride by police car, sirens blaring, to K-Mart and given \$150 to shop for gifts for their families and a gift for themselves. After Santa arrives, our own Dave Smith, and a visit with him, they proceed to shop. When shopping is finished, their gifts are brought to the front of the store where the Civitans are waiting with tape and paper in hand to wrap their treasures. A local bike shop also provides refurbished bicycles for each child to cap off their day. Idaho has a new club, **The Friends Club**, modeled after the Phoenix Bird Club and Phil Schlesinger Club in Tucson made up of Handicapable Adults, charter in July. ( See page 7)



Waiting to Wrap