



HEART OF THE WEST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Hello my Fellow HOTW Civitans!

Hope all of you are well and getting ready for the upcoming holidays.

We are already in the second month of the new year and as you see by this newsletter,

the clubs in the Heart of The West are very busy, actively making a difference in their communities.

Our district lost members in October, but gained enough to have a plus in membership.

Once again, I want to encourage each and every member to sponsor at least one new member this year. There are so many people out there who would love to be involved with an organization like Civitan's. They just need to be asked to join!

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Junior Civitan club, "Shining Stars Junior Civitan Club" being chartered with 30 plus members next month in Idaho Falls! Congratulations to Nate & McKayla Matlack and all who helped with getting this club built. It has been several years since

Idaho Falls had a Junior club, so it is exciting to see this one come together.

Mark your calendars, our district convention will be in Idaho Falls on August 9th and 10th, 2019.

I hope to see many of you there. We promise you a great time!

I am always available for any of you at any time for any reason. I am only a phone call away. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am here to help in any way I can. My phone number is 208-589-3223, I look forward to visiting your clubs and functions during the year.

Let's all work together to show all of Civitan International that the members of the Heart of The West District are using their "CIVITAN HANDS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD", our 2018-2019 theme.

I want to wish each of you and your families the very Happiest of Holidays!

Virginia



Civitan International

Director Reg. 8

Ann McCarty



First of all, fellow Civitans, I would like to ask for your support in the future of Civitan. I know we all have our own way of being a great supporter of service to our communities with their needs. The future of our favorite service organization is to commit to the growth and stabilization of our own club membership. We need to bring the new ideas to our clubs. Ideas of building a new club is great, but maybe bring those thoughts to our seasoned clubs. Some are very traditional and will not accept change, but it is the future. Social Media is where it is. I was very reluctant to join the new wave, but not anymore than the day that our hospital administration told us that we were done hand writing orders and now we needed to place them on a computerized form. We need the ideas and practice from our future members. Our average age is 50 plus years in our district and region. We all know we have served in our clubs and district in many ways but maybe we haven't shown the future how to lead because it was easier to do it ourselves.

There are a lot of great ideas and practices being rolled out at Civitan International Headquarters. Please take the time to checkout the new website. The tools are there, the staff are there to help you! It's not just the job of our club President, District Governor or me to make our clubs successful. It's all of us together!

May your season of Thanks and Giving be rewarding and bring happiness and hope to all!

Ann

Heart of the West Junior Civitan District Coordinator, Teresa Wakeman

New District Mascot

The District Jr. Civitan Board approved Charlie Chaplin Chipmunk as the Heart of the West mascot.

Heart of the West has 6 current Junior clubs in Arizona, Nevada and Idaho. The District supports the Jr. program by providing some monetary support for the Jr. Governor and PR Coordinator to attend Sno-Do and Dance-a-Thon respectively. These Jr. officers must raise money to attend these events also. The money raised is given to CIRC. Please respond when your club is asked to donate to the officer for their portion. Donations from clubs for these events now are counted toward Civitans at the Helm.

Our Juniors are very busy participating in local service projects. They are always looking for ways to partner with their local Civitan clubs. If your club has a project that the Juniors might help with, contact their advisor to discuss it.

For more information about Junior Civitan, contact Teresa Wakeman.



News From International

New Forms for Adding and Dropping Members:

Three member report forms have been updated: one for reporting new members, one for reporting reinstated and transfer members and one for dropping members or updating a member's contact information. Please NOTE that January 1, liability insurance increases to \$3.50 per member, so the new member initiation fee will be \$18.50 and \$8.50 for reinstated members. These forms are available at the Civitan website.

Member Sponsorship

If every member would sponsor one new member, we would double our membership! There are many award levels for sponsoring new members. . . have you received one?

Donation to the Civitan International Research Center

The International Board of Directors approved a donation of \$450,000, plus an additional \$25,000 which was approved by the board earlier to usher in the arrival of the new Director. This donation will bring the total given to \$19.1 Million.

International Honor Key Change

The Civitan International Honor Key is the highest honor bestowed on any member for their contributions to Civitan on the club, district and international levels. A review of the policy guiding how it's awarded resulted in the requirement that a recipient must be a member for at least ten years.

Convention 2019

July 3-6, Greenville South Carolina will have many Civitans from around the world gathering for our annual convention. Registration information is available at the International website.

Convention 2021

Mark your calendars for the 101st annual Civitan International Convention to be held in Jacksonville, Florida.



Heart of the West News

Area 1, Director Lyn Barefoot

Phil Schlesinger Club: President Scott Young:

PS members joined with the Roadrunners for the quarterly fundraiser at Pizza Hut. PS members also donate medicine bottles to Roadrunners for donation to an agency serving the homeless. 16 of the 30 members were involved in the Coronado Bowling Tournament with Special Olympics. They will have a Christmas Party when they will collect for Toys for Tots and the Community Food Bank. PS club has an ongoing project donating supplies for local kindergarten classes.

Old Pueblo: President Robert “Bob” Shoun:

Members helped with the Special Olympics bowling tournament in November. Every month about 150 adults with disabilities attend the dance that Old Pueblo puts on at a community parks building.



Cresta Loma: President Cark Mangelsdorf III:

They are golfing whenever possible! Members participated in the Lura Turner Homes fundraiser golf tournament and placed second in the International Golf Tournament in Reno this year.

Roadrunner Club: President Jim Martens:

They continue to collect empty prescription bottles which are given to Primavera where they are filled with various toiletry items for the homeless at their drop-in shelters. Needed items were donated to Emerge, providing for women and children victims of domestic abuse and to THE INN, serving refugees. Holiday gifts are being provided for GAP Ministries foster care program and residents of Catalina Village. Theresa Cisler was presented with a Junior Civitan Fellow for her many years of service to the Jr. Civitans, both locally and as District Junior Chair. Congratulations, Theresa!



Area 2, Director Maggie Adams



Phoenix Metro and the Phoenix Bird Clubs: President John Maddox (Metro)

Most of their activities are combined. The Bird Club held a Walk-a-Thon fundraiser with about 20 participating! The following week members worked at the Lura Turner Homes Boutique. Metro will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Joyce Ridge Civitan House, Lynnwood and Marlette Houses where many of the Phoenix Bird Club members live. Holiday families are being chosen and the shopping will begin for the December project.

London Bridge Club: President Christine Bergen:

Members continue to work with Special Olympics bocce and golf. There was a Civitan table at Fright Night where over 4000 pieces of candy were given out to local children. In December, members will participate in the Clothe-A-Child project to purchase \$125 in new clothing for an individual. A Civitan Christmas Party is planned with a pot luck and gift exchange.

Area 4, Director Mike Ryder

Civitan Club on the Greens: President Mike Ryder:

They have been busy doing fundraisers! They sold 90 football books. They also work with the big rodeo in Vegas helping to coordinate transportation from the many hotels to the rodeo grounds. This is a job that lasts for ten days!

Lovely Ladies: President Elaine DeFelice:

In October, members volunteered at the Southern Nevada Centers of Independent Living's 27th Annual Disability Awareness Day. Lovely Ladies, along with Las Vegas Junior Civitans registered guests and assisted in filling out questionnaires. The Step Forward to Cure TSC Las Vegas event had volunteers from Lovely Ladies, including member Kathy Kingston who has a son with TSC. November you could find them registering guests and collecting wine for a fundraising raffle at the Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation's 25th Annual Profiles of Courage Gala. They had a scrapbooking event to celebrate Nicole DeFelice's year as President and are looking forward to their Christmas Social. They encourage each member to bring a prospective member as a guest at the social and have invited some Jr. Civitans to attend.



Area 5, Director DeeAnn Wilson



Bannock Civitan: President April Hansen:

A donation for Sno-Do was presented to Jr. Governor Kristen Alexander. Revive @5 2018 raised \$28,000! WOW! Members walked in the Old Town Pocatello Lights Parade and handed out glow sticks, as well as having a float. Pumpkin soup was cooked up for a soup cook-off. December events include the Bowling for Santa Bowling Tournament, My Brother's Table, SEICCA Christmas Party and the SEICCA Snowmobile Party. Other community support projects include a Coat Drive for those in need in the community, a Diaper Drive for the Department of Health and Welfare, and having a Virtual Christmas Tree in the Festival of Trees.



Friends Civitan Club: President Skylar Cody:

Attendees at the soup cook-off enjoyed Game Day Chili prepared by the Friends club. Friends had a Halloween Dance in October. The November project was a canned food drive for a local homeless shelter, Aide for Friends. Members bowled in the Special Olympics regional tournament in November and marched in the Lights Parade. December will have them Bowling for Santa in the Ban-nock fundraiser and fixing candy bags for the SEICAA children's Christmas Party.

Twisted Stitchers: President Teresa Wakeman:

Their busy hands made lap blankets for the Veterans Home. The December project is making seat belt covers that protect chemotherapy ports. These covers are given to the PMC Cancer Center.





Idaho Falls: President McKayla Matlack:

Alive after Five has ended for this year, a success! They helped the Development Workshop with a Halloween Party and a corn maze trip in October. In November, there were crews working at the Soup Kitchen and decorating Civitan Plaza for Christmas. Members participated in the Homeless Standown. The Development Workshops Festival of Trees, shop with a cop, and special needs lunch are just a few of the projects to be worked on in December.

Hearts and Hands: President Brent Shields:

Members of the club assisted with the Halloween Party and the Festival of Trees for the Development Workshop. The club is adopting a family to help for Christmas. They raised more money than the previous year selling pop and water at Alive at Five. This is a great fundraiser for them.

District Liaison

Many of you may remember this as Foundation Liaison, but since Civitan International is the 501(c)3 organization there is no Foundation per se.

President's Council Membership is held by many in Heart of the West District, but a number of people who have been members in the past have let that membership expire. The support of the organization through membership in President's Council is vital to the functioning of the International Headquarters. If you aren't sure whether your membership is expired or you'd like to join President's Council, please contact Bonita at Headquarters and she'll help you out!

Looking at your club's Civitans at the Helm donation so far this year? This is a good time to get your donations for the Jr. Civitan Sno-Do and Dance-a-Thon projects sent in. There is a match to qualify for that can double that donation. PLUS – donations for these two events now qualify for your club's Helm donation!

Donations can be made at the Civitan International website, so it couldn't be easier!

What doesn't qualify for Helm? Candy box, Fellows and President's Council. All other donations to Civitan International by your club or members of your club count towards the annual Civitans at the Helm total.

The Fruitcake fundraiser no longer exists specifically as a part of Civitan International. There is no longer a policy regarding this. Questions about fruitcake should be directed to Del at Claxton. The clubs still receive funds from this fundraiser but International no longer receives any, thus the change.

If you have questions about any of this information, contact Heart of the West District Liaison Sharon Hessoun, shessoun@gmail.com or 330-730-8124.

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2018-2019

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