



BEAVER TALES

Canada District West
Region 5

Spring
2022-23



2022-23 C.D.W. Board

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People helping
Clubs stay
united!

Governor's Message - Pauline Blackwell



Hello Fellow Civitans,

I hope you are all doing well and back in your communities doing what you do best.

The Dundas Civitan club is hosting the spring convention May 27th.

The registration form will soon be out, if it's not already. The hotel in Hamilton, conveniently right by the

highway turn off, is quite lovely. The Dundas club is working together to bring you an interesting and fun convention! I hope to see many of you attend.

Some positions on the board are open, please consider running and look on the CDW website in the manual for the requirements and job descriptions for Governor Elect, Area Director, Past Governor Director.

If you are having an event, consider inviting a board member, such as your area representative, to come out to join in.

If you have a junior club in your area, consider a joint project or fundraiser. The board has a few ideas which may come to fruition later in the year.

Spring is just around the corner, so warmer weather and sunshine will be on the horizon.

I wish you all the best, and hope to see you at the spring convention.

Pauline,
Gov CDW 2022/23



PLAN ON ATTENDING
the
SPRING CONVENTION



CANADIAN CIVITAN REMINDERS

"The best honour you can give to anyone is to show respect for their time."

Why not honour someone in your club with either a Century Award or a Fellow

(A tax receipt will be given to the recipient)

Contact: AWARDS TRUSTEE (CIFOC)
Darlene Lambert
95 Spruce Street West
Pembroke ON K8A 7S2
(613) 735-6069
Email: civitandarlene@live.ca



Send Your New Member Info

name, address, phone number & email address to the District Treasurer and Communications so that District and Foundation lists are up to date and communications can keep you updated on District matters.

SUE GIBSON: susan_gibson@rogers.com
LYLE ARMSTRONG: wekndr@rogers.com



SCAM ALERT!

Your CEO is asking for money urgently; make sure the email is legitimate!

Do you work in accounting or finance? Do you have the authority to move money at work? Do you report to a chief executive officer (CEO)? If yes, be on the lookout; this scam specifically targets you!

In a typical "CEO scam," fraudsters will impersonate a senior company executive, either by gaining

access to their email address or by imitating one. They will send realistic-looking emails that try to trick you into wiring money to a third party.

The emails will make the request sound urgent and confidential. For example, they may say the money is needed to secure an important

contract, complete a confidential transaction, or update a supplier's payment information.

Fraudsters are usually strategic about the timing of these emails. They send them when executives

lucrative scam can cost businesses tens of thousands to millions of dollars.

CEO scams are a growing global threat that targets small local businesses and large



Tips to protect yourself:

- Keep your computer systems secure with an up-to-date, reputable antivirus software and strong passwords.
- Validate all transfer requests either on the phone or in person. Never use the contact information provided in emails.
- Verify the sender's email address—scammers will often create addresses that are very similar to legitimate ones, with just one or two different letters.
- Encourage your company to create a standard process for money transfers that requires multiple levels of approvals.
- Limit the details you share publicly. Fraudsters use information that's available online and on social media to find potential victims and to time their fraud.



In a typical "fake CEO scam", fraudsters gain access to a high-ranking executive's email account, or create a similar email address, and target employees in financial positions within the organization who have the authority to move money. They send realistic-looking emails, requesting urgent wire transfers for what appears to be legitimate business reasons, like "securing an important contract", "a confidential transaction" or "updating a supplier's payment information".

SCAM ALERT!

TAX SCAMS

Got a call or email from the CRA? Make sure it's real!

You get a text message or an email from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) claiming you're entitled to an extra refund and all you need to do is provide your banking details. Watch out—this wonderful-if-true situation is exactly what a tax scam looks like.

Another variation is that they call you to say that you owe the CRA money and that you need to pay right away, or else they will report you to the police.

In any case, if you do receive a call, letter, email or text saying you owe money to the CRA, you can double

check online via "My Account" or call 1-800-959-8281.



Tips to protect yourself:

The CRA will never:

- use aggressive or threatening language.
- threaten you with arrest or send police.
- ask for payments via prepaid credit cards or gift cards, such as iTunes, Home Depot, etc.
- collect or distribute payments through Interac e-transfer.
- use text messages to communicate under any circumstances.

Emails from the CRA:

- never ask for financial information.
- never provide financial information.

The CRA's accepted payment methods are:

- online banking.
- debit card.
- pre-authorized debit.



SCAM ALERT!

SALE OF MERCHANDISE SCAMS

Scammers can pose as buyers.

If you sell items online, either personally or as part of a business, you need to be careful who you sell to as there is a risk of being targeted by tricksters who want to take your merchandise, money, or both.

In one version, the fraudster will agree to buy your item without seeing it. You'll get a PayPal or

email money notification that claims the payment is pending.

The catch is, the notification will say the payment will only be released when you provide a tracking number for the goods. By the time you enter the tracking number, you'll have already shipped the merchandise only to learn that the payment notification was a fake.

BEWARE Of Selling Online Merchandise Scams



In other cases, you might get paid with a fake money transfer, a fraudulent cheque or a stolen credit card.

In another version, the scammer may send you a message that says the payment can't be sent due to a problem with your PayPal or bank

account. You'll be asked to pay a fee to obtain a business account to complete the transaction. The scammer offers to pay the fee if you reimburse them using a transfer or wire service. If you agree, the "fee" money will go to the con artist.

Tips to protect yourself:

- Always meet in a local, public and safe place to complete an exchange.
- Beware of generic emails with bad grammar.
- Beware of far away buyers who want to buy products or other items without seeing them.
- Verify the sender's email address—scammers will often create addresses that are very similar to legitimate ones, with just one or two different letters.
- Never send money to get money.



2023 CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
 AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 20, 2023
 INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

REGISTRATION ONLY

**Civitan or Guest
 Registration ONLY
 \$160.00**

**Includes all
 non-ticketed functions:**

- Opening Ceremonies
- Research Center Update
- Membership Program
- Business Sessions
- Seminars and Workshops

EVENT PACKAGES

**Civitan or Guest
 Event Package
 \$250.00**

Includes all events:

- Non-ticketed functions as noted at left
- Welcome Party
- Closing Banquet

TICKETED EVENTS: A Welcome Party will follow Opening Ceremonies. Tickets are limited. We will wrap up the convention with the Closing Banquet. Both of these events are separately ticketed and are not included in Registration ONLY purchase, but are included in packages.

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

Closing Banquet
\$60.00 for Civitan or Guest

Registration Fees	If received by July 3	If received after July 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Civitan or Guest Event Package	\$250.00	\$270.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Civitan or Guest Registration only	\$160.00	\$180.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Party Ticket (adult)	\$40.00	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Installation Banquet Ticket (adult)	\$60.00	\$75.00

**Interested in Youth tickets?
 Contact Mary Luck: mary@civitan.org or 800.CIVITAN ext. 121.**

C.D.W. Spring Convention

Courtyard by Marriott
1224 Upper James Street,
Hamilton, ON | L9C 3B1
Saturday May 27, 2023
Phone: 905-383-7772

State **Civitan** When Booking

Hosted by **Dundas Civitan Club**

THEME
Murder
Mystery
Dinner



WE NEED YOU TO STEP FORWARD AND RUN FOR OFFICE

THREE

POSITIONS NEED TO BE FILLED

Governor Elect
Past Governor Director
Area Director

Registration Form for the Spring One Day Convention, May 27, 2023

Courtyard by Marriott 1224 Upper James Street, Hamilton, ON L9C 3B1

Hosted by the Dundas Civitan Club

Name: _____ Civitan: Y/N _____ Voting Delegate: Y/N _____

Club: _____ District Board/Club Office: _____ PG: Y/N _____ Year _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

First Convention: Y/N _____ Jr Civitan Y/N _____ if yes: Club: _____

Name: _____ Civitan: Y/N _____ Voting Delegate: Y/N _____

Club: _____ District Board/Club Office: _____ PG: Y/N _____ Year _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

First Convention: Y/N _____ Jr Civitan Y/N _____ if yes: Club: _____

Registration fee: \$115 pp Early Bird date: May 10; \$125 after; Final Registration date for caterer: May 20th

Dinner Guest Only fee (for non-member guests): \$60

Registration includes:

Breakfast Buffet: deluxe continental: pastries, croissants, muffins, banana bread, coffee cake; bagels & cream cheese, sliced fruit, juice, coffee & tea

Business Meeting & Morning break: hot beverages, juice, bottled water, granola bars

Lunch: Greek Souvlaki table: cucumber, tomato and onion salad, quinoa salad, grilled chicken with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion, kalamata olives, feta cheese and tzatziki sauce; warm pitas and Greek rice; garlic flatbread with hummus; bite sized desserts, coffee & tea

Awards Dinner & Buffet: Prime rib or applewood Salmon; green beans, roasted potatoes, salad, rolls, pasta & sauce.

Dessert: chocolate mousse cake, ice cream crepes or fruit salad.

Anyone with a dietary restriction please contact the hotel directly

Room rates: \$179, 2 double queen or king beds.

Call hotel direct to book: Hotel Phone: (905) 383-7772, state "Civitan" when booking

*** Reservations by attendees must be received on or before the May 12, 2023 cut off room rate and guarantee availability date.

Make Cheque Payable to: Civitan Canadian District West

Mail Registration and fee to: District Treasurer Sue Gibson 52 Boullee St. London, ON N5Y 1T6

Theme: Murder Mystery Dinner

Register for any day trips on offer with the host club contact: miranda.jurilj@gmail.com

SAVE *THE* DATE



Mark Your Calendar

London Middlesex Civitan Club is Hosting

**REGION 5 Convention
September 8 & 9, 2023**

THEME: Welcome to the Fair

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



Registration Form for Region 5 Convention, Sept 8/9, 2023

**Best Western Plus-Stoneridge Inn
6675Burtwistle Lane (off Colonel Talbot Rd.) London, N6L 1H5**

Hosted by London Middlesex Civitan Club

Name: _____ Civitan Y/N ___ Voting Delegate: Y/N ____

Club _____ District Board/Club Office _____ PG Y/N ___ Year ____

Address: _____ Email: _____

First Convention: Y/N ___ Jr Civitan Y/N ___ Club _____ Sat. dinner, beef/chicken (circle)

Name: _____ Civitan Y/N ___ Voting Delegate: Y/N ____ Club _____ District Board/Club Office _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

First Convention: Y/N ___ Jr Civitan Y/N ___ Club _____ Sat. dinner, beef/chicken (circle)

Registration fee: \$165pp Early Bird date: Aug 8; \$175after. Registration Deadline Aug 18.

Registration includes:

Friday Night Buffet: Tossed salad, Caesar salad, Lemon oregano chicken kabobs with tzatziki sauce, Garden penne in tomato sauce, Medley of seasonal vegetables, Herb roasted potatoes. Assorted dessert squares, mini donuts and churros, coffee & teas

Breakfast Buffet: continental: Mini pastries, butter, preserves, sliced fruit, bottles of juice, coffee & assorted teas.

Saturday Dinner: **Choose 1 entre and circle above:** Red wine braised beef short rib roast; OR Chicken breast in cremini mushroom sauce. Entres also includes: a medley of seasonal vegetables, roasted potatoes. Dessert: Lemon Chiffon (with toasted almonds).

Anyone with a dietary restriction please contact the hotel directly

Room rates \$172-Friday, \$217-Saturday-Includes full hot breakfast both Sat and Sun morning.

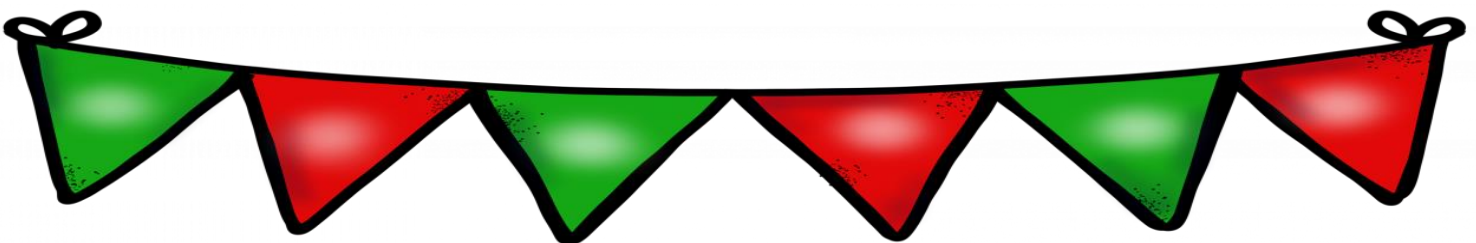
Call hotel direct to book: **519-652-6022, state Civitan when booking.**

Reservations by attendees must be received on or before the Aug 8,2023 cut off room rate and guarantee availability date. (27 rooms held in total)

Make Cheque Payable to: Civitan Canadian District West

Mail Registration and fee to: District Treasurer Sue Gibson 52 Boullee St. London, ON N5Y 1T6

Friday Theme: Welcome to the Fair!





Canadian District West Junior Civitan

Tracy Beck, Chairperson



Although the district board hasn't been up to much, each individual club continues in their work, supporting their local communities.



In January, the Halton Junior Civitan Club had a wonderful time running games and a craft station at Kerr Street Mission's Family Night.



In February, The Dundas Junior Civitan Club hosted a Valentines event for the Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton, featuring pic sym bingo, cookie decorating and play time with the kiddos. With standing room only, it was a great success and so much fun!



The Burlington Junior Civitan Club has been hard at work making bracelets and toiletry bags in support of Nisa Homes, Hamilton's new Muslim Women's Shelter.





Coming together as a community provides a new dimensionality to our earthly experiences.

Life, in all of its fullness, is happening right now. While our thoughts are sometimes elsewhere, beautiful opportunities and moments are being passed over and lost to the flow of time. And though we cannot possibly fully experience each leaf that falls to the ground, sometimes we get so attached to reaching our goals that we don't pay attention to the wonder all around us. When we do that, we live in a world that exists only in our heads, and we miss life itself. There is so much to be enjoyed and appreciated that we need to remember to pay attention to the present moment, because it is the only space in which we can experience being alive.

We learn from our past, but dwelling on it keeps us from being fully present to life in the moment. We create our lives with our thoughts, but focusing so firmly on our imagined future keeps us from co-creating with the universe, so we might never allow ourselves to live our dreams as they manifest. It's possible to be so happy and comfortable in our inner worlds that we lose touch with the business of life.

Life must be attended to, and if we are wise, we can enjoy it at the same time. We can awaken ourselves to the moment we are living right now by taking a deep breath and simply looking around. In doing so, we refocus our attention on our location in the real world. Then we can learn to appreciate the process of working toward our goals as much as their attainment. Balancing ourselves between the present moment and eternity, we can experience and enjoy the full range of reality available to us as spiritual beings living on earth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15	Roster Lists to International & CDW Treasurer
March 17	St Patrick's Day
March 20	Welcome Spring
April 07	Good Friday
April 09	Easter Sunday
April 10	Easter Monday
April 15	C.D.W. Board Meeting
April 21	Don Mills Civitan Dinner Dance and Silent Auction
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	Canadian Foundation Meeting
May 10	Early Bird registration for Spring Convention
May 12	Registration deadline for hotel for Convention
May 14	Mothers Day
May 20	Deadline registration for dinner quests at convention
May 22	Victoria Day
May 27	Spring Convention (Dundas Civitan Hosting)

DISTRICT ELECTIONS

put your name forward

Governor Elect 2023-24
Past Governor Director
Area Director

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 ...



YES WE CAN

NOT SEEING YOUR CLUB ARTICLE

you may want to ask your President

WHY?

Maybe someone needs to be assigned the task!

We are all interested in each others activities.

Hopefully next time all clubs will submit articles!



Please remember to send your roster list to Civitan International as well as our District Treasurer Sue Gibson by March 15.

CALIFORNIA SPAGHETTI SALAD

This is one of those versatile, “use-it-up” recipes that you can always depend on when you need to clear out the fridge. If you don’t have all of these particular veggies on hand, you can really switch it up as needed and still end up with a great result. Have some yellow squash? Throw it in. A little green onion? That’ll do nicely. No cucumber? Swap in some celery. We promise... it pretty much all works!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb spaghetti, cooked and drained
 - 1 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
 - 1 cucumber, diced
 - 2 zucchini, diced
 - 1 green bell pepper, diced
 - 1 red bell pepper, diced
 - 1 red onion, diced
 - 1 can sliced black olives, drained
- For the dressing:
- 1 bottle Italian dressing
 - 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated
 - 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
 - 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder



PREPARATION

Cook spaghetti according to directions on package, and drain and rinse in cold water. In a large bowl, combine zucchini, tomatoes, cucumber, bell peppers, onion, and black olives. In a small bowl, whisk together Italian dressing, sesame seeds, parmesan cheese, paprika, celery seed, and garlic powder. Add cooked spaghetti to vegetables and olives, then add dressing and toss together thoroughly. Cover and set in refrigerator to chill for at least 3 hours. Serve chilled and enjoy!



Pink Lemonade

- Recipe:
- 9 cups water
 - 1 1/2 cups white sugar
 - 2 cups fresh lemon juice
 - 3/4 cup cranberry juice, chilled

Directions:
In large pitcher, combine all ingredients and stir until sugar is completely dissolved. Pour over ice and add lemon slice and mint for garnish and serve. Enjoy!





Reuben Crescent Bake

- 2 tubes (8 ounces each) refrigerated crescent rolls**
- 1 pound sliced Swiss cheese**
- 1-1/4 pounds sliced deli corned beef**
- 1 can (14 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained**
- 2/3 cup Thousand Island salad dressing**
- 1 egg white, lightly beaten**
- 3 teaspoons caraway seeds**

Unroll one tube of crescent dough into one long rectangle; seal seams and perforations. Press onto the bottom of a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown.

Layer with half of the cheese and all of the corned beef. Combine sauerkraut and salad dressing; spread over beef. Top with remaining cheese.

On a lightly floured surface, press or roll second tube of crescent dough into a 13x9-in. rectangle, sealing seams and perforations. Place over cheese. Brush with egg white; sprinkle with caraway seeds.

Bake for 12-16 minutes or until heated through and crust is golden brown. Let stand for 5 minutes before cutting.

Yield: 8 servings.

Source ~ Taste of Home

In 2023, Civitan International will award four \$1,000 grants to Civitan Clubs that develop a unique, inspiring and impactful community service project, which falls into one of the four Civitan Impact areas, and complete supporting documentation. One club will win in each Impact Area category, for the best club project idea that can be replicated by other Civitan clubs.

GRANT AWARDS CATEGORIES



Best Education & Employment Project Plan



Best Health & Wellness Project Plan



Best Family & Community Project Plan



Best Accessible & Inclusive Communities Project Plan

YOUR PROJECT MUST

- Serve the I/DD community
- Be easily replicated by other clubs in a diverse range of communities
- Bring awareness to Civitan in your community
- Fall within one of the four Civitan Impact Areas



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL
IMPACT AREAS

Application deadline is

MARCH 31, 2023

To complete an application or learn more, visit www.civitan.org/impactareas.



Installation of the 2022-23 Agincourt Civitan Club board of Directors. Dec 14th.

Glider's Skating Club is going quite well and our special needs skaters were eager for the season to restart. Christmas party went well and they are looking forward to the season-end party on March 26th. We're already working with the City of Toronto for next season's ice permit.



We will be providing entertainment and cake for our Senior's Social event being held in March at Cedarbrook Lodge. Civitans Jacqui and Bob E will be in attendance.

Due to weather conditions this winter, it has been difficult for some members to join us in person for meetings at our new location: Birkdale Community Centre in Scarborough. We are in discussions with club members to consider having meetings via Zoom.



Don Mills Civitan Dinner Dance and Silent Auction

Don Mills Civitan is over 65 years strong, and once again is hosting their annual banquet to raise funds to help youth and families-in-need in their community. They are one of the few remaining service clubs in Don Mills, which makes their work more important than ever!

This amazing annual event the club's primary fund-raiser and is a great opportunity to have some fun and meet people in the community. After a couple of years away they hope to be back this spring in a big way!

Date: Friday April 21st, 2023

Don Mills Civitan is run entirely by volunteers, so 100% of the money raised goes to support worthy local causes.

You can help them by:

- Attending their Banquet and Silent Auction on April 21, 2023, time 6:30pm, you can purchase your tickets at www.dmchl.com.
- Directly sponsoring this fun-filled evening.
- Donating items for our silent auction. Items that we are looking for include hockey, basketball, and soccer tickets, gifts, gift certificates to restaurants, spas, golf courses, movies, etc.
- Donations can be made directly to Don Mills Civitan Club and charitable donation Receipts are available for donations over \$100.00 Thank you for your time and consideration.

Contact any one of the club members below to arrange drop or coordination.

Kevin O'Donnell [416-894-4027](tel:416-894-4027)

Peter MacInnis [416-391-3700](tel:416-391-3700)

Jeff Simpson [416-716-4181](tel:416-716-4181)

Dundas Civitan Club - #3212 President Kelsey Gaudet

We extend congratulations- and sincere thanks- to Kelsey Gaudet for stepping forward to be our club's president. She was nominated at our January business meeting. Pauline and Darrell Blackwell, and Sue Gibson happened to be our guests that evening, so Pauline did the honors of formally installing her.

Kelsey has served as our club secretary, and is an organizer of the Alleycats Bowling League along with Pam George and Pam Jurilj.

Our first "Closet Clean Out" fundraiser, held in November, was a great success. Members of community, including Riocan, the owners of the plaza where we held the drive, were most supportive. As a result, we have planned another one for Saturday April 1. We will be welcoming donations of clothing and textiles in clear plastic bags. The event will take place at the University Plaza parking lot on Osler Drive in Dundas, from 9 am to 12 pm.

We're very much looking forward to hosting the May Convention, and plans are well underway. We've booked facilities at the Marriot Courtyard Hotel on Hamilton Mountain, and are currently recruiting members to help with the various tasks. Stay tuned for more information.

Our Club 95 members were delighted to be able to gather again for dances, after at least two years of online meeting.

Thanks go to our Junior Civitans for all their efforts.



Fantastic·having·the·Club·95·dance·back·after·being·online·these·past·couple·years!!

Thanks·to·the·Dundas·Junior·Civitan·Club·for·making·it·so·much·fun!!

In January, Martha Fox, a member of our executive, composed an open letter entitled "Civitan Shoutout". Its purpose was to publicly thank all those in our community who had donated to our November cloth and fabric drive, and who had purchased Claxton Fruit Cakes. She advised that proceeds would go to "enhance the lives of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities in our community through attendance at the Dundas Learning Center Day Program, Special Olympics and other activities of social inclusion."

Martha was successful in getting her letter published in the local newspapers. It also appears on our Facebook page. Thank you, Martha!



The Dundas District Civitan Club is hosting

CLOSET CLEANOUT

Take part in our Spring Closet Cleanout campaign! Give items you are no longer using the chance to have a second life and help raise funds for Civitan!



Date

Saturday April 1st 2023

Time

9:00am - 12:00pm

Location

University Plaza Dundas
(101 Osler Drive)

Details

We are accepting donations of clothing and textiles (ex. Bedding, towels, curtains etc.) in clear plastic bags

The Dundas District Civitan Club is a service organization that supports our community with a particular focus on supporting community members with Developmental Disabilities

For more information about us and the work we do visit our Facebook page



Happy spring to all, and see you at the convention in May!



The Halton Civitan Club has been busy!

In December we gathered for our annual Christmas Party at Civitan Denise's home. We had a lovely meal and spent time decorating Christmas sweater cookies and socializing. During our Christmas Party we performed the installation of our leadership members and new member, Civitan Brenda. Civitan Sharron has accepted the position of President Elect. Civitan Marlyne, Civitan Cathy, and Civitan Jadzia, will remain in their positions as President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Thank you to Civitan Denise for hosting such a lovely evening.



In January and February, we planned and executed our Hospital Kindness Bags project. This year we assembled 50 bags with large print crosswords puzzles, hand cream, emery boards, eye glass cleaner, and chap stick. Our bags are provided to patients who have extended stays or are waiting for space at a retirement facility. The hospital requested something to play music on, so we also purchased 8 portable CD players. According to the hospital, music helps to comfort end-of-life patients and patients with dementia. We would like to thank Civitan Sharon for running this project and for gathering all of the items.



In February the Halton Civitan Club has decided to donate to various causes. First, we have been gathering donations of essential items to donate to Ian Anderson House. Ian Anderson House is a hospice dedicated to quality end of life care in the Halton community. On March 7th we will donate funds to The Woman’s Centre for Tampon Tuesday. Women in need are provided with free feminine hygiene products. Our donation will coincide with International Woman’s Day. We have also voted to make monetary donations to the following causes:

Food For Kids: This program provides registered families with breakfast and lunch for their student. On Fridays the students are given food to bring home for the weekend and provided with gift cards for groceries during the summer months.

Red Cross: We have all been moved to act in support of the tragic events occurring in Turkey and Syria. Donations are matched by the government and the funds will provide relief and support to those who are affected by the earthquakes.

DID YOU KNOW



Ian Anderson House

Ian Anderson House, (IAH) Ontario’s first in-resident cancer hospice, was founded in 1997 in response to a need to offer an alternative to families in the community who were unable, for whatever reason, to provide the necessary round-the-clock care in their own homes to a terminally ill family member. To-date they have provided care and support to 378 residents and families. True to hospice philosophy, they offer care without charge and since they receive no government funding they must rely on the generosity of the community-at-large and on ongoing fundraising efforts in order to continue to provide their much-needed service.

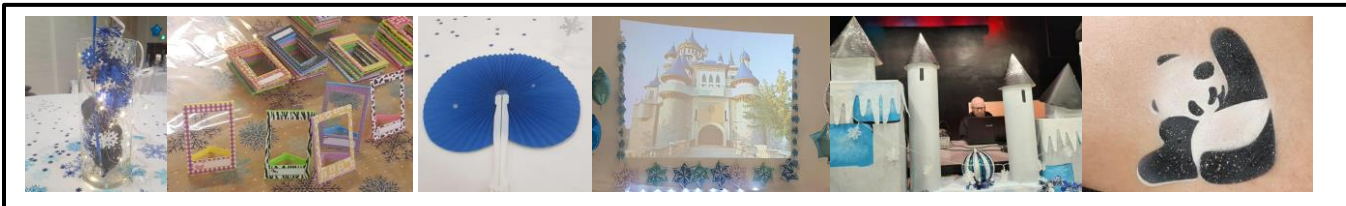
The “House”, which is situated on a 1.7 acre tranquil, treed lot, has six large private bedrooms, a large country-style kitchen, living room and sunroom. Also true to hospice philosophy, the site was carefully chosen and the hospice designed to create a homelike, safe environment for residents and one that welcomes each family as a unit.

London Middlesex Civitan Club - #2383 President Darrell Blackwell

Members of the London Middlesex Civitan Club enjoyed Christmas fellowship at 100 Kellogg's, Canada's largest Entertainment Complex.



The London Middlesex Civitan Club organized a Masquerade Ball for some of the clients of Community Living London. After many delays and changes they held a successful formal dinner and dance.



Midland Civitan Club - #1959 President Norma Johnston

Our Midland Civitan Santa Parade 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. A special thank -you to Civitan Marlyne for being a Judge and no parade would be complete without pictures and Civitan Bill Hiscott did a great job.

As with many Civitans, our activities over the Christmas Holidays and into January have been lessened, however, we did make over \$3000.00 in donations to various agencies in the area to assist with Christmas Giving. We resumed our monthly meetings in January. We did plan for a Social for Feb. 7 which we had to cancel due to lack of attendance. Our monthly Board Meetings continue 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.

CurION and Special Olympics came together for Special Olympic Curlers. Tankard playdowns are competitions across Ontario with events on the east and west. This year it was held in Gravenhurst and Woodstock on December 3. Both Midland teams won the competition in Gravenhurst.



CONGRATULATIONS

At a recent General Meeting, the Membership **strongly voiced their objection** to HQ ignoring the Convention vote and decided to eliminate the districts anyway.

Our cake sales were great this year. The major part of 45 cases in just a little over three weeks.

Well done Midland!!!!



Excellent!

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On February 25, Curling Day in Canada we represented Community Living Huronia, at the Midland Curling Club for a food drive as Community Living held their Red Carpet Evening the same day and could not attend.



Left: February 25 Food Drive for C.L.H. Food Drive

Above: Margaret Tynan and Norma Johnston were part of the opening speech at the Red-Carpet Evening.

Civitan was represented February 25, 2023.

On March 4, 2023 we are hosting 500 Curling Qualifying Event for Nationals in Calgary next year at the Midland Curling Club, providing coffee & muffins, lunch and snacks for the athletes and coaches.

We have a few things on the horizon. A social Pot Luck on April 22, 2023, Seniors Day in Penetanguishene in June, Adopt a Highway in the Spring and, of course, Canada Day Parade and selling 50/50 in Little Lake Park.

Congratulations to Civitan Oliver Latour, 50 Years of service on Feb. 1st ..that's a lot of ketchup!!!



Oliver puts ketchup on his ketchup!!!



Obituaries

Paula Roberts

Passed away unexpectedly
at her home on
September 29, 2022.

Paula was a long time
member of the Kitchener
Waterloo Civitan Club



She will be dearly missed by her sister Suzanne Morrow and her companion Michael McCleery. Sadly, missed by her nieces Lindsey and Megan Morrow and by many others that knew her; Also fondly remembered by Janice Hillgren. Predeceased by her parents Roy and Ruth (Jamieson) Morrow. Also predeceased by her brother Roger (2014).

Paula grew up with the support of a loving family, which helped her early on with her disability. Paula was never limited with her physical limitations, she was so determined and achieved so much and has been recognized for her spiritual and emotional potential. For decades she worked professionally as a Nurse at the Grand River Hospital. After retirement she continued her life of service as a member in many community groups and volunteer organizations such as; Civitan and Optimist Club, First United Church UCW, Red Hat Society. She will also be fondly remembered for selling of Famous Christmas Cakes for charity every year.

Friends and family were received at the First United Church on Thursday, October 13, 2022 from 1 - 2 p.m. A Funeral Service took place at the First United Church and Interment to followed at the Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Sometimes MEMORIES sneak out of my EYES and ROLL down my CHEEKS.

Past International President Dr. Bobbie L Walden

PASSED AWAY ON 12 JANUARY, 2023



Dr. Bobbie Walden died Thursday, January 12, 2023 peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving husband and son. Today Bobbie is not hurting; she's walking the streets of gold and singing with the angels. A celebration of her life was held at Rainbow City First Methodist Church on Monday, January 16, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Burial was at Rainbow Memorial Gardens after the services.

Bobbie was born in Tuscaloosa, AL. She joined Calvary Baptist Church when she was 10 years old and was the only teenager to sing in the Chancel Choir. She was member of the Rainbow City First Methodist Church, Rainbow City, AL, serving on most of the committees and was a soloist in the choir.

She graduated from Tuscaloosa High School and Judson College. In 2005 she received Judson's highest honor, the Doctor of Humane Letters and was selected as the Alumni of the year. She received her Masters and Doctoral degrees of Education from Auburn University and received the Lyndon Baine Johnson award as the outstanding Graduate Student.

Bobbie began her career teaching in Birmingham, AL and Panama City, FL, public schools. Later, she became Coordinator of Community Education, Huntsville, AL. This program was selected by the US Department of Education as the most innovative program in the US.

She ended her career at the Alabama State Department of Education as the State Coordinator of Community Education. She was President of the International Association of Adult and Community Education. She was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the National Adult Education Advisory Board. In 1996 she was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame.

She was a member of the Gadsden Civitan Club. She was a distinguished president of two clubs and District Governor. She was elected President of Civitan International and traveled all over the world. She was a master club builder, assisting in building seven clubs and recruiting over 200 members. She was named 3 times International Fellow, Shrockshire International Research in Junior Civitan. She was made an honorary Canadian. She proudly won two International Honor Keys, Civitan's highest award.

Bobbie was a member of the Gadsden Woman's Club and past president of the Antiquarian Society of Gadsden.

She was preceded by her parents, Robert & Ida Mae Causey, step dad Marvin Holmes, and son-in-law, Richard Kendrick.

Bobbie is survived by her husband Bob. They worked, traveled and played together for 50 years. Of all her accomplishments, her son Dennis (Allida) Griffin was the greatest and her daughter Olivia Kendrick who sacrificed so much to help take care of her, her sister Sue Beavers, her granddaughters Stephanie (Tommy) Moomau and Amanda (John) Payne and her great granddaughter Allida "Ada" Leigh Moomau.

GOVERNOR-ELECT MESSAGE – Pat McKinney



Its hard to believe we are going on six (6) months since Civitan International gave us the go ahead to become clubs at large. With little information coming from International, the bylaws not updated on the Civitan International website and minutes not being posted on the website its very hard to know what is happening with Civitan International.

Here in Canada, we need to rewrite our bylaws not just because of Civitan International but the Ontario Government is enforcing ONCA (*Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010*) to go into effect in 2024. Our Policies also need updating as International is no longer recognizing our District or our Juniors.

Very little information has come out from Civitan International on the International Convention which is being held August 17-20 in Indianapolis, Indiana. (**In person only no virtual**) The bylaws were defeated last year so I'm sure they will be up for voting on again this year. It will prove very interesting if they are defeated again this year.

As everyone is aware the cost of insurance has risen drastically so in order to help cover some of the costs for the increase C.D.W. will be raising the cost from \$3.00 to \$5.00 starting January 2024 which is still below the \$5.50 the U.S.A. is charging.

On a positive note, we have a Spring Convention in May which the Dundas Civitan Club is hosting and it promises to be a great time. PLEASE CONSIDER putting your name forth for one of the three positions that need filling. (Governor-Elect, Past Governor Director & Area Director) Lets hope for a great turnout as Civitan in Canada needs to grow if we are to continue.

Please remember to send your roster list to Civitan International as well as our District Treasurer Sue Gibson by March 15.

Stay Safe and Take Care

Governor-Elect - *Pat McKinney*



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