



# BEAVER TALES

Canada District West  
Region 5

Spring  
2021-22



## **2021-22 C.D.W. Board**

### **Governor**

Darrell Blackwell

### **Governor Elect**

Pauline Blackwell

### **Immediate Past Governor**

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Toronto Lung**

Marlyne Van Exan

**Barrie, Dundas, Midland,  
Oakville**

### **District Secretary**

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### **District Treasurer**

Sue Gibson

### **Judge Advocate**

Bill Hiscott



## **Governor's Message**



**H**ello fellow Civitans.

What an exciting start to a new year it has been. It is so nice to see how many people care about this district and want to see it continue on the path of a great volunteer organization.

As most of you already know we are working on the licensing agreement which should be available for us in April where we will send it out to everyone to look at and hopefully make this work out for all the parties involved. The District Board has been working on keeping everything transparent and have been very involved in all the meetings regarding the new changes.

As a whole our District members are very concerned about the future of Civitan in Canada, and we will do whatever we can to keep our clubs up to date on any changes.

We are really hoping this is the year we all get back together and get back out into our community as soon as it is safe.

As most of you club Presidents know I have tried to call each and everyone of you. If you need anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me and I will do my best to answer them or will find someone who can.

*Darrell Blackwell*

Governor Canadian District West



## Civitan International Relocates HQ from Birmingham to U.S. 280 Corridor

A non-profit with more than 100 years of Birmingham-headquartered history has sold its property and relocated from Birmingham to the U.S. 280 corridor.

Civitan International, which has been located at One Civitan Place just off Montclair Road for nearly 50 years, has sold its building to Beatty Construction for \$2.2 million and has leased just over 6,200 square feet at 500 Corporate Parkway in Hoover.

The organization is the first tenant in the newly renovated Meadow Brook office complex.



“We needed a space that was flexible and fulfilled the unique needs we have as a more than century-old organization,” said Scarlet Thompson, executive vice president of Civitan International. “As the headquarters for our more than 22,000 members across the world, we maintain a hefty trove of information and historic artifacts. There were not a lot of spaces available for lease in the Birmingham area that could provide what we found at 500 Meadow Brook.”

The new location is a third of the size of its former location. Thompson said the organization needed to downsize as it has become more versatile and streamlined over the years because of technology, going from 40 employees to 11 since 1976.

Civitan International sold its long-time office at One Civitan Place, pictured, to 500 Corporate Parkway.



She said Civitan celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017 and decided then to embark on a “journey of renewal” to stay relevant and fulfill its mission of making a difference in the lives of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in more meaningful ways.

“We went through a staff leadership transition, started doing a lot of things differently to be better stewards of our resources and are even currently looking at our internal membership structure,” Thompson said. “This move is part of this journey we deemed ‘Renew by 22.’ Staying in a world headquarters building that was three times the size of what we needed did not reflect the spirit of the direction in which we are going. Our international board of directors decided that Civitan was not the brick and mortar in which we operated; it was the people and the mission we served. So, they boldly gave me the approval to proceed with selling our building off Montclair Road.”

*12 things to always remember*

1. The past cannot be changed
2. Opinions don't define your reality
3. Everyone's journey is different
4. Things always get better with time
5. Judgements are a confession of character
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness
7. Happiness is found within.
8. Positive thoughts create positive things
9. Smiles are contagious
10. Kindness is free
11. You only fail if you quit
12. What goes around, comes around



ALL I NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED  
FROM THE  
*Easter bunny*



- DON'T PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET.
- EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND WHO IS ALL EARS.
- SOME BODY PARTS SHOULD BE FLOPPY.
- ALL WORK AND NO PLAY CAN MAKE YOU A BASKET CASE.
- LET HAPPY THOUGHTS MULTIPLY LIKE RABBITS.
- EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO A BAD "HARE" DAY.
- KEEP YOUR PAWS OFF OTHER PEOPLES JELLY BEANS.




# APRIL

## CIVITAN AWARENESS MONTH



I've always loved  
*Butterflies*  
Because  
they remind us that  
it's never too late  
to transform  
*Ourselves*



**STRONG COMMUNITIES. SAFE, CLEAN WATER.**

**The water crisis in Indigenous communities in Canada is unacceptable.**

Water First helps to address local water challenges in Indigenous communities through education, training and meaningful collaboration. We work together with Indigenous communities to build capacity locally, collaborating to address both drinking water and environmental water concerns. And we have seen the impact. Real long-term solutions that increase knowledge and skills — benefiting both individuals and communities.

**Water First began in Ontario and are slowly expanding their reach.**

Since 2009, Water First has collaborated with over 50 Indigenous communities in Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and Labrador on a variety of water education and training projects. Our programs address drinking water and environmental challenges through partnerships with First Nation youth and young adults.

**Strong communities. Safe, clean water.**

Water First believes that the water crisis in Indigenous communities is unacceptable. Education and skills training are essential in creating solutions that work for communities to support and sustain access to clean water. Our programs are focused on building strong partnerships and creating lasting results in collaboration with Indigenous communities.

**Financial Snapshot**

Through meaningful collaboration and respectful relationships we blend traditional knowledge and western science, and hire and train locally. These partnerships with Indigenous communities have been the catalyst for developing relevant and sustainable solutions. This is only possible with the support of donors who invest in our approach to education and training.





Civitans,

Registration is now open for the 2022 Civitan International Convention **July 4-7** in San Antonio, Texas!

Due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions across the world, the Civitan International Board of Directors approved a second-year exemption to the Civitan International Bylaws to allow for a hybrid convention for 2022. That means there will be two options for members to attend: in-person in San Antonio or virtually through their personal computer/device.

**For all convention information including a comprehensive FAQ, schedule information, hotel information, participation packages and pricing, philanthropy events, and registration forms, visit [www.civitan.org/convention](http://www.civitan.org/convention).**

Please monitor your email and [www.civitan.org/convention](http://www.civitan.org/convention) for any news related to the convention. Please also join the International Convention Facebook group for more up-to-the minute news, and to connect with your fellow attendees.

If you are a club officer, please ensure each member of your club has updated contact information (email and phone numbers) on file at world headquarters, and that your club is taking the necessary steps to be in good standing, in order to take part in this unique year for voting. If members are unsure what contact information is on file, or would like to submit any changes or updates, please direct them to do so using **the easy online form**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact [growth@civitan.org](mailto:growth@civitan.org). We hope to see each and every one of you in July, either in-person or online, as we gather on the historic River Walk!



# 2022 CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 4-7, 2022  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

NAVARRO ST.

## Will the certification process be different with this new virtual option

Club presidents will be asked to assign/identify their respective club's voting delegates as well as governors for district delegates using an online form that will be introduced by April 1st. From there, the information as to its own certification and whether it has fulfilled the qualifications of a Civitan club/district in good standing will be reviewed. Virtual voters will get an email in advance of the online voting to confirm their inclusion as a delegate. In-person voters will check-in with members of the election committee prior to voting.

## Are there any unique rules for this year's election since it is hybrid

Yes, one important rule this year will be there will be no "standby" voters. If the designated voting delegates do not register to allow voting or place their vote, there is no way to substitute in other voters using the system we will have as well as having both the virtual participation vote and the in-person vote happening simultaneously online.



## How will virtual voting actually work

Once voting delegates are registered for the convention, your information will be confirmed and passed along to the election software company under strict secure measures. That company will send out an email in advance of the election to confirm the voter and share next steps. An additional email will be sent out prior to Tuesday, July 5, with each voter's unique credentials (username and password). Virtual voters will be directed to a website in which to place their vote with their credentials once voting is open.

## How will virtual registrants take part in general sessions

If you register as a virtual participant for the 2022 convention, you will be able to vote and witness three general sessions, including First Business Session, Elections Business Session and Membership Extravaganza. These sessions will be live streamed via the internet similar to Zoom meetings.



## DELEGATE SUBMISSION DEADLINES.

The window to designate voting delegates for a club or district will close on May 15th, 2022. No delegates may be submitted after this time, nor may they be substituted.

### Cancellation Policy

**No refunds will be given for virtual attendee registration, for any reason, at any time.**

## CREDENTIALS & VOTING

In-person voting delegates will receive their voting credentials on site, during the dedicated voting time. Once you pick up your credentials, you will proceed to tables in the voting area that have iPads to complete your ballot. You will not be able to use your own devices to cast your vote.

## What waivers, releases and policies are in place, that I should know about before registering

- [Member & Guest Liability Release & Waiver;](#)
- [Indemnification](#)
- [COVID-19 Assumption of Risk & Waiver of Liability](#)
- [Cancellation Policy](#)
- [Convention Policy](#)



## Ideas For Garnering New Members

- 1.) Check with local Universities or High School to see if they are having a volunteer fair, or in the case of University, a club fair. Try to get permission to have a display/attendee, - Junior-Seniors
- 2.) See if your local TV has an ad page or does interviews.
- 3.) Snap magazine will often feature charity or not for profit events.
- 4.) Do something in conjunction with another entity, like hold a joint event where they get 50% of the profits.
- 5.) Try a local retirement home, they often are looking for events, maybe a joint fundraiser in their location like a euchre tournament, or bingo, or craft event would generate interest in your club.
- 6.) At a Civitan international meeting it was stated by a Governor that they have a rep/member in their club from any other entity that they help. For example, London Civitan Club just had a member of CLL join the London Middlesex club, that they do 90% of their programs for/with them.
- 7.) If you belong to a group like a book club, knitting bee, travel club, bring a pamphlet to your club.
- 8.) If you still work check with co-workers, maybe leave a pamphlet in the lunchroom, on a community board.
- 9.) At the local library they often have pamphlets, or community boards.
- 10.) Some malls have a community board-fundraisers approved by them can be posted on their board, they might allow not for profit, or seek night info to be posted.
- 11.) Bring club info/pamphlets to any event you hold.
- 12.) Have an info booth at a local festival, or sporting event. Give out something, pencil, ball, Frisbee, with your clubs contact on it.



## Ideas For Member Retention

- 1) Thank your members, always. Let them know how much you appreciate their efforts
- 2) Get them involved, ask members to head a committee, social event, be a good will ambassador
- 3) Acknowledge each members birthday, send a card. Have an acknowledgement monthly at your meeting. Maybe share a multi birthday cake/cupcakes.
- 4) Acknowledge members other events/milestones. Are they a new grandparent-hold a shower? Did they just have an anniversary-send a card? Did they just marry-send a gift/card?
- 5) Make up certificates to give out after an event to organizers.
- 6) Make a job description and list of the event schedule to get people potentially wanting to take on a project/fundraiser. Allow/encourage someone to shadow a project/fundraiser chair to learn.
- 7) Allow members to speak at meetings, get their feed back, hear their ideas.
- 8) Have an info night whenever a new member is installed to bring them up to speed on the club officers, projects, fundraisers. You can make a video or power point and update as needed.
- 9) Hold a dinner meeting/social for your members at different locations. If you usually stay in your club house or 1 location switch it up. If you have a budget for this then give each member that amount towards the event, and they pay the difference. (creates interest in members and community.) Go bowling, go on a trip to the theatre, have a picnic. Fellowship!
- 10) Give club awards yearly, monthly.
- 11) Have members contribute to the club social media, photos, posters, make a tiktok.
- 12) Make meetings a social occasion as well. Bring nibbles, coffee etc. That birthday cake! Or plan to go out after the meeting for dinner, etc.
- 13) For your fellow clubs in the district, if you have a good project or fundraiser in your area... Please consider doing up a project report, list the event, steps to take to run it, how many people it takes to run this project etc. and pass it on to your Area Director for distribution. Pass it on!



# DID YOU KNOW...?

Down syndrome is named after John Langdon Down, a British physician who was the first to classify the condition in 1866. John Langdon Down began his career as chief physician of Earlswood, an institution for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Prior to Earlswood, John Down had no experience caring for people with these types of disabilities. But something about them interested him. He saw their value and their humanity in a time when others didn't. He genuinely enjoyed being around them, and he became infuriated by the way they were treated. Corporal punishment was common, there was poor hygiene, high mortality rates, and nothing enjoyable or worthwhile for the patients to do. John Langdon Down insisted on change. He hired all new staff, demanded proper care and hygiene, prohibited punishment, and offered crafts and hobbies to his patients. He took beautiful portraits of his patients, dressing them in their nicest gowns and suits, and posing them in flattering ways. He used this portrait collection of over 200 photos to support his clinical description of Down syndrome, pointing out the physical features he noticed as well as the other clinical observations he made. In 1868, he bought a large white mansion as a home for people with Down syndrome, rather than an "institution". He ensured that the mansion met the highest standards of comfort and hygiene. All people who were brought to the mansion were privately educated. They were taught to ride horses, garden, and craft. Creative outlets were provided and he had a small theater built as an addition to the mansion. This mansion was called Normansfield, and is still around today in the UK. Now, it is named The Langdon Down Center and Normansfield Theater. So "Down" has nothing to do with delays, or disposition, or prognosis of the syndrome. It's just named after a really, really cool person.



These are some photos from John Down's collection.





# SAVE *THE* DATE



*Don't miss this one!*

*Invite family and friends as it promises to be loads of fun!*

## Mark Your Calendar

### **C.D.W. ZOOM SPRING CONVENTION May 14, 2022**

**After the meeting come and join  
the fun, while wearing your  
pajamas, eating, drinking  
and playing FAMILY FUED**

**THIS PROMISES TO BE ONE CONVENTION  
YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS**

All conventions are enjoyable but this one will be tons of fun and laughter!!



### Do You Just Belong?

Are you an active member;  
The kind that would be missed?  
Or are you just contented  
That your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay at home  
And crab both long and loud?

Do you take an active part  
To help CIVITAN along  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind that just belong?

Do you help new members?  
And make the old one's stick?  
Or leave the work for just a few  
And talk about the clique?

Help with hand and heart—  
Don't be just a member,  
But take an active part.  
As elections draw closer  
Don't be just a member  
But put your name forth  
And take an active part.

## CLUB ELECTIONS

### CLUB SECRETARIES: "LETS TRY FOR PERFECT"

Each year there are always some mistakes in the District Directory.

#### LETS ELIMINATE THE MISTAKES!

- 1) Please print neatly or type when you are filling out the "REPORT OF CIVITAN CLUB OFFICERS"
- 2) Have each officer verify their information.
- 3) Deadline is July 1st but the sooner the information is received by Civitan International and your Directory Editor the sooner they can begin their jobs.

Together ...



### DISTRICT ELECTION

**WE NEED YOU!**

To put your name forward for

**Governor Elect 2022-23**

# Make A Difference

# Volunteer

# April, May, June Flowers & Stones

*april*  
BIRTH FLOWER  
*purity*  
*innocence*  
*fertility*  
*motherhood*  
*transformation*



DAISY



· Diamond ·



*may*  
BIRTH FLOWER  
*motherhood*  
*chastity*  
*purity*  
*sweetness*



LILY of the VALLEY



EMERALD



*June*  
BIRTH FLOWER  
*love*  
*beauty*  
*honor*  
*faith*  
*devotion*



ROSE



PEARL

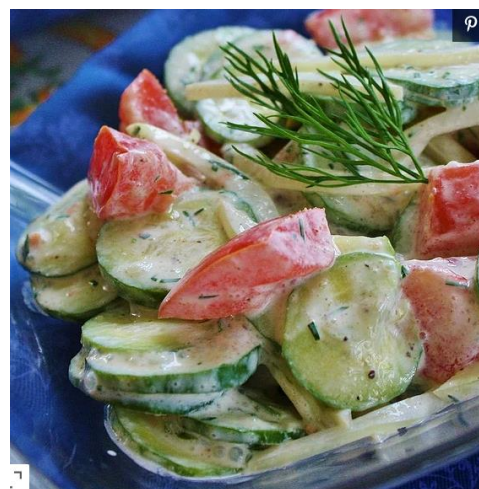


# Creamy Cucumber Tomato Salad

Serving: 4 Per Serving: 68 calories

## Ingredients

- 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 1 large cucumber, quartered
- ¼ cup sour cream, or to taste
- 2 ½ teaspoons balsamic vinaigrette dressing (such as Wish-Bone®)
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh dill
- 4 pinches garlic salt with parsley (such as Lawry's®)



## Directions

Combine tomatoes and cucumbers in a bowl. Add sour cream, balsamic vinaigrette, lemon juice, dill, and garlic salt; stir. Season with salt and ground pepper.

## Raspberry Cheesecake Bars

### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 6 tbsp. melted butter
- For the cheesecake:
  - 16 oz. full fat cream cheese, softened
  - 1 lemon, zested
  - 1 1/4 cup granulated sugar
  - 1/4 cup sour cream
  - 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
  - 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
  - 2 large eggs
- For the filling:
  - 1 can raspberry pie filling



### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350F and line an 8x8 inch baking pan with parchment paper and set to the side. Combine graham cracker crumbs, sugar, and melted butter together in a small bowl and stir. Press into the baking pan to create the crust and bake for 8 minutes. While crust is cooling, beat together cream cheese, lemon zest, sugar, sour cream, flour, and vanilla extract.

Beat in the eggs last and pour mixture into the pan.

Spoon raspberry pie filling in small circles around the cheesecake and use a knife to make swirl designs.

Bake for 35 minutes and let cool completely before chilling in the fridge for 2-3 hours.

*Slice & Enjoy!*



*How to **HALF** a Recipe!*

When the recipe calls for:	Use:
1/4 cup	2 tablespoons
1/3 cup	2 tablespoons and 2 teaspoons
1/2 cup	1/4 cup
2/3 cup	1/3 cup
3/4 cup	6 tablespoons
1 tablespoon	1 1/2 teaspoons
1 teaspoon	1/2 teaspoon
1/2 teaspoon	1/4 teaspoon

**Making One-third of a Recipe**

1/4 cup	1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon
1/3 cup	1 tablespoon + 2 1/3 teaspoons
1/2 cup	2 tablespoons + 2 teaspoons

myincrediblerecipes.com

# Canadian District West Junior Civitan

Tracy Beck, Chairperson



Not a lot to report at this time. All of our clubs are meeting virtually at the moment. They have become experts at the pivot. Here are some of their recent virtual projects.

The Halton Junior Civitan Club always has really unique project ideas. Their creation of a pet calendar raised \$560 for the Oakville Humane Society (and my dog, Rex, earned a place on the cover!)

The Dundas Junior Civitan Club is preparing to host a Virtual Valentines crafting event with the Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton. Participants will make door hangers, keychains and do some colouring together.

The Burlington Junior Civitan Club has been learning about and then spreading awareness of Indigenous issues through their Instagram, as part of their Social Causes Awareness Campaign.

Instagram is the best way to keep up with what our Junior clubs are up to:

@Halton\_Junior\_Civitan

@Burlington.JrCivitan

@DundasJrCivitan

## Halton Junior Civitan Club

Helping Kerr Street Mission sort food



We are starting 2022 by sharing some great news!  
Thanks to our wonderful pet owner friends who participated in our Calendar Fundraiser, we managed to raise a net total of \$560 for @oakvillemiltonhumane .



## Burlington Junior Civitan

The Burlington Jr. Civitan helped filling holiday hampers, we visited The Mark Preece house. Where we cooked dinner which was a lovely spaghetti with broccoli and bacon as well as a choice of the pasta without the bacon. We had a side of garlic bread and chocolate crinkle cookies as dessert! We had a lot of fun cooking for them and we hope they enjoyed!



## Dundas Junior Civitan

Valentine's Day event!





Congratulations to the Agincourt Civitan Club  
which was formed March 11, 1966  
Happy 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**CIVITAN PROJECT GROW**

**GOALS.**

- Renew the current strategic plan, setting measurable and attainable goals for membership, philanthropy, community impact, and overall organizational health.

**REFINE**

- Assess current procedures and systems to ensure they are set up to lead to outcomes that develop the organization and support and enrich membership.

**OPPORTUNITY./**


- Discover and implement new partnerships and new ideas to forge the organization ahead and convey the legacy of Civitan in more meaningful ways.

**WORK**


- Collaborate on all levels to support our flagship project and other efforts that help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

GREAT  
IDEA





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**Our Goal:** \$300  
112 Tall Kitchen Bags + Large Yard Bags  
30 Medium boxes (household goods)

**Fundraiser Dates:**  
01/28/2022 - 04/03/2022

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**Clean out your closets and cupboards for London-Middlesex Civitan Club!**

Help us get the word out. Click and share.  
#fundrive2fundraise



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If you are cleaning out a closet, please consider donating.

We are collecting to raise monies for our programs such as leisure programs Community Living London and our sponsored horse at SARI.

Please contact Me -Pauline with your donations.

**We Are Collecting**

By the end of February the sun won't set until after 6pm.  
By the end of March it will be closer to 7:45pm

April 8:25pm

May 8:57pm

June 9:08pm

*Brighter Days are Coming!*



# DATES TO REMEMBER

## ✓ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 11-13	Junior All in Summit -Birmingham /
March 11	Agincourt Civitan 56 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
March 13	Daylight Savings starts
March 15	Honourary Canadian deadline
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	Welcome Spring
April 9	CDW Board meeting
April 15	Good Friday
April 17	Easter
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	CIFOC – meeting – Belleville
May 8	Mothers Day
May 14	CDW Zoom Convention



Supply House Has Officially Reopened!



**CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS**  
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

From the months of January through March, Civitan International's Impact Area of focus is Family and Community Support. The purpose behind this Impact Area is to shine a light on the need for accessibility and inclusion for all to ensure a good quality of life. For information and tips on how you can enter into the family and community support space go to the link: <https://civitan.org/familyandcommunity/>



## Agincourt Civitan Club - #1870 President Rhonda Thomson



Agincourt club is continuing to holding zoom meetings at this time.

They are still not able to work with their Gliders skating group.

A long-time past member Wilf McKnight passed away recently. He was very active with the Cake at the District level for many years

## Barrie Civitan Club - #1777 President Bill Hiscott



Dispite the pandemic the Barrie Civtan Club is still very viable although they are not meeting due to the pandemic.

The club managed to have a very successful cake season, selling out of cake and they would have been able to sell more if cake was available.

## Don Mills Civitan Club - #746 President Jeff Simpson



The Don Mills club has been holding zoom meetings.

They are working on changing their format.

Don Mills club continues to make numerous donations.





## Dundas Civitan Club - #3212 President David Morden

We're pleased to report that we had a successful Christmas Cake sales campaign in December. Thanks to all who helped out with sales, and to all who purchased.

We had intended to meet in January to kick off the New Year, and proceed with planning activities that we had discussed at our two meetings last fall. However, we had to cancel that gathering when provincial pandemic restrictions were re-applied.

We are now making tentative plans for an executive meeting in late March, followed by a business meeting in April.

We feel we need to use these opportunities to assess everything we are doing, including projects, fund raising activities, finances, and decide what directions we should take going forward. We also want to talk about how we might encourage some "new blood" to join our club.

As previously reported, we had decided we wanted to continue to sponsor and organize the Alleycats Special Olympics Bowling League, which was our very first club project, and which remains dear to our hearts.

We are anticipating holding another spring yard sale in June, as well as a document shredding day. We hope to finalize the dates of these events soon and will share them.

This year marks the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Dundas. A committee composed of representatives of our community has been formed. It is a major undertaking, and planning is already underway. Many events and activities are being considered, and most of the festivities will take place during the summer period, when outdoor venues will be most advantageous. We will be deciding in what way we might want to participate.

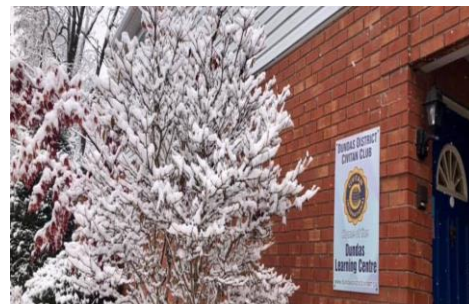
We wish all our fellow Civitans a **Happy Spring**.



Head coach of Dundas Special Olympics Alley Cats



Dundas Learning Centre



## Halton Civitan Club - #3526 President Marlyne Van Exan

The Halton Civitan Club was able to meet in December to fill 50 purses with various products including soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand lotions, feminine hygiene products, and stationary. These purses were donated to the Woman's Centre of Halton located in Hopedale Mall. Civitan Denise also hosted our annual potluck dinner. It was very nice to connect personally with members of our club.



Unfortunately, Covid-19 numbers increased and new restrictions came into place so our club reverted back to virtual meetings for January, February and March. Civitan Sharon has organized a project to benefit long-term patients in the Halton Health Care Hospital. She has secured personal products that will fill 100 giftbags. When restrictions have all lifted and our group can meet in person we will assemble the bags so they can be delivered to the hospitals.

Civitan Jadzia has been working on a bottle drive to raise money for our club. She has currently raised \$27 and aims to have more deposits soon. Eventually we would like to partner with a Beer Store and canvas people to donate their return deposits to our club.

Finally, our club continues to collect milk bags. The bags are used to make mats for people experiencing homelessness.



# Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club - #2721 President Ken Luff

The major renovations to the club house are now complete.



In December the club participated in manning a Salvation Army Kettle bell site. Kawartha Lakes club did not hold meetings in December or January.



Dean Michel and fellow Kawartha Lakes Civitan Johnny Cormier tending to the Salvation Army kettle today at the Coboconk Foodland. Thanks to everyone who supports this worthwhile Christmas campaign

So this lovely couple, Johnny and Debbie Cormier, have been volunteering with Kawartha Lakes Civitan for 20+ years! They are constantly working quietly in the background getting things done! Debbie is our Secretary and Johnny is our caretaker! If you see them in your travels give them a pat on the back for giving back to our community!

CONGRATULATIONS!! To Kawartha Lakes member **Dave Reid** on his

**40** years

In Civitan!!

YOU DID IT!  
*Congratulations*

# London Middlesex Civitan Club - #2383 President Darrell Blackwell

The London Middlesex club is trying to keep busy.

The club had a Christmas get together before the newest lock down and they had a great turn out with a gift exchange. This meeting included a game which was a lot of fun and very engaging. The game by the way was called Family Feud Christmas. At this meeting the club also installed a long-involved lady who decided it was time to make her relationship with the club official.

The club also did a Zoom with C.L.L. in December where we had a festive sweater contest and we handed out prizes for the three best. Also, on that night a bingo game was played where all the winners were given a Christmas sock full of goodies. The evening was then topped off with a carol singing. The singing was assisted with Barb on the piano.

The club is still collecting for a fundraiser with Value Village.

Just on the side there will be more youth and baby clothes to deliver when this lock down is over.

Our project committee is now arranging a zoom for Valentines with C.L.L.

Lastly the club is anticipating that they are going to get back to some sort of normalcy and they are starting to think of projects that could be done (hopefully) later in the year. Area Director Bruce Davey commented: **“WOW, Darrell during this time over the last two years you have encouraged your club to not forget their own health and happiness. Social accolades to you.”**



During the Christmas dinner, members of the London Middlesex Civitan club were able to install a new member with the help of our Area Director Bruce Davey. **Welcome Stephanie!**

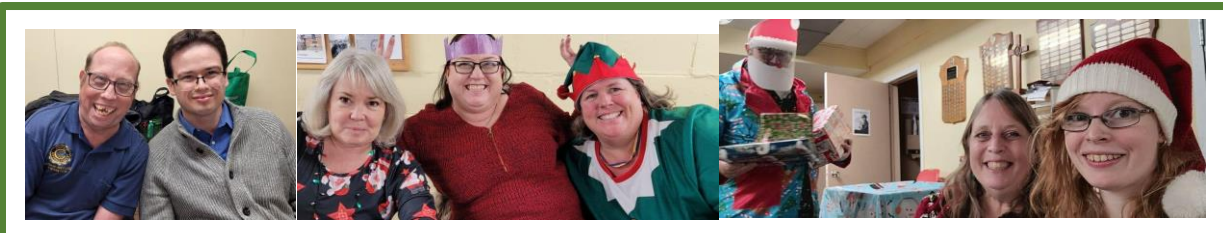




The members of the London Middlesex Civitan Club enjoyed a great game of Christmas Friendly Feud during fellowship at our Christmas dinner meeting. There were some great answers that brought many laughs.



Christmas dinner meeting ended with a visit from Santa and a gift exchange!



# Midland Civitan Club - #1959 President Norma Johnston

Our Midland Civitan Static Santa Display was huge success. A huge shout out to Civitans Mike, Barrett and Kirsten Tinney for all the hard work getting our floats ready and to the many other Civitans who “stepped up to the plate” to make this happen.



As with all Civitans, our activities have been restricted, however we have been having Monthly Meetings, via Zoom. We renewed Zoom Pro so we are able to have 100 people on one meeting if desired. Our IT guru, Civitan Carol Frederick continues to keep us up and running. Many thanks Civitan Carol for all your hard work.

At a recent General Meeting, the Membership strongly voiced their objection to Civitan International Head Quarters ignoring the Convention vote and decided to eliminate the districts anyway.

Our cake sales were great this year. The major part of 30 cases in just a little over two weeks. **Well done Midland!!!!**

President Marie has stepped down as President and President-Elect Norma will be finishing out her term. Marie is starting a new and exciting chapter in her life and we wish her well.

As with the lockdowns we have, like all Clubs, severely restricted in our activities but as things open up, we have some events on the horizon. We plan to do Adopt a Highway, First of July Parade to Little Lake Park and run the 50/50 draw that day.

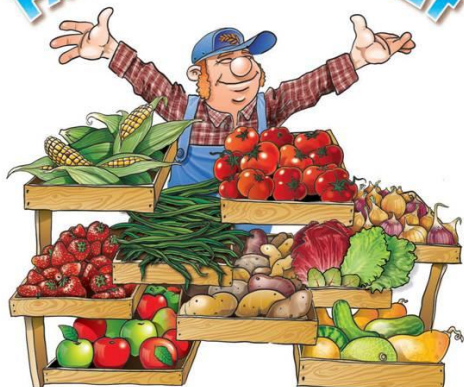
**Congrats** to Civitan Ralph Latour on 50 years of service in 20-21 and Civitan Joyce Evans on 35 Years. Thank you for your Service.

On a sad note: **Condolences** to both Joey Randolph and Veronica Vrabcenkak who both recently lost their mothers.

**We hope to have an In Person meeting towards the end of April.**



## ENJOY YOUR FARMERS' MARKET



The Oakville Civitan Club continues to be successful with their excellent projects: The Farmer's Market is gearing up for another successful season. They are in discussions to reassess the aspects of the market and its operation to see what opportunities there are to bolster its prominence; Civitan awareness and the overall ability to raise funds for the community.

Planning for their annual Golf Tournament. They are looking forward to getting back to the bingo hall.



PUTS FUNDS  
BACK INTO THE  
COMMUNITY!

### Whom Oakville Civitan Club helped before covid struck

The Civitan Club of Oakville focuses its support on Oakville's not-for-profit organizations providing assistance to those in our community with the greatest needs. Often our funding is directed to associations and charities which do not otherwise receive significant support. The Club typically donated about \$ 40,000 annually before covid hit.

### Groups we have recently supported include:

- Oakville Hospital Foundation - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Services Unit
- Family Adolescent Straight Talk Addictions Counseling
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton
- Malton Trauma Centre
- Camp Trillium
- Canadian Mental Health Association, Halton Region
- CNIB, Halton/Peel District
- Community Living Oakville
- Food For Life
- Mom's Camp
- Halton Women's Place
- Kerr Street Ministries
- March of Dimes
- Oakville Distress Centre
- Reach Out Centre for Kids
- Student Scholarships
- Salvation Army
- Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club
- White Oaks Secondary School Futures Program



# Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club - #3543 President Russell D'Abreu

The past year has once again been a challenging one for most living through the Covid19 pandemic.

The volunteer members of the Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club are so grateful for the generosity in supporting their worthy cause of helping others through their transplant journey.

Thanks to your generous donations and monthly commitments, the club was able to provide financial assistance to 22 pre/post lung transplant patients in 2021. All proceeds received from the clubs fund-raising efforts are used to support patients and the TGH Lung Transplant Program. Without the funds from Spirometer sales, merchandise sales and donations, the club would not be able to provide this kind of support.

The screenshot shows the website header with the club's name and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, Products, About Us, Help Out / Donate, Related Links, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled 'Products' and features two items:

- VD01 Vitalograph Lung Monitor {Spirometer}**: Accompanied by an image of the device. A 'Buy Now' button is present, along with logos for VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, and PayPal.
- VD02 asma-1 Monitor {Spirometer}**: Also accompanied by an image of the device. A 'Buy Now' button is present, along with the same payment logos.
- Personal Finger Pulse Oximeter**: Priced at \$99.00. Accompanied by an image of the device and its carrying pouch. A 'Buy Now' button is present, along with the same payment logos.

TLTCC would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for all your support and are hopeful that 2022 will bring a sense of normalcy as we get through this latest phase of the pandemic.

Area Director Bruce congratulated Russell stating:  
**Another very successful term Russell.  
Congratulations to both you and your club.**

Individuals can help by:

- Volunteering at our annual community events and special projects.
- Becoming a member of TLTCC.
- Making a donation.

LTCC works in the areas of advocacy, awareness and support. Our objectives are to:

- Increase the rate of organ and tissue donation;
- Improve the community's understanding of organ and tissue donation and transplantation;
- Provide transplant patients with support, education and guidance to improve their health and quality of life.



# Obituaries

## Robert Dietz

He became a Judge of Compensation Claims in August of 2013 and was highly respected for his fairness, integrity, and professionalism with all persons who appeared before him. He was also an adjunct professor at Barry University School of Law teaching the workers' compensation law. This past weekend, the State of Florida lost one of its best Judges of Compensation Claims in JCC Robert Dietz. He was not only a good judge, known throughout the workers' compensation law community as knowledgeable, fair and professional, he was an even better man. I ( Paul N. White-Davis, Esq.) had the privilege of being invited by him to be a guest lecturer for his law school class on Workers' Compensation law on multiple occasions and was a member of his lecture group for our local Inns of Court. I will miss him. I will say a prayer for serenity and comfort for his loved ones.

Robert Lee Dietz has been a Florida Bar member since May 1984. Dietz received his board certification in 1992. In 1995, he became a Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator.

He was recognized by the Florida Supreme Court on January 28, 2010 when he received the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Award for his pro bono work at the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Inc., participating in its pro bono panel for more than 20 years, while additionally providing service as a guardian ad litem for children in the juvenile dependency system over the last 23 years. His giving back to the community especially children was very important to him. Because many of the children suffer cognitively and psychologically; lack parental and familial care; were abused, neglected, and harmed in various ways; they become extremely close to the guardian ad litem. Over the years, Robert Dietz served as a guardian ad litem for more than 100 children, bringing joy to the guardian ad litem children by doing things such as: taking them roller-skating, organizing Christmas gift drives, going out for pizza, and a group trip to Sea World. He has used his skills as a litigator to free children from dangerous and harmful households. He donated more than 1,130 hours to guardian ad litem pro bono work was responsible for recruiting other lawyers to do pro bono service.

Robert Dietz also participated in several organizations such as: Open House Ministries, Touching Miami with Love, ABA TIPS Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Committee, the Florida Defense Lawyers' Association, and a Fellow of The College of Workers' Compensation and Civitan International where he organized and ran golf tournaments to assist developmentally disabled children. He also served on the PTA/SAC Committee at the middle school where his wife works and is active in church ministries



# McKnight, Wilfred (WILF) September 2, 1928 - January 20, 2022

Wilf passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Lakeridge Health in Ajax at the age of 93. He leaves behind his beloved and adored wife Joan of 72 years. He will be forever loved and missed by his children Wayne (Jill) and Donna (Bob). Will be held dear in the hearts of his grandchildren Jason (Katherine) and Ashley, and his great-grandchildren Cara, Auston and Zoe. Wilf will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by his sister Joan. Reunited in heaven with his parents Wilfred and Lillian and brother Raymond.



# Marguerite Eileen Way



Peacefully, surrounded by family on December 25, 2021 Marguerite Eileen Way passed away at Strathmere Lodge in her 93rd year. Loving wife of the late Frank (1993). Cherished mother to Lorraine Mauer, Allen (Susan) Way, Janice (Rodger) Godin, Gayle (Ted Moore) Cann, Virginia Hatfield and Bryan Way. Marguerite will be missed by her 15 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Dearly remembered by her sister Kathleen Jones, many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Cremation has taken place; a Celebration of Life will take place in the spring. As an expression of sympathy donations to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences and donations may be made at [www.strathroyfuneralhome.com](http://www.strathroyfuneralhome.com).

London Middlesex Civitan Club can now put together a story about the previously unknown whereabouts of Eileen Way as they had been trying to locate her to give her a 40th year pin. Both she and her predeceased husband Frank were heavily involved in the London Middlesex Civitan Club.

*"When you are sorrowful  
look again in your heart,  
and you shall see that in  
truth you are weeping for that  
which has been your  
delight."*

*Kahlil Gibran*



Those we *love*  
can *never* be more  
than a  
*thought* away...  
far as long as there's  
a *memory*  
they live in our  
*hearts* to stay.

# The Civitan Club of Oakville recently lost 2 of its past members:

## Thomas Ian Craigie

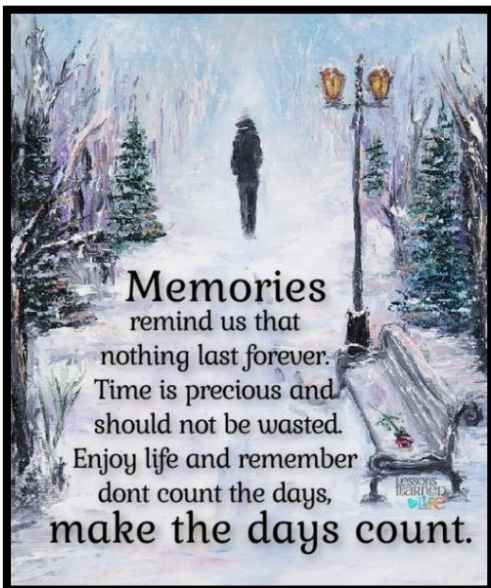


It's with great sadness we announce the sudden passing of long-standing member of the Oakville Civitan club, Ian Craigie at home in Oakville, Ontario on Thursday, October 28, 2021. He was 80 years of age. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Gay Dawn, children Dawn-Lee and Ian (Claudine), and the light of his life, his granddaughter Carrigan. He is survived by his sister June and brother Tim. Predeceased by his parents Lola and Cliff, brothers Bill and Jim and sister BA. He will be missed by his many nieces and nephews. Ian Sr., as he was known, was a long time Oakville resident, former owner of Craigie Pool Service and long-standing member of the Oakville Civitan Club. Ian was Co-chair of the Oakville Jr Civitan Club for many years. planned.

## Robert William Ambeau



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the death of Robert William Ambeau (Oakville, Ontario). Bob peacefully passed away at the age of 87, in Wyndham Manor, Oakville, ON. Bob was born in Midland At the age of 20, he moved to Oakville, where he worked at Ford Motor Company for 35 years. In Oakville, he met his vivacious wife Mary (née Dunnigan), whom he was married to for 61 years. With lots of partying, travelling, and volunteering, Bob lived a very fulfilling life with his family and friends. Bob's infectious laugh and sense of humour always made people laugh. His many hobbies included playing cards, curling, golf, horseshoes, listening to music, watching sports and reading.



YOU WILL BE

*missed.*



# Governor Elect's Message



*H*i my fellow Civitans. It has been a wild start to 2022, I hope you are all safe and well.

I have been working with Civitan International on strategic planning sessions, offering suggestions and critical points re the new structure plans.

Your CDW board has been brainstorming and working on a possible Licence Agreement.

Other Civitans are organizing Zoom meetings to discuss what to do.

I have made up a list of Recruit and Maintain member's ideas that you will find in this edition of the Beaver tales. I'm sure a lot of the suggestions you are already implementing; however, if even 1 idea is new then I have offered you something to try. If you find yourselves needing someone to help with a seek night (I know a lot of us have not been in person due to Covid) let me know and I will do my best to find you materials and offer myself to help. The awareness funds are available if you need some for advertising, brochures etc.

I know each and everyone of you does important work and service to your individual communities; **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

We are planning a spring zoom convention this May. We plan, even though it's online, to have a bit of fellowship - will you know what the "survey says..."? I hope by late Sept./ early Oct. the Region 5 brings us all back together, in person!

Feel free to contact myself or other board members if you need help, advice, or want to run to join the board. Job descriptions are listed in the policy manual on the CDW website.

I hope to "see" you all at the spring convention.

*Pauline*

Governor-Elect



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