

# HEART OF THE WEST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello Heart of The West Civitans!

International award announcements are out and our district will be receiving an award for third place for growth and retention for the 2017 – 2018 year. Our immediate past Governor, Deborah Maddox, will be accepting the award at the International Convention this summer. Congratulations Deborah!!

Here it is the middle of March and this Civitan year is almost half over. Our district is still a plus in membership as many of you are recruiting new members, gaining more than we have lost. I know many clubs have recruitment meetings coming up and will be adding even more members. Recruitment is important, so is retention! People join to get involved and we need to get and keep them involved and interested in what our organization is about.

Our new Junior Civitan Club, the Shining Stars Civitan Club, chartered in Idaho Falls in February with 30 plus members. This is a community club thus having kids from several different schools in town. Congratulations to this new club!

We are looking at a possible new adult club in both Arizona and Idaho this year. We would love to see this happen!

I am sad to inform members of the district that we have lost our Helena Montana club. This was a very active club for over 62 years. Their membership has been declining the last couple of years and have not been able to recruit new members. Sadly, they have turned in their charter.

The HOTW district, as well as Civitan International, thank them for all of their years of membership and all the service they have provided to their town. They will be missed!

In February, I visited with the London Bridge Club in Lake Havasu City, Lovely Ladies Club in Las Vegas, Sun City Club in Sun City and the Roadrunners and Old Pueblo Clubs in Tucson. Thank you all for your great hospitality and the honor of initiating new members, presenting awards and getting acquainted with the fundraisers and great service work you are all doing in your communities!

We have very active clubs in our district, as you see in this newsletter! Every day they are making a difference in their communities! Keep up the good work, all HOTW Civitans!

Let's all continue to use our "Civitan Hands to Make A Difference In The World"

Mark your calendars for district convention in Idaho Falls on August 9 – 10.

I am proud to serve as Governor of a District made up of such dedicated Civitans.

Call me anytime – 208 589 3223



# CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR REG. 8

## ANN MCCARTY



Happy end of winter all!

This quarter has been busy. I had the honor to install the new officers for Shining Stars Junior Community Club in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Congratulations to the club builders McKayla and Nate Matlack, and Virginia McAfee. I also attended the California District meeting in San Diego March 1-3. The Pasadena Civitans are celebrating their 90th year this May. I am preparing for our next International board meeting March 16 by Zoom communication and of course I have been busy with my own home clubs with Indoor Golf Putt Putt which was very successful, and Valentines for the elderly.

Here are some highlights that are coming:

International Convention registration is out for July 3-6, 2019, in Greenville, South Carolina. You can register online for the convention, your room and also be on a fundraising team for Civitan Fest July 4th. The 26th annual Civitan Breakthru Golf Benefit is Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019, at River Falls Plantation Golf Course.

The Alabama West-Florida District is Chartering a new Club - Agape Civitan Club. They are our newest All Stars.

March is a great month to review your Honor Club application.

There are printable versions of the International Civitan newsletter online.

Its Recruitment time: Get the word out about Civitan.

Leadership Sponsorship Team Challenge: every Officer of each club needs to sponsor a new member, earn your LST pin.

International has hired a new General Liability Insurance Company.

Communication of their coverage will be coming out this next month.

# HEART OF THE WEST JUNIOR CIVITAN

## DISTRICT COORDINATOR, TERESA WAKEMAN

### Heart of the West Junior Governor Kristen Alexander

Kristen has raised \$2095.25 for Sno-Do. She was eligible to go to annual Governor's' Update in Barrie, Ontario, Canada Feb7-11, 2019. A Big Thank you goes all Heart of the West Club Presidents, Civitan members and other persons who supported Kristen in this cause!!!!

### Heart of the West Junior PR Coordinator/Team Leader Dance-a-thon Leah Van Horn

Leah has raised \$1050 for Dance-a-thon. This year Dance-a-thon will be held at the International Junior Convention in Washington, DC on June 21 at 4:00 pm. If she raises \$1500 the District will pay her way to the Junior Convention along with the incoming Governor and District Junior Chair. Has your club contributed? The Annual Heart of the West Junior District Convention will take place on April 6, 2019 in Pocatello at the Clarion Inn.

There are 6 Juniors and 3 adults coming to the convention from Tucson and 1 adult and 3 Juniors coming from Las Vegas this year. I have made room reservations at the Clarion for the out of town guests. The Tucson people will be coming in on Thursday and leaving on Sunday. The week of Feb 18, members of the Pocatello clubs will be meeting together to plan the convention. Our registrations are due March 8, 2019 to me. Kristen may be inviting a Junior International President or Board member to come to our convention.

### Academy of Tucson High School

Dues have been paid to Civitan International and Heart of the West for 20 members. The club did receive their Honor Club with Distinction from Civitan International for 2017-2018. This fall they held an Inner or Outer Clothing drive for Good Threads. Once a month they work with ERD Project Park/Garden Clean-up and Saguaro National Park - East Buffel grass pull. They have opened the Chipmunk Café to raise money to come to Idaho on April 6. 2019. Advisor is Rosana Cumberland.

### Las Vegas Community Club, Nevada

The club meets the First Tuesday of the month. Recent Service projects: helping attendees at the Day of Disabilities fill out surveys. This month the club will be volunteering with Grant a Gift Autism Foundation. Advisor is Kim Anderson.

## **Idaho**

### Century High School

The Century Juniors have helped the local Food Bank's Thanksgiving distribution, Involved in Red Cross' Winter Blood Drive, Toys for Tots, helped Century Cheer with their Teddy Bear Drive, will help out at the Animal Shelter the week of Feb 12 and will take part in the Environmental Fair on April 21. Faculty Advisor is Earla Durfee.

### Pocatello High School

In the New Year, Pocatello High School is focusing on recruitment with recruiting events. They will be a part of their school's club fair and "Fresh Rush". This is a great approach since they are the smallest club in this area and did help with Bannock Civitan Children's party and helped sort toys and Candy. Dues have been paid to International and Heart of the West for 8 members. Faculty Advisor is George Asboe.

### Highland High School

Several Highland Junior Civitans helped the SHOP with a Cop program on Saturday, Dec 1. Junior Civitan helped shop with the chosen kids. Some Highland Junior Civitans helped Bannock Civitan on Wednesday, Dec 5 sort toys and bag candy for 250 kids. The Club adopted a Secret Santa family for the Holidays. Dues for 24 juniors have been paid to International and Heart of the West. Faculty Advisor is Velda Smith.

### American Falls High School

The club was in the Newspaper project in December. Faculty Advisor is Emily Wright.

For more information about Junior Civitan, contact Teresa Wakeman.



# NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL

The International Board recently approved a new policy that requires all Civitan clubs to initiate and maintain a tax-exempt status. As Civitan clubs there are certain items that are required from us from entities like the IRS. Please make sure you know your club's tax-exempt status and are filing the necessary reports, like a 990, with the government each year. If you need assistance with any matters involving your club's tax-exempt status or your 990, please call world headquarters and ask for Laura or Mary.

Preparations are underway for the 2019 International Convention in Greenville, South Carolina. Registration has opened on our website, along with registration for the fundraisers that usually happen alongside with the event, like golf and Civitan Fest. Check out [www.civitan.org](http://www.civitan.org) for more details.

Congratulations to our Junior Civitan International governors and board members who raised more than \$64,000 to benefit the Civitan International Research Center during Sno-Do 2019. The recent event, held in Midland, Ontario, Canada, also saw the Juniors incorporating a service project and leadership training in their weekend. On another note with the Juniors, International is working on a revamp of their website this year so be on the lookout for a refreshed online resource before Fall.

International has debuted some new club building incentives up until the summer. They include some pretty cool recognitions during convention – one which has never been done before. We invite you to consider becoming a Civitan “All-Star” and build a club to help grow the organization each year. For more information, you can contact our membership specialist, Louis Stephens.



# 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.

Did you know that clubs can apply to use International's 501c3? It is important to remember that any money collected this way must be used only for philanthropic purposes, so be sure to consider how those funds will be used before you decide to do this.

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? Those donations for Civitan Fest (formerly Putt n Chip) and the Breakthru Golf Tournament at International Convention qualify, so get those sent in.

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 Civitan Charitable Gifting Program is an easy way to leave money to Civitan International through a Whole Life insurance policy. You can set up monthly premium payments and they are tax deductible.

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



# HEART OF THE WEST NEWS

## AREA 1, DIRECTOR LYN BAREFOOT



**Phil Schlesinger Club:** The club decided that they needed to raise money to help the community so they held a bowling fundraiser. About twelve members joined in, but with Roadrunners and family members and friends, there were about twenty-five bowlers. They played two games and raised \$1000!! Another one is planned for August 24<sup>th</sup>. They don't anticipate raising that amount of money again, but you never can tell. They continue to support some kindergarten classes.

**Old Pueblo: President Robert "Bob" Shoun:** Every month Old Pueblo holds a dance for the local handicapped population of Tucson and surrounding areas. Themes for February and March were Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day. They will also be helping out with Special Olympics again. They meet at Fronimos for lunch once a month and have their Board meetings after the dance on the first Saturday.

**Cresta Loma: President Carl Mangelsdorf III:** This club loves to golf and give away money. There was a social and golf match at Carl's house, where people had to wait for the ground to thaw out before any golf could be played. There were three people from PS club in attendance. Money was already given to the Junior Civitans and a donation was given to PS Club as a donation towards their bowling fundraiser. They played in a tournament at Top Golf and everyone involved had a great time.

**Roadrunner Club: President Jim Martens:** The club has started making Linus blankets again and members of the PS club and the Academy of Tucson Juniors joined them in finishing up 30 blankets. Some members joined the PS club bowling fundraiser and had a fun time lending a hand to this good cause. They continue to collect clean medicine bottles which are used to fill with lotion, liquid soap etc., for the homeless.



## AREA 2, DIRECTOR MAGGIE ADAMS



**Phoenix Metro: President John Maddox:** In the Fall, Metro participated in the Phoenix Bird Club Walk-a-Thon fundraiser and sold Football Books as a fundraiser for Metro. They held their end of year banquet, awards and Installation of Officers with Phoenix Bird Club. They had an Italian Dinner and participated in the High Tea fundraisers for Lura Turner Homes. They are looking for new projects to help bring in younger members.

**Phoenix Bird Club: President Dan Rich:** There is a special article about them in the Civitan Magazine Online. They held a Walk-a-Thon fundraiser, adopted three families for the holidays and partnered with Metro to help the Salvation Army ring bells at local shopping centers, raising over \$1200. Members enjoyed the Zoo Lights with Metro and The Charity Boys. They will be participating in the High Tea Fund-raiser for Lura Turner Homes and Denny's Night at Denny's Restaurant. They have set a date for Summer Camp in Payson. They are looking for some new young members and new projects.



**Sun Cities: President Michelle Sniezek:** The Sun city Club helps with SCYSAC on Mondays and Fridays. Some of the SCYSAC members participate in bocce and bowling with Special Olympics. They service coin boxes and do a fund-raiser for Lura Turner Homes with McDonald's in Sun City.



## AREA 4, DIRECTOR MIKE RYDER

### **London Bridge Club: President Christine Bergen:**



These Civitans are busy, as usual. In December, they participated in Clothe-A-Child and held their annual Christmas party. Their Road Clean-up is on temporary hold by the City. A garage sale was held in January. Special Olympics is fortunate to have several members assisting with bocce and golf. They are encouraging members to invite community members to become Civitans. Their annual 100-Degree Day contest is under way. Some of the non-winner money from that contest will go to Special Olympics. They have had interesting speakers at their monthly meetings.

### **Civitan Club on the Greens: President Mike Ryder:**

**Lovely Ladies: President Elaine DeFelice:** The Ladies ended 2018 with a good mix of service, fundraising and fellowship. They organized a coat drive for the Lake Mead Health and Rehab Center, sponsored two children for the All Is Bright project at Central Christian and volunteered at Project 150 sorting donations and working the Boutique. Members put in hours helping with NFR at the Golden Nugget as a fundraiser. They hope to be able to repeat that next year! The Annual Christmas Party and ornament exchange provided fellowship, which included officers of the Las Vegas Junior Civitan Club, whose greeting card fundraiser the Ladies supported. 2019 started the year with service at Three Square Food Pantry, sorting hundreds of bags of carrots for needy families. They have some interesting speakers planned for their monthly meetings.



AREA 5, DIRECTOR DEEANN WILSON

**Bannock Civitan: President April Hansen:** The Indoor Golf Committee started meeting in December to plan for the second biggest fundraiser of the year, the PUTT PUTT event to be



held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bannock members brought out their best chili to participate in a fundraiser for the Kimbers. On January 19<sup>th</sup> they held a PUTT PUTT pre party to gather excitement for the upcoming event, signing up golfers and selling raffle tickets. In January the Revive @ 5 Committee started meeting to plan the largest fundraiser of the year. Revive summer starts Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> and continues weekly

until August 28<sup>th</sup>. The annual Clergy Appreciation Luncheon was held when they invite the local clergy and tell the story of the Four Chaplains. The Youth Seminar Committee is in the planning stages for this year's event on the ISU campus.

**Friends Civitan Club: President Skylar Cody:** Friends Members had a Christmas Social with great food and Santa and Mrs. Santa. They also built Pinecone Christmas Trees and had fun dancing. In January they made 165 Valentines for the care centers which they will deliver in February. On February 15 they will Celebrate Clergy week and the story of the Four Clergies. At the March meeting they will fill 1000 Easter Eggs for the Headstart Program for the Annual Hunt in April.



**Twisted Stitchers: President Teresa Wakeman:** Besides the December Christmas social, members knitted, crocheted or used fabric to make Port Covers that cover the seat belt for the PMC Cancer Center. At the January meeting, they learned how to make fleece Ponchos and sewed receiving blankets for the PMC NICU. In February, they will have a 4<sup>th</sup> year Charter Celebration. They are working on a flyer to hang up around Pocatello to get more members. In March, they will be putting together their Annual Spring Basket Raf-

fle and members will be selling tickets and staff a table alongside the Bannock Civitans at the Environmental Fair April 20.

**AREA 6, DIRECTOR ROCKY DESCHAMPS**



**Idaho Falls: President McKayla Matlack:** As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, membership was 126. They continue to have weekly meetings with excellent guest speakers. A Christmas social was held that packed the Sandpiper restaurant. They continue to work monthly at the soup kitchen, helped raise funds for the Festival of Trees, provided a holiday dinner for the Development Workshop, provided breakfast for the Homeless Stand Down, served lunch at Texas Roadhouse for the Shop with a Cop project then wrapped presents at Target. Several members were responsible for starting a new Jr. Civitan Club in Idaho Falls, The Shining Stars.

**Hearts and Hands: President Brent Shields:** The club's 36 members meet monthly and recently went to the Idaho Falls Aquarium. They made Valentines to be delivered to a Senior Citizens Center and are enjoying being Civitans.



**Helena Civitan Club: Tom Mazanec:** After much discussion from their members, they have decided to turn in their charter. They have been struggling for some time and, despite help from other clubs, have decided that they can't continue due to the average age of the members. We are very sorry to see them go.



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