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Canada District West
Region 5



2019-20 C.D.W. Board

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The International Convention in Milwaukee this year has been cancelled due to COVID 19, as you probably all know. There is a virtual convention scheduled, though, from July 23rd through July 25th for which you need to register to attend, at no cost. The opening ceremony with the business session is July 23rd at 7:00pm EDT. The Philanthropy Session with Dr Craig Powell from CIRC is Friday evening at the same time. Saturday, there will be an International Signature Service

Project during the day, details to be unveiled soon. Saturday evening at 7:00pm is the Celebration of Champions which will include the announcements regarding North American Awards, Honour Keys etc. Recognition of Governors and Governor Elects will happen that evening, as will the installation of President Elect Kelley, who will then address the membership on plans for the coming year.

I would encourage all who wish to participate in all or part of these events to register soon. Registration is limited as the Zoom license can only accommodate so many. I will be attending, as will Governor Elect Paul.

These are definitely strange times, which hopefully will be behind us before fall. Our Region 5 convention has been cancelled by the Northern Lights District who were to host this year. Your District Board has yet to figure out how we will be doing the "changing of the guard". Governor Elect Paul WILL take over the helm as of October 1st, and he still needs someone to step up and accept the position of Governor Elect for 2020-2021 as he is adamant that he will not stay in as Governor for two years. I will become Immediate Past Governor, and all other positions on the District Board appear to be remaining constant. We held a special District Board Meeting on May 9th to discuss changes moving forward with all the cancellations and will be holding another virtual special District Board Meeting on June 27th.

If anyone has a concern, they would like brought to the District Board, please contact your area director to request an audience. International is encouraging clubs to keep their club boards the same for a further year and have waived the annual training requirement that was instituted last year. **Continued next page**

SUMMERTIME

Governors Message continued.

Anyone who was trained last year does not need to repeat. Anyone who did not train last year is able to attend the online training starting in August (for which there is a cost) to become a certified club.

Our Junior Civitans are holding their meetings and convention virtually. Tristan Stripp recently sent out an appeal for donations for Dance A Thon and I would ask that all clubs provide what they can. There is a \$50 per person minimum charge for all participants, and it would be great if enough money were collected to allow ALL Canadian West Juniors to attend with Tristan.

The newly updated Junior Civitan website is now live, and thanks once again to webmaster Don for all his hard work. We could not have a website without you, Don! Please, check it out.



Sue Gibson, Governor

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE

July 31	District Honour Key	Outstanding Individual Service
July 31	Douglas Jordan	Civitan on the Year

All awards, which are applied for, must be submitted to the Awards Chairperson (Immediate Past Governor) on the official forms contained in the Awards Manual. All award applications must be postmarked, hand delivered or emailed to the Awards Chairperson by the official submission date noted on the individual award being applied for.

Let's all



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PATSY PERKAL



FELLOW CIVITANS;

We are all on a journey of uncertainty with what has happened around the world with the COVID19 virus. Some of us have never been through this in our lifetime and yet here we are, CIVITANS doing works of service no matter how small or large for the betterment of our world. I look on face book and hear stories from you about what you are doing to make a difference in the world and I am humbled and in awe of your steadfastness and love of humanity.

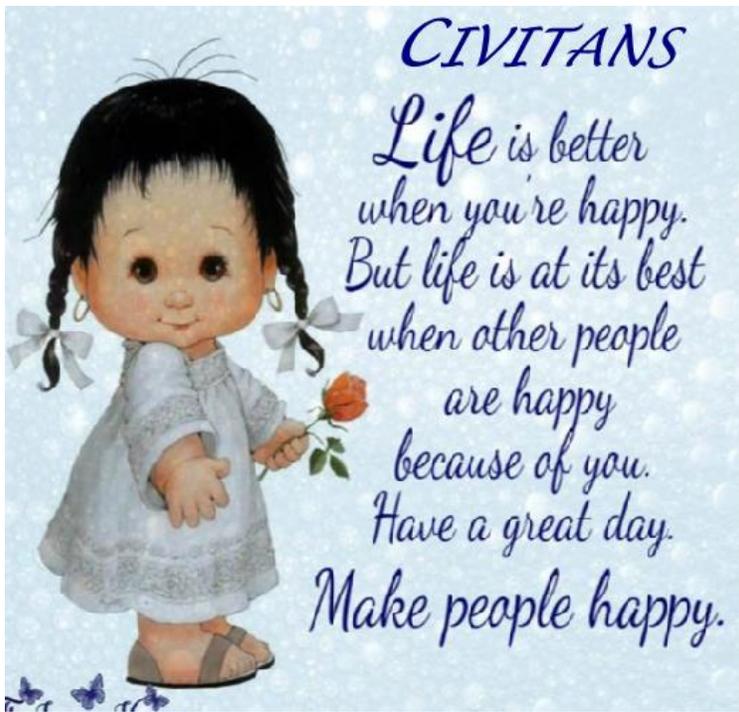
- It is hard for us to wrap our heads around this whole issue, but we will pull out of this a much better organization and more closely knitted to our members and families. I stand with you during these times and have you each in my thoughts and prayers. Keep up the work you do and continue to do your good works and we will get through this together.

As you may know, I have been on many zoom calls lately with the members for our CIVITAN CONNECT meetings and it is so good to see many of you on these calls. We need you now more than ever, but remember your family needs you too and your safety is most important. These meetings bring us together to learn and hear about what International is doing. It is a time of fellowship and knowledge and to connect to each other. We have a very dedicated hard-working staff doing all they can for us. Remember they too are in this with us. To that, we the Board of Directors have met and have looked at the issues affecting our organization as a whole. I have been in constant contact with Scarlet Thompson our EVP. While many of you are asking about the fate of our 2020 Convention in Milwaukee, my answer at this time is, BE PATIENT, there are many aspects we have to consider at this time and once we know, you will be told.

With many district meetings being held on ZOOM, I want you to know I am available to talk to you and visit with you. Technology is amazing. Who would have thought we would meet on computers, phones, IPADS, etc. We are in a whole new world right now and our CREED tells the world who we are. We stand together and we ACHIEVE great things.

"DO NOT CAST ALL HOPE AWAY. TOMORROW IS UNTHINKABLE. OFT HOPE IS BORN WHEN ALL IS FORLORN." J.R.R. TOLKIEN





MAKING ONE PERSON SMILE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. MAYBE NOT THE WHOLE WORLD, BUT THEIR WORLD.

Civitan International

Join us in congratulating Civitan International Research Center researchers Dr. Farah Lubin and Dr. Matthew Alexander for winning 2020 Dean's Excellency Awards. These awards were established by the School of Medicine at UAB to recognize significant contributions from both junior and senior faculty in a variety of areas.

Dr. Farah Lubin received a Diversity Award. Dr. Lubin's research focuses on investigating the molecular and genetic basis of learning, memory and its disorders.

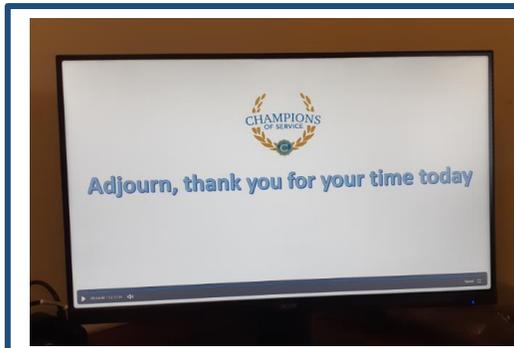
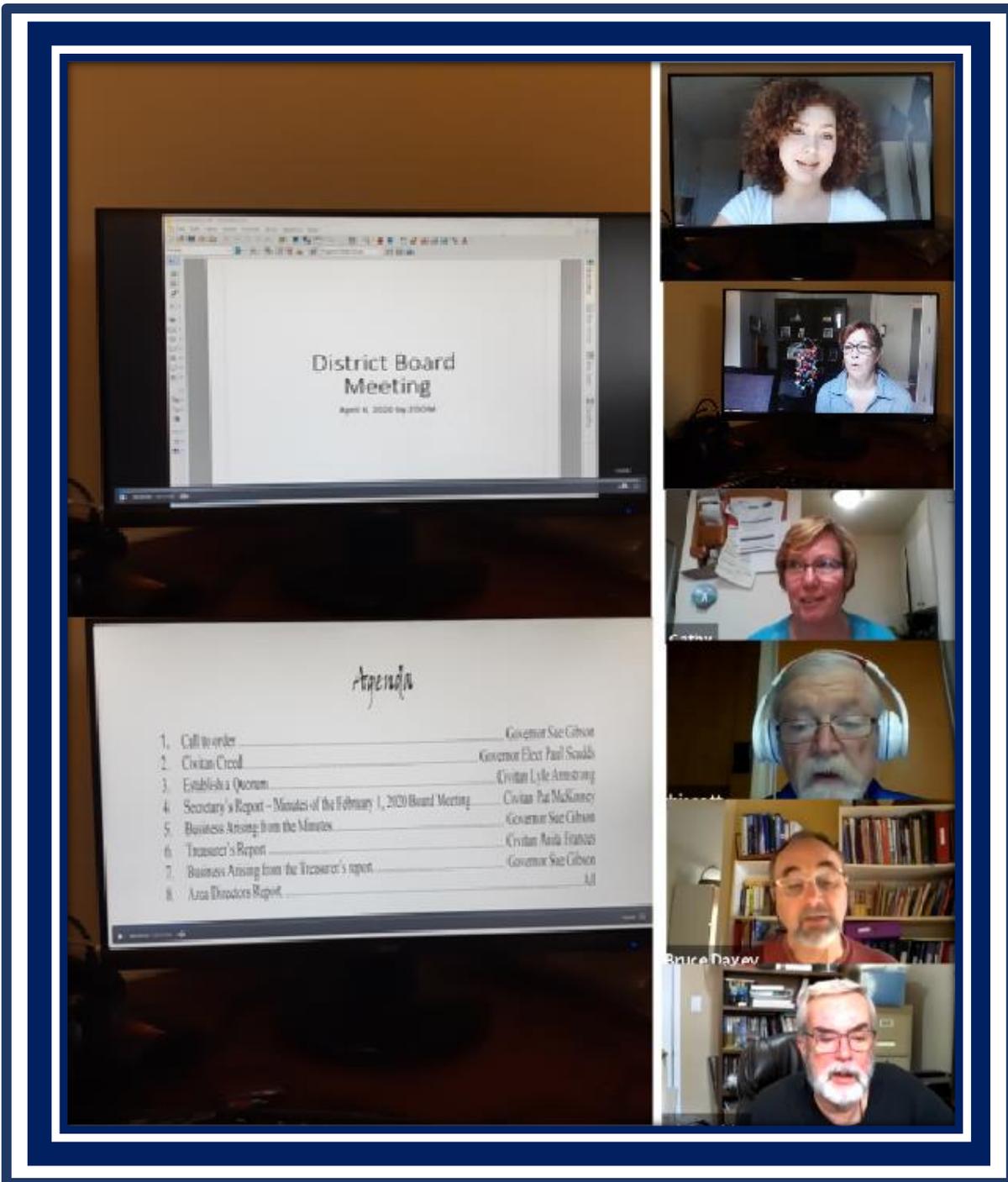
Dr. Matthew Alexander received a Research Award. Dr. Alexander is a CIRC researcher focusing on treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.



Congratulations!

April 4th, 2020 C.D.W. ZOOM Board Meeting

Saturday April 4, 2020 Canada District West held its first ZOOM Board Meeting



Webmaster Updates

It's been a busy time for our District and Junior websites. From mobility to the Governor's calendar features we have become, or should become the focal point for all things District West. An example of this is statistically we went from 140 visitors per day in February 2010 to 657 in February 2020. For March we are already at 740 visitors and 4,124 pages viewed. This translates to visitors not only accessing the home page but a number of other pages on the site. Recently I added The Past Governor and District Honour key lists from our directory to the District site and these can be viewed via the More Links drop-down menu item.

As for the Junior website, I have been working with Tracy Beck and the past two Junior Governor's on a new design that is mobile friendly and I'm very happy to report that we are very close to going live. The new site should be active by the time you read this report.

Along with the above, I have created Governance Policies for both District and Junior websites which provides us with direction and ensures we review on a yearly basis. Up to this point, it has been my responsibility to ensure compliance and working with Lyle Armstrong to ensure the information is accurate and relevant. These Governance Policies bring other members into the mix and provides additional insight.

From the club perspective, many have a footprint via the District site and I ask that our Area Directors encourage clubs to have a website as their focal point if they currently do not. There is no additional cost to hosting club sites via our District site, therefore if clubs are paying for web hosting, they should be encouraged to contact me and look at either moving their site or recreating one under District.

As always, I'm available to answer any questions.

Yours in Civitan,

Don Caldwell

Web Administrator





Webmaster Don Caldwell has been very busy revamping the Junior 'r

Please go to [Civitan, Canadian District West](#)



Y.L.D.C. has been notified that no Canadian students would be participating this year due to covid-19. Y.L.D.C. understands and looks forward to seeing Canadian students back in the 2021.

Civitan International Foundation of Canada Bursary deliberations have been postponed till the June 28th meeting.

Region 5 Convention has been cancelled for 2020 due to the pandemic.

C.D.W. Directory for 2020-21 will be posted online.

Civitan International will hold the 2020 Virtual Convention on July 23-25, 2020. This event is open to all Civitans to attend free of charge. The event will include a modified Opening Ceremony combined with the Business Session, a Philanthropy Session, an International Signature Service Project, and conclude with a Celebration of Champions where we will honor International Honor Keys and North American Awards. President Perkal will address membership through a special thank-you on Saturday evening and we will install President-Elect Frank Kelley. **Register ASAP as space will be limited.**



ONE POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED NOW!

GOVERNOR-ELECT



A MESSAGE FOR ALL CIVITANS

IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING CLUB MEETINGS

Some communities across North America are seeing restrictions lifted in regards to stay at home orders that were put in place as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of that, we issue some considerations for club leaders as they make decisions to resume in-person meetings.

Visit <https://civitan.org/hqupdates> for full details.



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FOLLOW THE RULES

MEET THREE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Dan Brown



Marta Ford



Fred Matthies

THE REASON WHY AN ELECTION CANNOT TAKE PLACE THIS YEAR FOR THE TWO DIRECTOR POSITIONS ALONG WITH THE PRESIDENT-ELECT POSITION

Civitan International's bylaws directly convey that elections for these positions happen at an annual meeting of the membership, or what we call a convention. There is no verbiage in the bylaws to denote alternative means of voting at this time. In addition, bylaws that pertain to quorums and ones that define delegates (Sections 1.07, 1.09) could not be followed in a circumstance where an election was held outside a face to face meeting. For future reference, an adhoc committee is currently looking at the organization's bylaws. At the 2020 convention, they were set to propose some language changes that would allow for electronic elections of Civitan's officers but unfortunately that cannot happen until the Civitan International Board of Directors approves the proposal, and the membership at a convention ratifies that decision. With there being no in-person convention, that vote will not happen until 2021.



VOTE 2021
CIVITAN
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



DAN BROWN



Hello Civitans!

I am Dan Brown from Albuquerque, NM, from the City of Vision Civitan Club in the Great Southwest District and I want to be your next president of Civitan International for 2021-22

This pandemic is certainly posing some difficult problems for our clubs. I am very concerned that we may have additional fallout from clubs if this continues for much longer. I want to strongly encourage clubs to still meet virtually. You can meet via Zoom, Skype or a variety of other means. I would be more than happy to help you set up an account or conduct a meeting. Go ahead and invite your speakers to join in. You will be amazed about how effective these meetings can be. Also, I am prepared a talk entitled "Civitan in the year 2030". It is not a campaign speech but hopefully will be thought provoking and fun... Just let me know at CivitanDan@outlook.com or (505) 228-1553 if you would like to hear it.

One positive thing that has come out of this pandemic is the large number of people who are offering to help in their communities. Yes, we expect Civitans to do this, but it is a lot of non-Civitans offering to help. I think we will see a great opportunity to invite these people to visit your clubs once this pandemic has subsided. This pandemic has shown that there is a great need to help our communities, things the government cannot do. Civitan needs to be ready to jump in and fill that need.

When looking at the immediate future of Civitan, I see two very pressing issues: Finances and Membership. Over the last 3 years, your CI staff and the board did a tremendous job of digging us out of a hole by cutting staff, reducing operating expenses and mortgaging the building. Just when we thought we could breath a little on finances, COVID-19 comes along and creates more financial problems. I feel that with my CPA background and 42 years of financial management; I am very well suited to assist with this problem. With membership declining, we need new ideas and new clubs to attract those new members we so desire. I have sponsored almost 70 members and have built 8 new clubs. I know how to recruit and build, but I also have ideas on new types of club, and new membership categories like family memberships.

I hope I can count on your support in Jacksonville next year. Be safe and be healthy!

MARTA FORD



Greetings Civitans!

Wow! So much going on in our World. After I announced my candidacy for International President, I had planned to visit clubs and Districts to share my thoughts about Civitan. Right now, my only thought is to keep my Civitan family safe. All of my plans to visit have been put on hold until our world is a little safer. I have faith in our Country and your Country that everything is being done to protect you and yours! I do want to thank my District for the love and support I have received but I also want to thank my Canadian friends for staying home and staying safe during this time. The last International President that was elected from my District was Polly Mooney Forestier in 1990 and that my friends was 30 years ago. The time is right and I am ready to lead our organization. I am proud to represent my Canadian family as I have always had your back. I am ready to lead our organization and I am asking for your vote of confidence as I will stand beside you because as our Junior Civitan Creed states "I seek to meet the needs of our world to be progressive in a world of change with compassion and understanding for the values and traditions of the past" I value our traditions. As a past International trainer I learned that the ability to listen brought me more knowledge than I provided. That being said, again I don't know what decisions will be made about International Convention but, I am asking for your support and vote. Be safe and I hope to see you soon!

In Civitan
Marta



FRED MATTHIES

I would like to share a few details about myself, my Civitan history and why I am seeking the position of Civitan International President Elect. I joined Civitan 43 years ago in Aurora, CO as a club member and remain a very active member in the Rocky Mountain Civitan Club. I was asked to take on club leadership roles to become more involved in the activities and projects our club pursued. As the years went along, I also decided to pursue getting involved at the district level. I held several offices at the district level and to share ideas on how our district could support our clubs in a better way.

Fast forward to 2016 – I decided to run for the Civitan International board as the Director for my region to represent all clubs in the Great Southwest

and Heartland districts. During this process I learned many more details on the International bylaws and policies that govern all of us as members.

I became involved in the financial details of Civitan. It was surprising to learn prior to 2017 that we had spent more money than we had coming in the door and the prior administration had not necessarily been the best stewards of our funds. Since 2017 we have aligned our spending with the current membership numbers and dues and assist members and clubs – WHICH ARE THE FOUNDATION OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

As your president elect I want to continue to focus on new ways to secure outside corporate donations for Civitan, to look at new ways and formats to attract new members in a society where “time” is something everyone covets and to ensure that clubs remain the priority and focus on everyone in leadership. I believe we are being much more transparent with our Civitan members and I want to see this continue. I would work closely with EVP Scarlet Thompson and her staff to come up with innovative ideas to keep this organization a great one.

Sincerely,

Frederick Matthies

Candidate for International President Elect -2020-2021

Email: CivitanFred@gmail.com

Phone: 303-907-0909

Creating change we believe in through Civitan

Dear Civitans,

My name is Tristan Stripp and I am a member of the Burlington Junior Civitan Club, within Canadian District West. I am super excited that I am serving as this year's deputy governor.

As part of these responsibilities I am the Dance-A-Thon team leader this year. Dance-A-Thon is a fundraiser where representatives from the Junior Civitan program come together from across North America to benefit the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC). While COVID-19 may have forced us to cancel the in-person portion of the event, we're excited to announce that the event will continue, but in a virtual fashion. We know this may seem unconventional, but we fully believe in our responsibility to continue our support of the Civitan International Research Center. Researchers and clinics at the CIRC are being forced to think of new ways to continue their work and provide for their patients. They haven't stopped working to make the world a better place, and neither has Canadian District West.

With that in mind, I would be incredibly grateful for your continued support of our event. While we cannot gather in person, this does not diminish our enthusiasm for the cause, and I hope you will continue to support us in this endeavor. As a team, we set a goal to raise at least \$2,000 to support the life changing research being done at the Civitan International Research Center. We are going to do all we can to meet our goal. I would be appreciative of the support of your club and its members. If you wish to donate please make cheques payable to ***Civitan International Foundation of Canada*** and mail to the attention of:

Sue Gibson
52 Boullee Street
London, Ontario
N5Y1T6

Yours in Civitan,

Tristan Stripp
Canadian District West Junior Civitan
Dance-A-Thon team leader
Deputy Governor
1striptri@hdsb.ca



Virtual Junior Civitan Convention



In lieu of this year's international convention, Junior Civitan International is proud to host "Champions of Service: Celebration" – a virtual compilation of some of our favorite convention traditions. These events will be free of charge* and open to all Junior Civitan members!

*All participants for Dance-a-thon: Virtual Prom are required to raise the \$50.00 fundraising minimum.

Champions of Service Events

Join us as we wrap up and celebrate the 2019-2020 Junior Civitan year in a way never done before! This event will include a message from outgoing International President Victoria Bailey, the highly anticipated announcement of our international awards recipients through a fun program titled–The Civis, and a salute to the service that YOU our Junior Civitans have provided your communities this year.

Looking Ahead | Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 PM CST

Looking Ahead: Wednesday will be all about looking ahead to the 2020-2021 year. Whether you're a returning Junior Civitan or a graduating senior, this program will have something beneficial for you! Your new international board members will be announced and inducted, we'll showcase our incoming district governors, and unveil the plans for a brand-new officer and leadership training program that will launch during the 2020-2021 year. You'll get the exclusive first look of one of our new leadership training sessions by hearing from a Career Panel of experienced professionals and learn more about their career paths and what led them to where they are today.

Dance-a-thon: Virtual Prom | Friday, June 26 at 6:00 PM CST

Don't miss this year's unique spin of a Junior Civitan tradition, Dance-a-thon: Virtual Prom! A link to join Dance-a-thon: Virtual Prom will be sent to all participants just before the event.

For more information about the Junior Convention, PLEASE CONTACT: **Emily Kicker, Director of Junior Civitan** 1-800-CIVITAN, extension 131 or emily@civitan.org





The pandemic has not stopped the efforts of the Juniors to help in their communities.

Halton Juniors did an online video game tournament and raised \$1000.00 for charity

Burlington Juniors are doing crafts for residents of Billing Court Manor Retirement Home to hang in their rooms.

Dundas Juniors are typing letters to send to St. Joseph's Villa long term care home.

Dinner in the Dark has been postponed till June.

The #1 priority is to keep everyone safe and things will not move on until it is safe to do so.

The Junior Spring convention was held virtually April 25.

The Junior International Convention has been cancelled but they will hold it virtually. Officers will be trained and this maybe a good thing as not all officers have been able to attend conventions.

Dance-a-thon will also be held remotely and the Juniors hope the clubs will support this.

Special thanks to Melanie Stripp and Tracy Beck for all their work with Junior Civitan.

Recently, some of the Burlington Jr. Civitans made some fantastic signs to put up outside Billings Court Manor, where they held their meetings and their Grand-Pals reside! Thanks to our front-line workers for all they do! Stay safe everyone! @ Billings Court Manor.





Junior Civitan



Even during this trying time, our Junior Civitan Clubs have been finding creative ways to give back. Most notable perhaps is Halton, who ran two incredibly successful virtual gaming tournaments, raising \$1000 for Darling Home for Kids and another \$500 for Halton Women's Place. That's not all though- Burlington crafted up colourful signs, which they used to line the entrance to Billings Court Manor, where they typically meet. The signs expressed gratitude to the staff and love for their GrandPals and I'm sure brought a smile to many faces. Dundas members typed up letters for residents at St. Joseph's Villa, which the staff at the nursing home distributed to those that they felt could use a little connection. A few of the residents even wrote back! Oakville collected toiletry donations which they donated to a homeless supporting agency in Toronto. We are so proud of our clubs' innovation and commitment.

Canadian District West Junior Civitans recently hosted their first Virtual District Convention and while it wasn't quite the same as our usual in-person one, we were still able to see each others' faces and share in some sweet memories. Together we recapped our year through a fun slideshow, elected a new Board of Directors, who were installed with thanks to Governor Sue. We enlisted the Junior International Board who recorded short videos to announce our award winners and even did a mini mental health project- creating inspirational signs to post in our windows. This spring has certainly demonstrated the flexibility and resilience of our membership. Next up, Junior Civitan International's Champions of Service Celebration, including a Virtual Prom themed Dance-a-Thon. Thank you so much to the club's who donated to Tristan's DAT fundraising for the CIRC.

Join Us in Congratulating our Amazing Award Winners!

Outstanding Club

Halton

Club Project of the Year

***Dundas' 1 in 100 CHD
Fundraising Dinner***

Club Project of the Year

***Burlington's
Halloween Costume Drive***

Outstanding
President,
Oakville's
Gabby Rizzuto



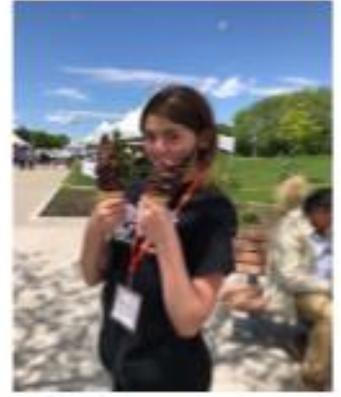
Outstanding
Club Officer
Dundas PRC
Liam Foese



Club Advisor of
the Year,
Burlington's
Melanie Stripp



Outstanding
Club Member,
From Dundas,
Ella Cockburn



Introducing our 2020-2021 District Board

Governor

Ella Cockburn



Deputy Governor

*Charlotte
Flannery*



Secretary

Julia Sharp



Public Relations

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Lieutenant
Governor

Tristan Stripp



Chairperson

Tracy Beck





Virtual

2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

2020 Virtual Convention Events

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Virtual Convention Itinerary

Opening Ceremony/Business Session – Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00 PM CST

This session, which usually occurs on the first full day of convention, is one that include the latest updates on the organization’s mission, health and future. This year’s virtual session will feature a report from President Patsy Perkal, a finance report, a report from the organization’s Executive Vice President, updates on the Junior Civitan and International programs, and a board roundtable where general membership can ask questions on any topic.

Philanthropy Session with Dr. Craig Powell – Friday, July 24th at 6:00 PM CST

International Signature Service Project – Saturday, July 25th

Celebration of Champions – Saturday, July 25th at 6:00 PM CST

Plan to dress up for this Saturday evening event as we come together for a Celebration of Champions! Prior to this evening, we will help you get your “home banquet menu” prepared so we can all celebrate together from the comfort and safety of our homes! Included in this program we’ll present International Honor Keys and North American Awards (competitive club and district). We’ll share a special thank-you to President Perkal, recognize our Governors and Governors-Elect, and the installation of President-Elect Frank Kelley. President-Elect Kelley will then take a few moments to address membership as we make plans for the coming year.



2020 Philanthropy Events

Break-thru Golf Tournament

Current and future registrants will take their golf game to their local, favorite course anytime during the week of August 31st through September 7th. Ground rules will be established for play, scores will be reported back to International, and fundraising totals will be taken into account to determine awards/recognitions. Each golfer will be sent a player pack prior to the week of play and will also continue to raise money on their individual webpages and through efforts like one-on-one asks. A virtual awards session/wrap up party will be held Tuesday, September 22nd for this event.

Civitan Fest transitions to Walk and Roll for Research

As much as we would love to play Plinko and giant Jenga on Zoom, carrying out a virtual Civitan Fest would be a bit tricky. This year, Civitan Fest will adapt in order to connect with membership and raise support for our flagship project. Save the date for August 31st – September 7th for Civitan Fest: Walk & Roll for Research! Playing on a former Junior Civitan event, Walk & Roll for Research will invite Civitans from across the world to select a day during this designated week (8/31-9/7) to sport their favorite Civitan gear and walk or ride for certain period of time. We encourage clubs to come together to form a team and execute this event on a club level. This would be a unique opportunity to invite potential members to join in the fun and learn more about your club.

CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL ELECTIONS PROCEDURE

Due to the decision by the Civitan International Board of Directors to cancel the in-person convention slated for Milwaukee in July, a procedure regarding annual International elections has been outlined, which adheres to the organization's governance documents.

The steps will be as follows:

- At the 2020 convention, elections for directors in Region 3 and Region 4 would have happened. Due to the cancellation of the convention, these directors will stay in place for the 2020-2021 year (as directed by Section 4.02 in the bylaws). This means International Director Tony Workman and International Director Carol Wolters will serve an additional year. Also, elections for these positions will be postponed until the membership gathers for the 2021 convention, and those elected at that point in Regions 3 and 4 would only serve a two-year term (2021-2023), to support the staggered term system in place.
- As far as the officers of the board, the organization's bylaws clearly communicate the President-Elect position is for one year only, and that person then moves to the President position once that year is up (as directed by Section 6.01 in the bylaws). This means for the 2020-2021 term, Immediate Past President Bob Jones will finish his service to the board, current President Patsy Perkal will step into the Immediate Past President role, and President-Elect Frank Kelley will become President.
- At the 2020 convention, the election for the 2020-2021 President-Elect would typically take place. Due to the cancellation of the convention, this election cannot happen outside such an event per our bylaws (Sections 1.05, 1.07, 1.08). This means the position of President Elect for the 2020-2021 year will remain vacant, until the next convention is held.
- At the 2021 convention, elections for the following positions will occur:
 - o International Director, Region One (which was expected)
 - o International Director, Region Two (which was expected)
 - o International Director, Region Three
 - o International Director, Region Four
 - o International Director, Region Eight (which was expected)
 - o 2021-2022 International President
 - o 2021-2022 International President-Elect (which was expected)
- An International Policy will be developed to direct the election of the 2021-2022 International President, which will include different deadlines to qualify and an orientation schedule that will hopefully better prepare those candidates to serve immediately.
- Any bylaw revisions approved by the Civitan International Board cannot be ratified by membership outside a convention/annual meeting so that means the work currently being done by an adhoc committee will be presented before the 2021 convention.



Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club - #2721-Ken Luff

Tuesday May 19 the Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club practised social distancing by holding the first meeting since February.

The club decided to proceed with the annual Yard Sale on Saturday June 20.

It will be a responsible yard sale following safe social distancing rules.

We will monitor any new rules regarding yard sales (currently we are allowed to do so) and adjust the plan if necessary.

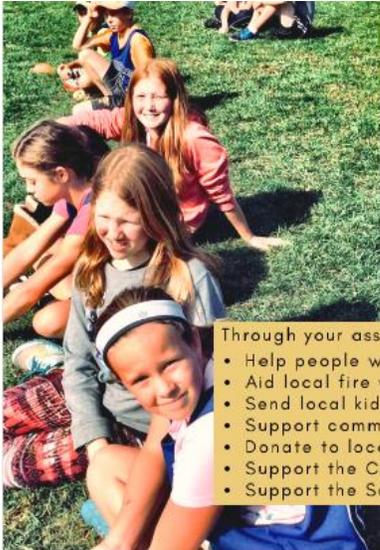
Our yard sale is a major fundraiser for funds that we put right back into the community.

Speaking of which, the club donated \$200 to our local hospital specifically directed to purchase Personal Protective Equipment.

COVID has also affected plans sending local kids to overnight camps. Now that the province has ruled out such camps this summer, we will now investigate supporting local day camps.

President Ken Luff chaired the meeting on the club house deck and it was nice for members to catch up with one another.

If only the blackflies could understand social distancing rules...



Kawartha Lakes Civitan
Coboconk, Ontario
Serving our community since 1982



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Through your assistance we can:

- Help people with developmental challenges
- Aid local fire victims
- Send local kids to area camps
- Support community events
- Donate to local health care facilities
- Support the Coboconk Food Bank
- Support the Salvation Army Kettle Drive

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705.454.8436

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Fundraising includes:

- Chocolate Bar Sales
- Annual Yard Sale - Father's Day Weekend
- Scrap Metal Recycling Program
- Christmas Fruit Cake Sales
- Billboards along HWY 48 & HWY 35



To assist with any of these programs, please contact Civitan today.

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705.454.8436
KLCivitan@gmail.com

CLUB POSTCARD



**YARD
SALE**

Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club
ANNUAL YARD SALE
JUNE 20, 2020

CLUB PROJECTS

- Ross Memorial Hospital Tag Days
- Salvation Army Kettle Drive
- Aid Fire Victims
- Coboconk Food Bank Christmas Turkeys
- Cake Sales
- Support VIP Program at Ridgewood Public School
- Yard Sale - 3rd Saturday in June
- Almond Sales
- Sell advertising on bill board

Midland Civitan Club - #1959 Norma Johnston

As with the rest of Civitan, we are on lockdown with regards to Meetings, SOO activities, Bingo, etc.

Our Canada Day celebrations and Parade have been cancelled and we don't expect to be active until at least the Fall, indeed if even then.

In keeping with the rest of the Civitan Organization, all of our current Elected Officers and Directors will be remaining for 2020-21 Civitan.

We have been unable to have a meeting since January. The Board has started Zoom meetings to try and keep things up-to-date.

We have donated funds to both the Midland and Penetanguishene Food Banks, as well as to Community Living Huronia for their Group Homes to buy items for projects for the residents.

Civitan Ralph Ladouceur had a milestone 86th Birthday this week.

We have been fortunate here in North Simcoe that our COVID cases have been few, to date.

Stay Safe Everyone, wear your masks.



Sure, hope my fellow CIVITANS are doing okay. These Guys are doing fine and waiting patiently for their next parade.



Agincourt Civitan Club - #1870 Rhonda Thomson

The Agincourt Civitan Club is living through the COVID – 19 pandemic with the Toronto area being a pandemic hotspot. With self-isolations and bans on public gatherings we have had to cancel the end of the year Gliders Skating Club activities and end of the year party. Civitan David Birtwell has kept in touch with the skaters and so far, they are all doing ok. We have also had to put our Seniors Projects where we go into Long Term Care homes with entertainment and light refreshments on hold. Civitan Jacqui Tucker has been working on the Seniors Projects and has had to cancel. Hopefully, The Gliders Skating Club and our other projects can resume in October.

On taking the advice of Civitan International we are foregoing elections and the existing Board of Directors will remain until such time as we can start meeting again. We have held the May and June Club meetings online using the ZOOM software and protocols. We are continuing to work on a new club brochure for prospective new members in the meantime.

Zoom Meeting

Screen photo of our online meeting in June





CIVITAN WORD FIND

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OBITUARY FOR COMMON SENSE

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- Maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,

- by his parents, Truth and Trust,
- by his wife, Discretion,
- by his daughter, Responsibility,
- by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepchildren;

- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay Me For Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.



FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION INTERESTING SUMMER FACTS



Have you noticed the Mosquitos are already out!
Here is a homemade trap to help keep you and the kiddos from being a blood donor!!!

HOMEMADE MOSQUITO TRAP

Items needed:

- 1 cup of water
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1 gram of yeast
- 1 2-liter bottle

1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix brown sugar with hot water. Let cool. When cold, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide, which attracts mosquitoes.
4. Place the funnel part, upside down, into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.
5. Wrap the bottle with something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (*Mosquitoes are also drawn to the color black.*)

Change the solution every 2 weeks for continuous control.

5 things you need to know about June bugs



June bugs are a member of the beetle family, and beetles are survivors, despite the behaviour of the June bug.

It's June bug season. Here's what you need to know:

Nobody can figure out why they're hanging around your porch lights
Scientists have no explanation for the June bug's manic attraction to electric lights. Late May and early June is mating season. The June bugs have just weeks to reproduce. Then they die. You'd be frantic too.

June bugs spend most of their lives underground
The white, grub-like larva of the June bug lives in soil for up to three years. They love nice green lawns, especially yours. Thousands of those grubs are gnawing on the roots of your grass right now.

They have an extra set of wings, but they can't fly worth squat
These notoriously lame flyers actually have two sets of wings. Only one of those pairs provides what scientists call lift. Given their manic attraction to light (see Fact #1), June bugs quickly exhaust themselves. Then they collapse on your porch, belly up, for you to be freaked out by them.

That floundering June bug is somebody's dinner
June bugs that crash to the ground become an important source of food for birds and mammals. That includes crows, blue jays, skunks and raccoons.

June bugs are beetles, and beetles rock
June bugs are members of the vast and diverse group of insects we call beetles. Beetles have been around 230 million years. One in four of all animals now living is a beetle.

When picking rhubarb, always grab it at the base of the stalk and give it a good tug and twist to pull it out by the root.

NEVER CUT RHUBARB!!!

The brains of the rhubarb plant are in the roots. When you pull the stalk out by the roots, the rhubarb feels it and says to

Itself, **"Oh my goodness, I have lost a stalk, I'd better grow more stalks."** And it does!

Secondly, a lot of us have had great pickings of rhubarb and now the plants are quite depleted. They need some recovery time. **PLEASE LEAVE THEM FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS TO RECOVER.**



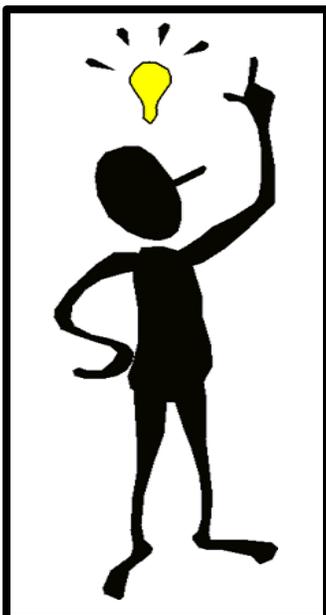


Dates to Remember

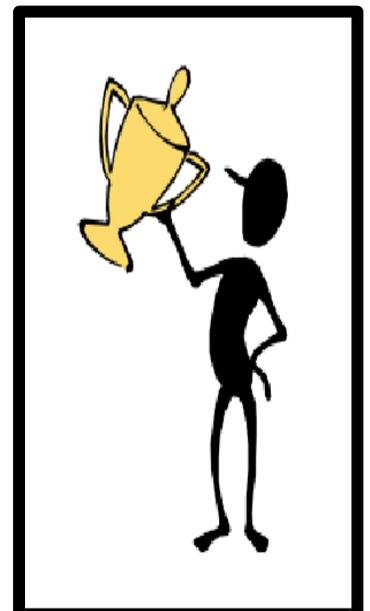
- July 1 Canada Day
- Aug. 3 Civic Holiday
- Sept. 1 Beaver Tales Deadline
- Sept 7 Labour Day
- Sept. 30 Another Successful Civitan Year



SOLUTION CIVITAN WORD FIND



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Happy Retirement!

It is with a heavy heart I announce the retirement of Stacy Sabo. Stacy has been with the organization for close to 30 years, and has supported our membership in various ways. Most recently, she has facilitated our geographic training program, the International Board, and our elections process.

Stacy's last day with us will be July 3rd (but really July 2nd since the 3rd is recognized as a holiday).

Enjoy your retirement!



Congratulations!

May your retirement bring you much happiness, and may all the plans you're making turn out perfectly, filling every tomorrow with special joy.



DO WE REALLY HAVE TO SAY
GOODBYE ? ? ?
WHAT ON EARTH
ARE WE GOING TO
DO WITHOUT YOU ? ? ?



WHO WILL MISS YOU



Governor Elect's Message

June 1, 2020



The COVID – 19 pandemic has certainly changed the landscape for everyday living. It has certainly affected how CIVITAN operates. I know that living in Toronto which is one of the biggest hotspots for the virus has certainly changed my day to day life first by curtailing my winter in Florida and then by taking precautions when out in public for essential needs and self -isolating without any non-essential travelling.

Canadian District West has been holding District Board Meetings virtually over the internet using the ZOOM program and protocols and this has been working well. The Civitan International Convention as well as the Region 5 Convention have been cancelled.

The **District Board of Directors** will remain the same as we will not be able to hold elections for some time. The only difference will be a change in Governor in October 2020. We still need a Governor Elect for next year. There was also a decision made by the Board not to have a directory this year as many of the positions will be remaining the same and there is not any way we can set dates without knowing how the returning to normal will look and the rules that will be imposed on public gatherings. **I would like each club to contact Secretary Civitan Pat McKINNEY with the up to date list of club executive members so that we can put a directory up on the District website.** There is advice on the International website regarding club elections and it is their legal opinion that we cannot hold elections other than in-person due to current bylaws and constitutions.

As Governor Elect, I have been busy with monthly meetings for the Governor Elect Training Academy under International President Elect Frank Kelly. This has been going well but we do not know what next year will bring with different areas re-opening in the United States and Canada. It is also uncertain when the US – Canada border will open. It will certainly be very different. Next year I would want to focus on Membership in the area of Growth and Retention of existing clubs. If any clubs are in need of assistance please contact your area director and ask for assistance from your District. We do have funds set aside for Civitan Awareness as well as Growth and Retention.

Civitan International is hosting a virtual International Convention over ZOOM on July 23rd to July 25th. I would encourage everyone interested to register on the International website. It's free and will be very informative. Also, you can sign up for the Civitan Connect newsletter on Facebook to get the latest information as events occur.

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