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Canada District West
Region 5



2019-20 C.D.W. Board

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Happy New Civitan Year, and Happy Christmas in less than a month from now. I am writing this message on the day of American Thanksgiving, thinking of all those friends in the USA who are today at home cooking turkey and entertaining family. I'm also thinking of all those stranded by the storms and praying for them that they get where they need to be in time to enjoy the day today.

Here in southern Ontario, we have green grass and milder temperatures, at least for another day or two. Sunshine would be nice, but we can't have everything, I guess!

Your District Board held its first Board Meeting of the year last weekend. It was quite a long meeting, but we had Event Chair Darrell Blackwell present along with Miranda and Pam Jurilj of the Dundas District Civitan Club present to plead their case for hosting the May 2nd Spring Modified One Day meeting. You will find information about the May 2nd event in this issue and trust you will find it very interesting and that you will register to attend. The location is very easy to get to, and is a well-run property. There is an "independent" restaurant on site that will be providing the food and drink for the event; they have kept their pricing extremely reasonable so we are happy to note that the registration fee while lower than in the past couple of years **INCLUDES** your afternoon entertainment.

The London Middlesex Civitan Club put on an excellent Region 5 convention in September; Dundas have large shoes to fill, but it appears that they will be succeeding with the event they are planning. Mark the date on your calendars and plan to attend. This is one to NOT miss!

Of course, the Spring convention is also where we announce the winners of various awards for the 2018-19 year. We also hold elections for the positions on the District Board that will be open for the 2020-21 year; Governor Elect Paul has made it clear that he does not intend to hold the Governor position for two years so we need someone to step up. We also will need one new area directors and a new Past Governor Director. Nominations will open January 1st. Please, please review the job descriptions included in District Policy and allow your name to stand for one of these openings. There will be frequent reminders coming out starting in January.

In closing, from my house to yours, we wish you all a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy and Prosperous New Year!**

Governor Sue



International Board of Directors-2019-20

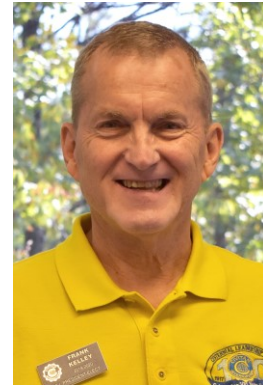
International President Patsy Perkal

Patsy Perkal is the International President for the 2019-2020. She is a member of the Rocky Mountain Civitan Club in the Great Southwest District. She has served as a club president for three Civitan clubs and was an international director from 2011-2012. She was honored with a Junior Civitan Fellow in 2007. She also received club Honor Keys from Northside Civitan Club, River of Hope Civitan Club and most recently from Rocky Mountain Civitan Club as well as a District Honor Key and Governor Honor Key. She is the mother of two, a son and a daughter, and has two grandchildren. Patsy has been married to Glenn since 1982. Contact information: 22520 E. Rowland Drive, Aurora, CO 80016. Cell: 505-321-3484



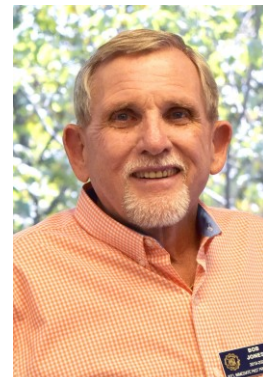
International President-Elect Frank Kelley

Frank Kelley was elected as the 2019-2020 International President-Elect at our Convention in Greenville, South Carolina. Currently, he is an active member of two clubs: the Lawrence ACTION Civitan Club of Lawrence, Kansas and the Lancaster Melton Peace Keepers Civitan Club of Kansas City, Kansas. He was the Lead Club Builder and a charter member of both Clubs. Frank is a veteran with 20 years of service in the United States Air Force. He started his 45 years of Civitan Service as a Junior Civitan in St Petersburg, Florida serving as its Club President and being selected as the Florida District Junior Civitan of the Year. Frank is married to Kim, his bride of 38 years. They are the parents of two adult children and grandparents to two very active grandsons. Contact Information: 113 Liberty Parkway, Apt. 28, Saint Robert, MO 65584-4897 Cell: 727-631-9354



Past International President Bob Jones

Bob Jones is the Past International President for the 2019-2020 year. Bob first joined Civitan in 1989 and is a member of the Mooresville Civitan Club and the South-East Guildford Civitan Club. He has served as club president and as a district and international director for Civitan. Bob has received an honor key at the club, district, governor and international level for Civitan. A Navy veteran, Bob is married to his wife of 53 years, Judy. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Bob and Judy are members of McGill Baptist Church. Contact information: P.O. Box 385 Concord, NC, 28026-0492 Cell: 704-796-0492



Region One Director, 2018- 2021
Julia Floyd

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Region Four Director, 2018-2020
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Region Six Director, 2019-2022
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Region Seven Director, 2019-2022
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Region Eight Director, 2018-2021
Ann McCarty

Director, European Division, 2018-2020
Mogens Brun

Junior Civitan International President
Victoria Bailey

Executive Vice President
Scarlet Thompson



People First Attitude

how to make the people we serve the center of the discussion

SPEAK UP!

HE HAS AN INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

HE HAS AUTISM OR HAS A DIAGNOSIS OF AUTISM

SHE HAS A SPINAL CORD INJURY

SHE HAS A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE OR DIAGNOSIS

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

ACCESSIBLE PARKING, ROOM, AMENITIES, ETC.

HE HAS A CONGENITAL DISABILITY

HE HAS A LEARNING DISABILITY OR DIAGNOSIS

SHE HAS DOWN SYNDROME OR A DIAGNOSIS OF...

SHE RECEIVES SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

HE USES A WHEELCHAIR OR ASSISTIVE MOTOR DEVICE

HE HAS A BRAIN INJURY

SHE HAS A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

HE COMMUNICATES WITH ASSISTIVE DEVICES

STOP TALKING!

MENTALLY RETARDED

AUTISTIC

CRIPPLED

EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED OR MENTALLY ILL

HANDICAPPED, DISABLED, OR SPECIAL NEEDS

HANDICAPPED PARKING, ROOM, AMENITIES, ETC.

BIRTH DEFECT

LEARNING DISABLED

HE'S DOWNS (AS IN DOWN SYNDROME)

SHE IS IN SPECIAL ED

WHEELCHAIR BOUND

BRAIN DAMAGED

DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED

NON-VERBAL



Think Positive

TALK POSITIVE

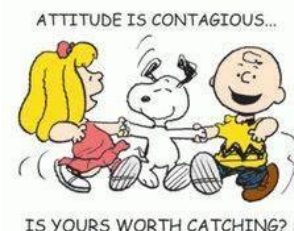
FEEL

POSITIVE



It's all* in the {Attitude}

Attitude Changes Everything!



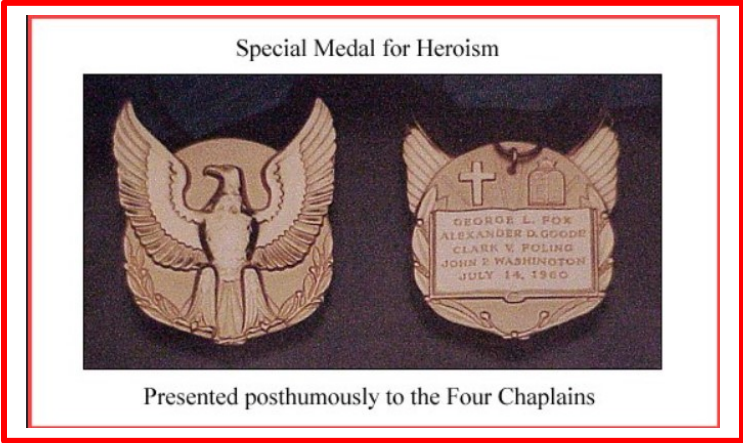


CLERGY APPRECIATION



February 2-8, Clergy Appreciation Week is an international project of Civitan International, which honors local leaders of all faiths for their dedicated service to their local communities. Since 1963, Civitan clubs around the world have set aside a week in February of each year to honor local faith leaders for their acts of service.

The project was inspired by the story of the Four Chaplains. On February 3, 1943, four military chaplains—a Methodist minister, a Catholic priest, a Reformed minister and a Jewish rabbi—sacrificed their lives in service to others on board the USS Dorchester. The troop transport ship, in route to Greenland, was hit by a torpedo. The four chaplains, George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington, and Clark V. Poling, removed their own life jackets to give to other passengers and locked arms in prayer for the safety of others as the ship submerged into the icy waters.



Presented posthumously to the Four Chaplains



TRAGIC LOSS

The Four Chaplains




George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode




Clark V. Poling, John P. Washington

Who Were the Four Chaplains?

The men who came to be known as the Four Chaplains were Methodist minister the Reverend George L. Fox, Reformed Church in America minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (PhD), and Roman Catholic priest Father John P. Washington. The four men had met while attending Chaplains School at Harvard in preparation for each of their appointments as chaplains.

George Lansing Fox was born March 15, 1900, in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. He left school at 17 and lied about his age in order to serve as an Army medical corp assistant in WWI. During his tour of duty, Fox was awarded the Purple Heart, the Silver Star, and the French Croix de Guerre for his bravery. Then, during WWII, Fox accepted an appointment as an Army chaplain on July 24, 1942 and began active duty on August 8, 1942. After he completed Army Chaplains school at Harvard, Fox reported to the 411th Coast Artillery Battalion at Camp Davis in North Carolina.

Clark Vandersall Poling was born August 7, 1910, in Columbus, Ohio. He studied at Yale University's Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut. Poling graduated with his B.D. degree in 1936, and was ordained in the Reformed Church in America. During WWII, he applied to serve as an Army chaplain, and accepted his appointment on June 10, 1942. On June 25, he reported to the 131st Quartermaster Truck Regiment at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (PhD) was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 10, 1911. He studied for the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College. He graduated with a B.H. degree in 1937, and then received his PhD from Johns Hopkins University in 1940. Goode had originally applied to become a Navy chaplain in 1941, but was not accepted. However, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he applied to become an Army chaplain. Goode received his appointment on July 21, 1942 and went on active duty on August 9, 1942. After Chaplains School at Harvard, he was then assigned to the 333rd Airbase Squadron in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

John Patrick Washington was born in Newark, New Jersey on July 18, 1908. To prepare for entrance into the priesthood, he completed high school and college courses at Seton Hall, in South Orange, New Jersey. Washington graduated in 1931 with an A.B. Degree, then entered Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington, New Jersey, where he was ordained a priest on June 15, 1935. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, Washington received his appointment as an Army chaplain. He reported for active duty on May 9, 1942, and was assigned to the 76th Infantry Division in Ft. George Meade, Maryland in June.

Posthumous Medals

On Dec. 19, 1944, Congress posthumously awarded each of the chaplains the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross. Congress also attempted to posthumously confer the Medal of Honor on each chaplain. However, because the chaplains had acted after the torpedo attack was over, and this medal required heroism performed "under fire," they did not technically qualify. In response, members of Congress authorized the Four Chaplains' Medal, a special medal intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor. It was approved by a unanimous act of Congress on July 14, 1960, and Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker presented the medals to the next of kin of each chaplain at Ft. Myer, Virginia on Jan. 18, 1961.

Because the water temperature was 34 degrees and the air temperature was 36 degrees, hundreds of men died due to hypothermia before rescue ships came. Of the 904 men aboard the ship, only 230 were rescued.

Table Topics: Review

What strategies of events have been successful to recruit new members and why?

- Themed recruitment parties: talk about Civitan but also talk about the social aspects as well
- Speakers: get speakers that are engaging for people in the community
- Club open house: Have food and open it for members discuss and present on projects the club is involved in
- Meet at member's home with food and wine – bring club scrapbook
- Bunco
- Game night
- Invite potential new members to service projects first instead of a meeting
- Invite new people who move in to town
- Offer to pick up a potential new member and bring them to their first meeting
- Past party – sell and give away tickets
- Social media – advertise to get your name and projects out there
- Local farmers market
- Small town newspaper
- After hours monthly social
- Golf outing
- PR in newspaper
- Brag boards for projects, accomplishments, involvement, etc.
- Servant's Heart Award
- Partner with other local service organizations, such as Rotary and Lions
- Invite potential members who are in related fields
- Welcome Wagon Committee: volunteer at events, host casual dinner meetings, mentor new members
- Easter Egg Hunt for community – partner with Special Olympics
- Put labels on items that the club sells with club info and who they can contact



Considering the CIRC is the flagship project of Civitan International, what fundraising project(s) does your club hold that specifically support the CIRC through Civitans at the Helm OR how can you tailor existing projects that you do benefit the CIRC?

- Add extra amount to dues to go directly to the CIRC
- Budget allocation for all fundraisers with a portion always being donated back to the CIRC
- Coin or Candy box money
- Weekly bingo with a portion going to the CIRC
- Pocket Levy – pass around a coin box at meetings as a “surprise” with members emptying their pocket change to fill the coin box
- Gift wrapping for donations
- Budget line item directly to the CIRC
- Garage sale
- Fishing tournament
- Fall festival booth
- Selling items for holidays, such as roses or chocolates for Valentine's Day, mums for Mother's Day, etc.
- Monday Night Football books
- Wine Tasting and Auction
- Silent Auction
- Set aside 10% (or more) of all fundraising profits to go directly to CIRC
- Radio fundraiser

How does your club engage current membership including, but not limited to, their passions, input on club structure and meetings, etc.?

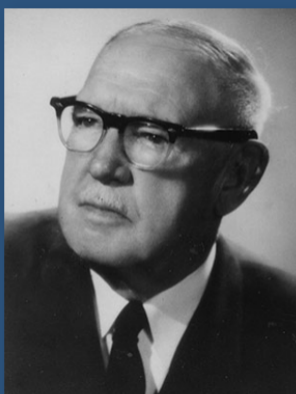
- Take a survey: have each member fill out the survey (online) annually
- Intentional recruiting: fill out the form from international as a group
- New member orientation: have other members there to talk about projects, socials, etc.
- Have a project list readily available and let all members choose where they want to serve
- Call and speak with members who have not attended in a while to see where they are, how they've been, etc.
- Pizza party
- Club newsletter
- Birthday cards, sympathy cards, we miss you cards, get well cards, etc.
- Website and Facebook posts
- "Getting to know you" at club meetings
- Projects
- Strategic plan annually
- Flowers and cards to members ("Sunshine Club")
- Raffle
- Garden Party
- Member Retreat – social and planning
- Rib cookoff
- Social event at local minor league games – rent a suite or have a block of tickets
- Quarterly family social event
- Weekly blog post from president
- Utilize web calls for those who can't attend the meetings in person but still want to be a part of the club
- Hold two meetings a month at different times (ex: one at lunch, one after dinner) so it fits more schedules



What can Civitan International do to help you, your club, and your membership be successful?

- Promote Civitan magazine more
 - A link is provided for each issue through the main Civitan International Facebook page. We no longer offer a print version, as voted on during the Norfolk convention.
- Current Email lists – be more proactive about getting email lists out and getting them updated and send to president every quarter
 - You can request an updated roster from your Membership Specialist at any time during the year. We can only update what we receive, so in order to have the correct information please make sure your clubs are turning in new emails as they receive them.
- PR Resources
 - We are constantly working on getting updated toolkits to your club and they can be found in the member center on the Civitan website. If there is something specific you would like, please let us know!
- Announce new ideas for projects and put out a blog with ideas that have work for clubs in the past.
 - This was a popular request at convention, and it is on our radar to provide a document like this in the future that your club can download.
- New member orientation program available on the website
 - We are in the process of developing an updated new member orientation program – stay tuned!
- Monthly email from region director
 - Great suggestion!
- Provide member information of clubs that folded to others nearby so they can reach out
 - We provide this information to the members of the club that is folding so they can reach out to you if they are interested in getting involved.

- Communication: answer emails in a timely manner
 - Our staff does our best to return phone calls and emails in a timely manner. There are some things which take longer to respond with, especially regarding legal or financial questions. We will get back in touch with you as soon as we are able.
- Encourage successful clubs, regardless of size
 - Absolutely! We want to do a better job of this!
- Training session on how to use the website
 - Great suggestion!
- Provide business card clubs can purchase from Supply House and fill in their information
 - We've passed this request along to Supply House. In the meantime, you can create a custom card through Vista Print.
- More Vimeo videos and PR help
 - Our PR and Marketing department is working each day to update our media resources for you. Be sure to check out our Vimeo page and the website for the latest updates.
- Provide more information on legal matters
 - If you ever have a question, please reach out to your Membership Specialist. We will put you in contact with the right person at headquarters.
- Increase focus on international clubs
 - If your club is interested in sponsoring an international club, reach out to Louis Stephens at louis@civitan.org to get more information!



“The dearest thing in life to me is the inspiration which urges me on to give the best that is in me to the “builders of good citizenship,” and makes of it a labor of love.”

Dr. Courtney W. Shropshire, Founder of Civitan International

FIVE KEYS TO RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

- **Handshakes lead to conversations**
- **Conversations lead to relationships**
- **Relationships lead to collaboration**
- **Collaboration leads to your Civitan club**
- **Civitan clubs change the world for the better**





CANADIAN DISTRICT WEST

Bill Hiscott
75 Centennial Street
Holland Landing, ON L9N 1H1
whiscott@origin-and-cause.com

November 24, 2019

Members of Canadian District West

Exciting News

Now that Sno Do has been dropped by Civitan International a small committee have been putting plans in motion to hold a Canadian Junior/Senior event call **SNOW FUNd**.

A logo, which we are very excited about was designed by Ryan Blackwell for this Canadian Event and note the outer ring of the logo matches the Civitan International logo ring but keeps the design CANADIAN. *(see top left corner of page)*

In the past clubs have been very generous in their donations to both the Junior Governor and the Barrie Civitan Club, helping make Sno Do a huge success. We are hoping that you will continue with your support to the Junior Governor who will be attending the All in Summit in Birmingham Alabama in February 2020 but will also direct your support to SNOW FUN'd.

SNOW FUN'd will be for all junior and senior Civitan's of Canadian District West with Snow Tubing, riding snow machines (weather permitting), winter snow games and continuing with the tradition of a back bacon on a bun lunch and BBQ dinner.

The first year of SNOW FUN'd we are not designing it as a fund raiser but more a social and that is where we need your support. Plans are to charge a small fee for the Juniors and Seniors to participate, but to cover the costs and still be able to make a small donation to WATER FIRST another exciting initiative the clubs of Canadian District West are partnering with. We are hoping that your club will donate to SNOW FUN'd to sponsor a meal or event.

We want this to become a CANADIAN project that will continue to grow each year, so we are asking each club for financial support as well as having representatives on the committee. Six (6) clubs currently are participating.

The agenda is attached in another document.

Lets ALL get involved.

Please send your donations to Civitan International Foundation of Canada if a tax receipt is required or the restricted event account with the Barrie Civitan Club, earmarking the funds for SNOW FUNd.

Thanks to all who have shown their enthusiasm and support to date for this new project. I hope all the clubs will become involved and help make this a Region event in the future.

Bill Hiscott
SNOW FUNd Chair

Donation mailing information:

Civitan International Foundation of Canada
C/O Ms. Sue Gibson, 52 Boullee St., London, ON, N5Y 1T6

Barrie Civitan Club
C/O Bill Hiscott, 75 Centennial St., Holland Landing, ON, L9H 1H1



**CANADIAN DISTRICT WEST – SNOW FUN'd
EVENT AGENDA
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD, 2020
9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM**

9:00 AM TO 9:45 AM:

- Arrive at event location: Anten Mills Community Centre – 3985 Horseshoe Valley Rd., W, Springwater, ON L4M 4Y8. (South side of Horseshoe Valley Rd., west of Wilson)

9:45 AM to 10:15 AM:

- Ice Breaker – Tracy Beck

10:15 AM – 12:45 PM:

- Snow Valley – Snow Tubing (2 hours)

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM:

- “BACK BACON ON A BUN LUNCH WITH THE TRIMMINGS.

2:15 PM – 5:00 PM:

- SNOW GAMES & SNOW MOBILE RIDES IN SMALL GROUPS ACCORDING TO MACHINE AVAILABILITY AND SNOW CONDITIONS.

5:00 PM. – 7:00 PM:

- BBQ BURGER DINNER WITH MOOSE TRACK ICE CREAM AND THE TRIMMINGS

**GET!
INVOLVED!**

**LET'S
HAVE
FUN**

Participate

ENJOY



**SAVE THE DATE
JOIN THE FUN
PLAN ON
ATTENDING**



**CANADIAN DISTRICT WEST – SNOW FUN'd
REGISTRATION FORM
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD, 2020
9:00 AM TO 7:00 PM**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____

CIVITAN CLUB – JUNIOR _____

SENIOR _____

FOOD ALLERGIES: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

JUNIOR \$ 25.00 _____ **SENIOR \$ 40.00** _____

T-SHIRT IS ADULT SIZING: (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) _____

DO YOU REQUIRE WINTER GEAR FROM US- SIZE: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO RIDE ON A SNOW MACHINE: (Y/N) _____

We will have the gloves, helmets, balaclavas and boots required for riding.

The registration fee for the Juniors includes an event t-shirt, Snow Tubing Pass, Lunch – Back Bacon on a Bun and trimmings, Snow games, Ride on Snow Mobile (must have licence to drive), Hamburger Dinner.

The registration fee for the Seniors includes an event t-shirt, Lunch – Back Bacon on a Bun and trimmings, Snow games, Ride on Snow Mobile (must have licence to drive), BBQ Burger Dinner.

Event Location: Anten Mills Community Centre – 3985 Horseshoe Valley Rd., W, Springwater, ON L4M 4Y8. Registration 9:00 am and runs to 7:00 pm.

Please email this form to Whiscott@origin-and-cause.com and send your cheque to William Hiscott – 75 Centennial St., Holland Landing, ON L9N 1H1.

Local Barrie area hotel information will follow in another document.



REGISTRATION FORM

Spring One Day Modified

CANADIAN DISTRICT WEST CONVENTION
Dundas District Civitan Club
May 2, 2020

Visitors Inn
649 Main St. West
Hamilton, Ontario

* Room Rates are \$149.00/night +taxes (for 2 adults,+\$10 extra pp)
(12 Room Block: 8 Rooms King)
Toll Free: 1-800-387-4620 Local: 905-529-6979

First Person:

Name: _____ Civitan Y/N ____
Voting Delegate Y/N ____ Club _____
District/Club Office _____ Past Governor Y/N ____ Year ____
Address _____ City/PC _____
Is this your first Convention Y/N ____ JR Civitan Y/N ____ Home Club _____

Saturday Night Dinner is a Buffet: *Food Allergies _____

*Contact for hotel catering: The Hungry Traveler 1-800-387-4620, or 905-529-6979 call week before.

Second Person:

Name: _____ Civitan Y/N ____
Voting Delegate Y/N ____ Club _____
District/Club Office _____ Past Governor Y/N ____ Year ____
Address _____ City/PC _____
Is this your first Convention Y/N ____ JR Civitan Y/N ____ Home Club _____

Saturday Night Dinner is a Buffet: *Food Allergies _____

*Contact for hotel catering: The Hungry Traveler 1-800-387-4620, call week before.

REGISTRATION: \$75.00/PERSON

Includes: Saturday; Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Buffet

ALL HOTEL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY Wednesday, APRIL 1, 2020

You can book online: registration@visitorsinn OR 1-800-387-4620 Confirmation #242316

NOTE: Please see second registration page for afternoon activity choices!

FINAL CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION: April 27, 2020

Please make your cheque payable to: Civitan, CANADIAN DISTRICT WEST

Mail your completed registration to: Civitan Treasurer, Anita Francis

2203-22 Hanover Road

Brampton, ON L6S 5K7 anitaf7501@yahoo.ca





REGISTRATION FORM Spring One Day Modified

CANADIAN DISTRICT WEST CONVENTION
Dundas District Civitan Club
May 2, 2020

Afternoon Activity Choice:

If you would like to join us in an afternoon fellowship activity please rank the following from your first choice (1) to your least favourite choice (3). Please note that both tours include a lot of walking so if you are unable to participate in those choices please only rank the painting class as your choice and we will ensure you have a spot there. These activities are at no additional cost to you when you register for the convention.

___ Dundurn Castle Tour (610 York Blvd, Hamilton, ON L8R 3E7)

-Dundurn National Historic Site offers an amazing glimpse into what life was like in a mid-19th century grand country estate. From the ornate bedrooms to the basement rooms where the servants toiled, touring through this beloved Hamilton landmark is a must-do activity when you're in the area.

___ Royal Botanical Gardens Tour (680 Plains Road West, Burlington, ON L7T 4H4)

-Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) in Hamilton and Burlington Ontario is the largest botanical garden in Canada, a National Historic Site, and registered charitable organization with a mandate to bring together people, plants and nature.

___ Painting Class (Located in the Meeting Room at the Visitors Inn)

-A 2-hour fun afternoon with an artist who will guide you through step by step, from start to finish, a painting that you get to take home and enjoy!



If you have any questions about any of the activities please contact Miranda Jurilj at miranda.jurilj@gmail.com

Friday Night Social!



Join the Dundas District Civitan Club on the Friday night (May 1st) before the convention for a musical at Theatre Ancaster!

For more information about the show and to buy your ticket go to <https://www.theatreancaster.com/playbill.html>

Please also RSVP with Civitan Bruce Davey at 905-627-5368 or bruce.davey3@sympatico.ca

COME AND JOIN US!



DON'T MISS OUT!

NIGHTCAP BAR



Join us in the Hospitality Room for a Make-Your-Own Nightcap!



**MAY 2, 2020
10:00PM**

Visitors Inn Meeting Room

Wear Pajamas or your Comfiest Clothes!!

A MAGICAL NIGHT OF MYSTERY
... and murder

Ravenwood Masquerade Ball

Saturday May 2nd 2020
Please arrive between 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Visitors Inn Meeting Room





Cambron Bice, our 2016-2017 Junior Civitan International President, has returned to world headquarters to start his Micah Fellowship through his college. He'll be serving as a pseudo staff member (unpaid, but gets college credit) for the upcoming year and will have the opportunity to serve for a second year if needed. Cambron is a Junior at Samford University here in Birmingham and is majoring in journalism. As you all know, Cambron and his family are part of our Civitan family – going back to his grandfather joining the organization decades ago in Georgia. Cambron serves in various capacities at Samford, including being an ambassador for the school. And, he served us well as a high schooler, on our International board for the Junior Civitan program for two years.

Cambron started today, and will work Mondays and Wednesdays. He'll have his own email address soon, and will be focused on helping the Junior Civitan program but we'll also introduce him to various other parts of our organization over time. If you are on site here in October please be sure to spend some time with him. We're so excited to have him back!

2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION-save the date-



Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sunday, July 26 – Wednesday, July 29
Hilton City Center

The Brew City. The Cream City. The City of Festivals. Whether you know it as America's Third Coast or the Bloody Mary Metropolis, Milwaukee is a friendly, vibrant city filled with things to explore. Visit the flying art museum, discover the birthplace of Harley-Davidson, sip a locally-brewed cup of coffee – it's totally random, totally wonderful, and totally Milwaukee. Find more information on our host city.



2020 Civitan International Convention

Official Registration Form for Civitans and Guests

Hilton City Center • Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Sunday, July 26 through Wednesday, July 29

To pay with a credit/bank card, visit: www.civitan.org/convention

Instructions: Registrations must be received on the Official Registration Form (include a separate signed form for each person). Every registrant must sign the Liability Release and Waiver, Indemnification. **Only those registered as Civitan members may be certified to vote on behalf of his or her club or district.** Delegate name badges will be required for entry to ALL convention functions including general sessions, workshops, and ticketed events.

Check any offices you currently hold:

- Club President Governor International Board Member
 Club President-elect Governor-elect Past International President

Full Name _____
 Badge Name _____ Telephone _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____
 Email _____
 Civitan Club _____ Club Number _____
 Civitan District _____ District Number _____
 Dietary request: Vegetarian Vegan Gluten free Pescatarian Keto Kosher

This is my first Civitan International Convention. Yes No
 I will be a voting delegate for my club. Yes No
 I will be a voting delegate for my district. Yes No

Check only one

*** Only those registered as Civitan members may be certified to vote. You may be a voting delegate for your club or district, NOT both.**

Liability Release and Waiver.

The undersigned (hereinafter referred to as "Attendee") acknowledges, understands, confirms and agrees that Attendee's attendance at, and participation in any activities, events and functions (collectively, the "Activities") associated with, the 2020 Civitan International Annual Convention (the "Annual Convention") could result in injury to Attendee and/or damage to Attendee's property from a combination of factors including, but not limited to, dangerous conditions at, in or about any lodging, dining, meeting, recreational and/or other facilities utilized for the Annual Convention and the Activities, transportation of Attendee to and from the Annual Convention and/or the Activities, third-party vendors contracted to provide goods and services for the Annual Convention and its attendees, unfavorable weather conditions, and other risks to Attendee from attending the Annual Convention and participating in the Activities. Attendee fully realizes the dangers and risks to Attendee of attending the Annual Convention and participating in the Activities.

In consideration of the time, effort and expenses incurred by Civitan International to host the Annual Convention and plan the Activities, and as a condition to Attendee being permitted to attend the Annual Convention and participate in the Activities, ATTENDEE HEREBY RELEASES, FOREVER DISCHARGES, AND AGREES NOT TO SUE OR BRING ANY OTHER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE RELEASED PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF ANY NATURE WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, WHICH ATTENDEE HAS OR MAY IN THE FUTURE HAVE AND WHICH COULD BE ASSERTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF ATTENDEE IN CONNECTION WITH ATTENDEE'S ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION AND/OR ATTENDEE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION, PREMISES LIABILITY, TORT CLAIMS, BREACH OF WARRANTY, STATUTORY VIOLATIONS AND BREACH OF CONTRACT. The term "Released Parties" shall mean Civitan International and its officers, directors, managers, employees, agents, representatives, volunteers, assigns and successors in interest. The foregoing release and waiver of claims shall not apply to claims arising from the grossly negligent, reckless or intentional conduct by any of the Released Parties.

I understand and agree that I may be photographed during my attendance at the Annual Convention and while participating in the Activities. I agree to allow my photo, video, or film likeness to be used for any legitimate purpose by Civitan International and/or its districts and member clubs without compensation or notice to me.

Signature _____

Date _____

Mail form with payment to:
Civitan International Convention
P. O. Box 130744, Birmingham, AL
35213-0744 USA

2020 Cancellation Policy: Requests for registration refunds postmarked before June 1 will be assessed a \$15 processing fee. Requests for registration refunds postmarked June 2 through June 30 will be assessed a 50 percent fee. Requests postmarked July 1 through July 20 are eligible for a 25 percent refund. Request for refunds of ticketed events will not be accepted after July 20. Cancellations due to bona fide emergencies (death or illness) will be honored, less the \$15 processing fee, if received no later than August 29. No requests for refund will be honored after August 29. All requests must be received in writing.

Convention Policy: Registrant name badges will be required to attend ALL convention functions, including general sessions, elections, workshops, and ticketed programs. These will be included in your convention packet, and provided upon arrival. Thank you for your understanding.

REGISTRATION ONLY

Civitan Program \$160.00
Guest Program \$75.00

Both include all non-ticketed functions:

- Opening Ceremonies
- Business Sessions
- Seminars and Workshops
- Host Hospitality, Supply House
- International Research Center Presentation
- Membership Program

TICKETED EVENTS

A Welcome Party will follow Opening Ceremonies. Tickets are limited. We will wrap up the convention with the Closing Banquet. Both of these events are separately ticketed and are not included in any other registration, but **are included** in packages as noted.

Welcome Party
\$40.00 for Civitan or Guest, limited number of tickets available

Closing Banquet
\$60.00 for Civitan or Guest

EVENT PACKAGES

Civitan Event Package \$250.00
Includes complete Civitan Program in addition to the Welcome Party and Closing Banquet

Guest Event Package \$170.00
Includes complete Guest Program in addition to the Welcome Party and Closing Banquet

Registration Fee Schedule (if received by)	April 1	May 15	June 30
<input type="checkbox"/> Civitan Event Package	\$250.00	\$265.00	\$280.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Civitan Registration only	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$190.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Guest Event Package	\$170.00	\$180.00	\$195.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Party Ticket (Adult)	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Installation Banquet Ticket (Adult)	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$85.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Party Ticket (Youth)	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Installation Banquet Ticket (Youth)	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$55.00

Payment Options:

Civitan International has implemented new security measures for the protection of your personal and credit card information. Credit card payments may be made through our secure online portal. Never send credit card information through or in an email or nonsecure fax (i.e. UPS Store). If you have any questions, concerns or issues, please contact Mary Luck 800.CIVITAN (248-4826) ext. 121.

Credit Card: Register online at www.civitan.org/convention

Check or Money Order Enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Region 5 - September 13-15, 2019

Lets Make A Civitan Deal



Cathy wins a frog to match her outfit!



John is excited winning 50 Shades of Grey Trilogy

EVERYONE AGREES
LONDON MIDDLESEX CIVITAN CLUB
DID A FANTASTIC JOB IN HOSTING!!!



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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
BOB JONES
&
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
BILL LAWRENCE



GOV. SUE GIBSON
Thanks Them In Style



JUNIOR GOVERNOR
SIMONE FLANNERY



Guest Speaker:
Amy Gopal
speaking on
WATER FIRST



GOV. SUE GIBSON



GOV.-ELECT PAUL SCUDDS



REGION 5 HEAD TABLE SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 2019



2019-20 OFFICER INSTALLATION

Past Gov. Norma Johnston presents Governor Sue Gibson with her Governors Honour Key and gift from the District for her 2018-19 year as Governor



I.D. Bill Lawrence announced that Lyle Armstrong was "Civitan of the Year 2017-18" and presented Lyle with a plaque.



Three Governors: Alice, John, Sue



Banner Exchange



Honour Key Line



Bill Presents the Plaque that Sierra Leone Presented to Canadians in 2017



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A Few Area Directors & Past



Lyle Presents Outgoing International Director Bill with a Gift from Region 5.



Honour Key Recipients



Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!!

Thanks to the London Middlesex Civitan Club
for Hosting a GREAT convention!!

KITCHENER WATERLOO CIVITAN - Paula Roberts

We are always busy in the K-W area during Octoberfest in October. One of our biggest fund raisers. We ran three Crown and Anchor wheels at Bingemans, allowing us to contribute more to our community. Many thanks to Dave Fleischer for getting the required help from many of the charities we have donated to in the past. **SPECIAL THANKS** to OneRoof Youth Services and Waterloo Region Track 3 Ski School.

Halloween at the Safety Village was a great success again this year.

“Waterloo Wonders of Winter” is running from November 30, 2019 until January 1, 2020. December 27th between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. you will find us managing the Park Inn Concession booth. If you are in the area come, and see some wonderful lights and maybe go on a trolley ride!

Because of our low membership number, we have declined doing any more Bingos. We are now in the middle of selling Claxton Fruit Cake again this year.

We wish all Civitans and their families a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2020. Good luck with your projects.

K-W CIVITAN CLUB



LONDON MIDDLESEX CIVITAN-Darrell Blackwell

Well it's been a busy but fun fall season; we had our annual Halloween dance for community living London with well over 200 attendees all dressed to scare up some demons and other mythical creatures.



The next thing on our list was our tacky Christmas party, we had it in November this year so that the snow birds could join in the fun. About 20 members showed up with one guest and our very own Civitan Bob Deller received his 25 year pin. All our Claxton fruit cake is out the door and up next is our Christmas dance for community living London and also Pauline Blackwell and Susan Heatherly are putting on a paint afternoon with tea and treats



AGINCOURT CIVITAN-December 1

The Agincourt Civitan Club Installation Night was held on September 19th, 2019 at the Scogliera Italian Ristorante in Scarborough. The event was attended by Governor Sue Gibson, Past Governor / Area Director Joyce Evans and International Director Pat McKinney. Guests also included President David's mother Jean and Ruth McNicholl. The new board of directors, President Rhonda Thomson, President Elect Anna Cavicchia, Past President and Secretary David Birtwell, Treasurer Bob Emo and Director Mark Latremouille were installed by Governor Sue. Governor Sue also presented longtime member Civitan Eveline Wallace with a Certificate of Achievement and Medallion Member pin from Civitan International for 35 years of service in Civitan. Past President David Birtwell also presented a token appreciation gift to the outgoing board members. A great start to a new Civitan Year 2019 – 2020.

A Seniors Social was held on Wednesday September 18th, 2019 (2:30 PM) at the Cedarbrook Retirement Home in Scarborough. James Reagan was the entertainment with music and song. This was done in conjunction with the Retirement Centre's Birthdays for the month of September. It was a good turnout and was very successful. Attending from Agincourt Civitan was organizer Civitan Jacqui Tucker and Civitans Bob Emo, Paul Scudds and Bob Nicholls. There were approximately 100 residents in attendance with cake and light refreshments served.

Our Gliders Skating Club has returned to Agincourt Recreation Centre after a devastating fire destroyed much of the complex earlier this year. We have 2 new skaters who have already been skating on their own after only 5 lessons. Our Christmas party will however be held at Commander Park Arena on Dec 15th with presents and lots of food.

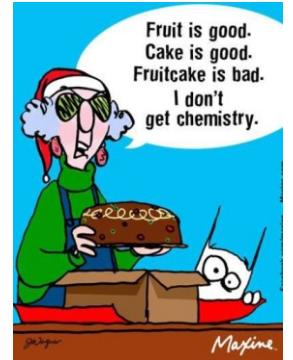
Our club is well on its way with the selling of Claxton cakes. On November 9th, Civitan David and his nephew Jimmy attended a Christmas Bazaar at Branch 614 of the Canadian Legion. Even though attendance was a bit down, we still sold lots of cake. Other bazaars being attending by other club members are also doing well in the cake sales.

On the October 28th, 2019 business meeting Past President David Birtwell was presented with a Century Award and a small gift for his year as President.

The Agincourt Civitan Club's annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday December 14th, 2019 at the home of Civitan Jacqui Tucker in Stouffville.



AGINCOURT CIVITAN-Cake Sales



Drumroll please...Civitan International is proud to present Civitan Connect, a new communications platform designed to support members at every level. This new initiative aims to encourage and support members as they engage with one another on social media and receive resources, tools and ideas through targeted email newsletters. Now, go check your email for your first all-member newsletter, join the Facebook groups that are designed for you, and share this with your clubs and districts. Happy connecting Civitans!



more information:

<https://civitan.org/2019/10/09/civitanconnect2020/>

HALTON CIVITAN-#3526

The CWSDS monthly bingos continue to be well attended. The Christmas Stocking Bingo was held on November 20. Santa Rick arrived on time and the club helped him distribute 80 Christmas bags. Elf Wendy was there to help out as well. The bags included a hand-knit touque and mitts. Our very generous knitter, Sandy Atkinson, again did a fantastic job. Everybody had a great time.

A food and monetary donation was made to the Oakville Food Bank.

A gift card for Metro was given to Halton Women's Centre to buy cookies and coffee for their weekly drop-in centre for women who need support.

Another successful BBQ was held at Sobey's in September. Special thanks to Brenda Gibbard and Erika Imgrund for their hard work to make this project the success that it was.

We collected gently-used purses during the year and filled them with various beauty and other products and donated them to the Halton Women's Centre and the Halton Women's Shelter.

Cake and cookie sales are going well.

We put together 200 birthing kits for Haiti in October.

We are making contact with the Halton Jr Civitan Club.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from Halton Civitan Club

Cathy Dunn attended the Region 5 Convention and Marlyne and Jazdia were off on a trip to Europe.



REMINDER

Nominations for Honorary Canadian may be made by any Civitan Club or Member from Region 5 who is in GOOD STANDING. Applications must be made in writing and received by the District Governor or Governor Elect prior to March 15th. Only nominations received in accordance with the provisions of this policy will be eligible for consideration by the committee.

The individual will be chosen from the nominations received by a committee consisting of the International Director, Governor and Governor-Elect from Canadian District West, Canadian Northern Lights and Canada True North at the Region Five Governors Update.

Should the Committee feel there is not a suitable candidate there will not be a Honorary Canadian named in that Civitan Year.



HONORARY CANADIAN – PLEASE SEE YOUR
DISTRICT DIRECTORY FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON
HOW TO SUBMIT.

APPLICATIONS FOR HONORARY CANADIAN
DUE MARCH 15

DUNDAS CIVITAN #3212

Plans are already underway for our club's hosting of the Spring Convention. We want to give our fellow Civitans from throughout the District a feel for the Hamilton area. An opportunity to visit historic Dundurn Castle and the Royal Botanical Gardens will be among the features offered. We'll be providing further updates about the convention over the next few months. Thanks to Civitan Miranda Jurlij, and her planning committee for their ongoing work.

The fall period has been a busy one for us. On October 5th, we hosted our second shredding day in the neighbouring Ancaster community, and all went well. We're getting better known for providing this service in the community. Thanks again to Civitan Anne Pearson and her committee, as well as volunteers who came out that day, for helping make this another success.

Later that month we did a fall Adopt A Road clean up of the Cootes Drive trail. Again, we had a strong contingent of Junior Civitans there to work with us.

On November 11, we were well represented at the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Dundas Cenotaph. Aaron Matthews and Civitan Bruce Davey came out on a snowy day, to the cenotaph to lay the club's wreath.

For the second year in a row, on November 30, we participated in the Flamborough Santa Claus Parade. This is a major event with a long tradition. Our thanks to Civitans Pam and Miranda Jubilant Erin Lee for taking the lead, and to all volunteers who came out that evening.

Another big event in November- we joined in congratulating Civitan Peter Stone on his 85th birthday. He and wife Audrey have been long-time club members. Over the past 20 years, Peter has served the club in a number of capacities, including president, and secretary, and is a Club Key recipient.

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY PETER STONE



CONGRATULATIONS

Peter and Audrey Stone at Peter's 85th.

Peter has been president, secretary, treasurer, director and has been involved in most club committees. He has done it all including is a holder of a "Club Honour Key" for exemplary club performance.

WELL DESERVED

Last week there were 30 Civitans and friends attending the pre-show dinner at Boston Pizza and the play Mama Mia. This musical did not disappoint. It was a blast. Everyone was singing and tapping to the Abba's music. Thank you to Deb Goodman for arranging the tickets and Pam Jurlij for making arrangements at BP.

The next show **The British Invasion** will be on the Friday night May 1st before our one day convention on May 2nd.

DUNDAS CIVITAN- Santa Parade

Greetings all: Wow what a week for Civitan. Last night the Flamborough Santa Claus Parade was on and the club was there with bells on as well as beach balls and blankets and many lights. There will be lots of pics over the next few days; but checkout the float here. Our friends at Austin Lee Construction did an amazing job. Thank you to Erin Lee, Kelsey George, Rick George, Miranda Jurilj, Pam Jurilj. Kevin Lee and a couple of his employees Tyler and Todd Shepherd. The only thing missing was a big heater.

At the parade we had lots of Civitans both senior and juniors represented. Oh did I say it was cold. Yup!!!!!!!



Ride on the Civitan Float at the Santa Clause Parade!

Meet at the Sun Smith Park in Woodburn at 5:40 on November 30th

Dress warm! It will be cold!

Pick-up from Guardian Angel Church after parade (approx. 6:30)

Questions? Contact Pam at 905-743-3885

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE DUNDAS CIVITAN CLUB

KAWARTHA LAKES CIVITAN #2721

"We receive to give."

Receive donated goods, hold a sale and turn the goods into cash so we can give back to our community.

Such is the case where, we are holding our first-ever Christmas sale starting in October and continuing into December Karen Luff, our dutiful treasurer and quarterback on the initiative said she is quite happy with the results.

Our December focus is an ongoing partnership with the Fenelon Falls Salvation Army.

For many years, Civitan members have staffed the kettles at two locations in Coboconk and this year is no different. If you're visiting Coboconk this month, stop by the LCBO or Foodland on Fridays and Saturdays between 11am and 5pm, drop some spare change (or paper money) in the kettle and say hello.

Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club now has its own Facebook page. Next time you're on social media, visit our page, give us a like and follow along.



From left Ken Luff (president),

Front row--Karen Luff, Johnny Cormier, Edgar Fildey.

Back row: Dean Michel, Debbie Cormier, Dave Reid, Steve Phillips

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KAWARTHA LAKES CIVITAN CLUB
WISH THE MEMBERS OF CIVITAN

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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MIDLAND CIVITAN #1959

Our Inaugural and Awards Night, was held Sept 28, 2019. President Norma and New Board Installed by PIP Bill Hiscott, assisted by PIP Bob Robinson. Governor Sue installed one new Member and Civitan Cleo Deroches presented with 50 year Service Award by both the Club and Mayor of Penetanguishene. Honour Keys presented to Civitans Cleo Desroches, Carroll Wilson and John Veals. A very pleasant evening enjoying the strings of Sistema prior to our meal, at which time, we presented them with a cheque for \$1000.00

SOO Bowling and curling well under way, Our Special Olympics Curling teams went to Divisional on Sat, Nov 30 and took Second place. Cake sales are going extremely well, also the Chocolate Almonds

All hands were on deck for Midland Santa Parade on Nov. 30. Once again the Midland Civitan Santa Parade went well, with two Scrooges this year. Prizes will be awarded to the winners on Dec. 3, 2019 at the Midland Curling Club. Our Breakfast at Mom's for all Members and those volunteers working on the Parade is at Mom's Restaurant on Sat Dec. 7 at 8.30 am. A big thank you to Civitans John Veals and Carol Frederick who worked hard to make this a success, however, as with every year Civitans Mike and Barrett did yeoman service as well. .

We will be having a Social Night on February 8, 2020 at the Midland Curling Club involving Curling, Cards, Games or just Fellowship and all are welcome.

We will be participating in the Winterama Parade in Penetanguishene on February 15, 2020 and also in Snow Fun'd February 23, 2020.

We recently approved a \$5000.00 donation to GBGH and \$2000.00 to the Midland Legion "Raising the Roof" as well as \$2500.00 to Hospice Huronia

We have one prospective new member to be hopefully installed in January 2020.





Everybody loves a parade! The Midland Civitan Santa Claus Parade marched into beautiful downtown Midland, people came early to stake their spot as mascots, dancing groups, elves, Christmas characters and floats entertained and wished everybody a Merry Christmas. King Street was lined with eager eyes waiting to catch a glimpse of a friend on a float and of course Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, Father Christmas, Kris Kringle, or simply "SANTA"



Canadian District West

Is hoping that this Christmas season
fills your home with joy,
your hearts with love
and your lives with laughter.

GOV. SUE GIBSON & TEAM

PAUL SCUDDS
ANITA FRANCIS
BRUCE DAVEY
CATHY DUNN
JOYCE EVANS
JOHN VEALS
TRACY BECK

NORMA JOHNSTON
MARLYNE VAN EXAN
DARRELL BLACKWELL
ANNA CAVICCHIA
LYLE ARMSTRONG
MELANIE STRIPP
DON CALDWELL
PAT MCKINNEY
BILL HISCOTT
BOB EMO



*Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a
shelf.*

*The good you do for others is good you do
yourself.*

– Norman Wesley Brooks



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION OF CANADA

is sending special thoughts
and many wishes too.

For all it takes to make the Christmas season
full of joy for you.



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW
YEAR**

Canadian District West-from Sunny Florida

GOVERNOR ELECT – Paul Scudds MESSAGE



I would like to thank everyone who supported me for the position of Governor Elect. It has been almost 10 years since I was last on the board of Canadian District West.

I am currently in my winter residence in Bradenton, Florida until the end of January.

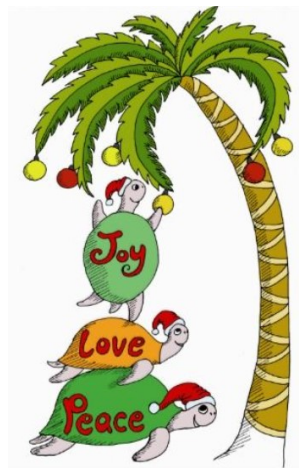
I have been busy working with Governor Sue catching up on all of the changes that Civitan International has made and will be making.

One of the changes that has been made is the training for Governor Elect. There is no longer a Training Academy in March for Governor Elects. Instead they are bringing the Governor Elects to the International Convention in July a day early for training. In addition there are monthly training internet video conferences. Although this will save Canadian District West money it is not an ideal method of training. I am not too concerned as I have been in the position of Governor in 2009-2010.

In relation to Growth and Retention we have several smaller clubs that are struggling and we need to retain and boost our membership. District does have resources to assist clubs with membership through the Area Directors and the Growth and Awareness funds. Please contact me or your Area Director for assistance.

Although I am in Florida I am available by email at pscudds1@sympatico.ca or at my Florida cellphone 267-597-1611.

Paul Scudds
Governor Elect
Canadian District West



IT'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!!!



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