



BEAVER TALES

Fall
2023-24



Canada District West
Region 5



2023-24

C.D.W. Board

Governor

Pat McKinney

Governor Elect

t.b.d.

Immediate Past Governor

Pauline Blackwell

Past Governor Director

Darrell Blackwell

Area Director

Marlyne Van Exan
Don Mills, Dundas,
Kawartha Lakes, Midland,
Oakville,

Jadzia Weir

Barrie, Halton, London
Middlesex

District Secretary

Cathy Dunn

District Treasurer

Sue Gibson

Judge Advocate

Lyle Armstrong

**People helping
Clubs stay
united!**

Governor's Message



Hello fellow Civitans,

Hope you all had a wonderful summer despite the humidity and rain.

It's hard to believe we are almost into fall and that the Region 5 convention is only a short time away. We still have an opening

on the board for Governor Elect but I have heard someone will be putting their name forward at the upcoming convention which is **Great news.**

This last year has been filled with ups and downs, but I feel our District team has accomplished a lot. We were able to rewrite the Canadian District Bylaws and send off to the government as well updating the Canadian District West policies.

On a few sad notes, we lost a cherished board member who held several very important positions but we were fortunate that our District Team and club members stepped up and kept things running smoothly. The loss of the Agincourt Civitan was also very sad but hopefully some of the members will keep in touch or join the Barrie Civitan Club.

Thanks to our District Team for a year of accomplishments and welcome to the Civitans joining the District Team.

Take Care

Pat McKinney (Governor 2023-25)



VOTING RESULTS

This email is to update our virtual attendees on the results of our international election. We had 257 registered delegates and 221 delegates voted. We exceeded the minimum required for a Quorum.

International Elections Results

- For President-Elect, the winner is John Sofley from the Rock Hill Civitan Club in South Carolina.
- For International Director, Region 1 the winner is Emily Hodges, from the Tri County Civitan Club in Alabama.
- For International Director, Region 2 the winner is Bonnie Ruth, from St. Petersburg Civitan Club in Florida.
- For International Director, Region 4 the winner is Kendra Wormley, from Peninsula Civitan Club in Virginia.
- For International Director, Region 8 the winner is Andrew Wheeler, from the Metro Phoenix Civitan Club in Arizona.

Congratulations to these Civitans and we are grateful for their leadership to our organization.

Amendments Results

- The first amendment was to remove the sentence in Bylaws Section 6.01 Elected Officers that stated that "The President and President-elect shall be from different regions." - **This amendment was approved.**
- The second amendment was to increase minimum dues per quarter per club from \$150 to \$180 by changing Section 8.01, part (b) of Dues and Fees for U.S. Member Clubs from \$150 per quarter to \$180 per quarter for US Clubs. - **This amendment was approved.**
- The third amendment was to increase the per member quarterly Civitan International dues by amending Bylaws Section 8.01, part (b) of Dues and Fees for U.S. Member Clubs, from \$18 per quarter to \$20 per quarter for members of U.S. Clubs. - **This amendment was approved.**

Thank you for your attention to this important business for our organization.

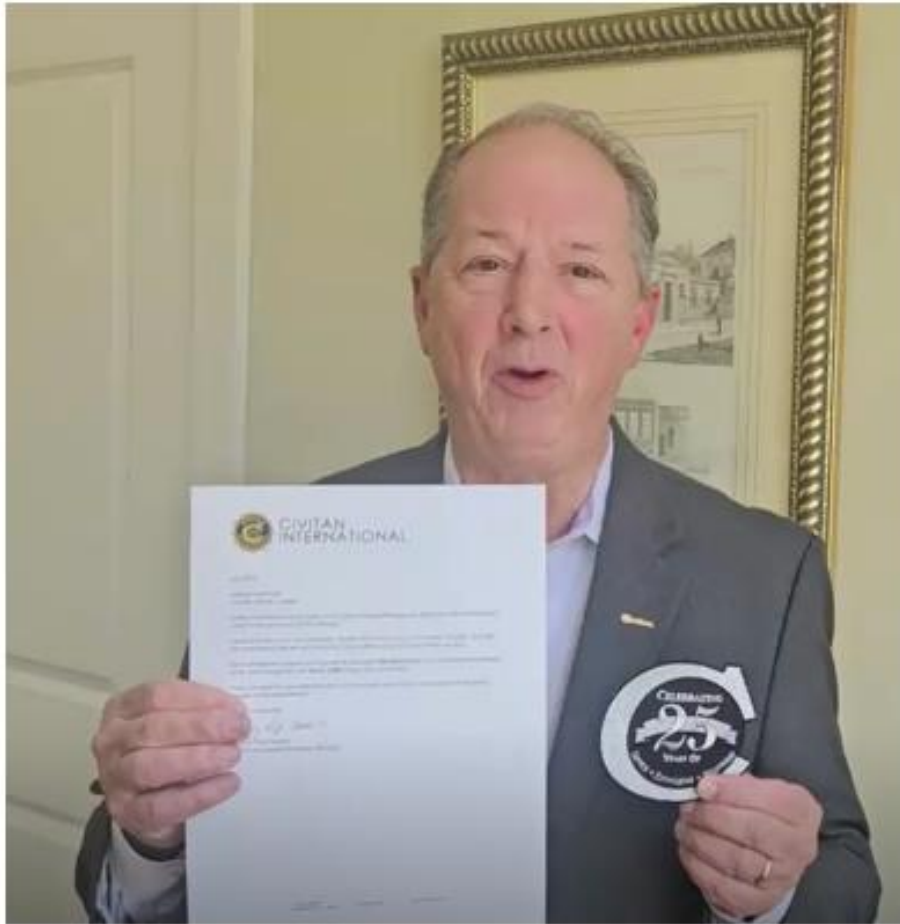


Civitan International
Executive Vice President

**2025 Civitan International Convention is August 6-9th in
ATLANTA, GEORGIA!!!!**

HALTON CIVITAN CLUB CELEBRATES 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

July 13, 2024 the club celebrated their 25th anniversary in great style at the home of Marlyne Van Exan, (president of the Halton Club). There were former and present Civitan members in attendance as well as some prominent members from the Halton Region. Club honour keys presented to two charter members of the Halton Club, Jadzia Weir and Denise Hogg. Congratulator letters, cards and certificates were received by the club including the video from International President Dee Hustler.



International President Dee Hustler sent a video of the letter of congratulations and banner patch that was sent to the Halton Civitan Club.



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Former Mayor Ann Mulvale was the guest speaker. Ann has spoken at many Civitan events in the past and as usual she did an amazing job.

Jadzia Weir and Denise Hogg pose with President Marlyne Van Exan after receiving club Honour Keys. Both Jadzia and Denise were charter members of the club.



The Halton Club Members



Common types of scams targeting seniors include:



Bank impersonation scam: Fraudsters may call pretending to represent a bank or law enforcement official. They can even spoof the phone number on your call display to make the call seem legitimate. They may ask you to share your 6-digit one-time verification code, which you should never share with someone who has called you. When you receive a verification code, always read the message in full. And if you're in doubt about the security of a call, disconnect immediately.



Grandchild emergency scam: Impersonators are known to call and claim to be a grandchild in an emergency asking for money. Even if they look or sound like your loved one, be wary.







Romance scam: Usually initiated through social media and dating apps: a relationship is built then money is requested.



Investment scam: High return investments usually come with high risks. Do thorough research before engaging in any activity. If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

What to do if you detect a potential scam or fraud:

-  Never share your personal or financial information including personal identification numbers (PINs) and passwords
-  Verify a caller's identity by calling a trusted number affiliated with the financial institution or business that you can trust
-  Be on alert if you spot spelling mistakes, threatening language or strange email addresses in texts or emails
-  Be cautious reacting to urgent requests: it is a strategy used by fraudsters to make you panic and rush into risky decisions

Wednesday, June 5th, 2024

Civitan International Foundation of Canada Inc.
Attention: Susan Gibson
52 Boullee Street
London, ON, N5Y1T6

Dear **Sue**,

I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for Civitan International Foundation of Canada's recent gift to Water First. Your support significantly strengthens our work.

To date, we have collaborated with more than **90 communities** across the country. Our programs bring educational and technical training that leads to careers in water sciences. **We are thankful you believe, like we do, that safe water needs skilled people.** You are part of this journey!

It is my pleasure to keep you informed about the impact your donation has. If you have any questions, comments or would like to learn more about our plans please, as always, feel free to reach out to me at teresa.mcdonald-thuro@waterfirst.ngo or 1-800-970-8467 ext. 118.

Thanks again for your support. We couldn't do it without you.

With sincere thanks,



Teresa McDonald-Thuro
Development Manager



Thank You

Agincourt Civitan Club for the
\$5000.00 donation made to
Water First.

Water First's journey has been one of growth, change, collaboration, and celebration. The programs we have co-created with partner communities have led to positive outcomes for community capacity, employment, education, and meaningful partnerships. The results you see here tell the story of all we've been able to achieve together. Thank you to everyone who has made these successes to date possible.

46
Drinking Water Internship Program graduates

174
Drinking water certifications achieved

117,110
Hours of training in the Drinking Water Internship Program

97
Weeklong workshops delivered by the Schools Program team

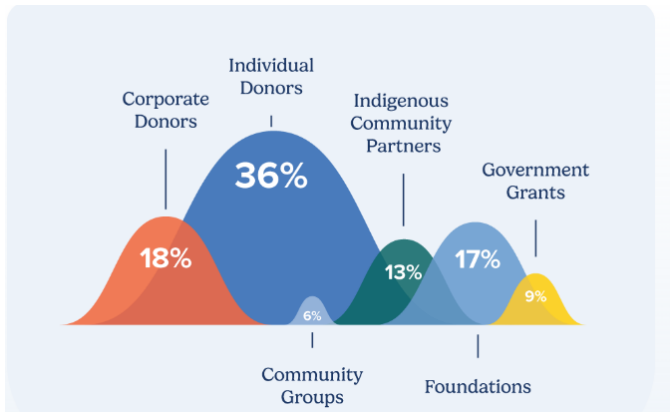
84
High school credits earned by students through the Summer Credit Program

7,495
Student participants in Schools Program workshops

84
Indigenous communities Water First has partnered with from coast to coast to coast

34
Environmental Water Program projects

80+
Environmental Water workshops delivered



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Together with all partners, including communities, donors, funders, staff, other organizations and individuals who share our goals, WATERFRIST is working towards safe water and strengthened communities.

BG's Positively Speaking

Staying Motivated

Everyone faces the challenge of staying motivated at some point. It's a universal struggle that transcends age, profession, and lifestyle. Here are some strategies to help you stay motivated.

Set Clear Goals: Having a clear, attainable goal can provide strong motivation. It gives you a concrete goal and allows you to measure your progress. Whether a personal goal like losing weight or a professional goal like completing a project, having a clear goal can keep you motivated.

Break Down Large Tasks: Large tasks can seem overwhelming and lead to procrastination. Breaking them into smaller, manageable tasks can make them seem less daunting and more achievable. Each small victory can boost your motivation and keep you moving forward.

Celebrate Small Wins: Don't wait until you've reached your final goal to celebrate. Recognize and celebrate small wins along the way. This can boost your morale and motivation, making the journey more enjoyable.

Stay Positive: Maintaining a positive attitude can help you stay motivated. Even when things get tough, try to focus on the positive aspects of your situation. Remember, setbacks are temporary and are often opportunities for learning and growth.

Surround Yourself with Positivity: Your environment and the people around you can greatly influence your motivation. Surround yourself with positive people who encourage and inspire you. Avoid negativity, as it can drain your motivation.

Self-Care: Don't neglect your physical and mental health. Regular exercise, a healthy diet, adequate sleep, and time for relaxation can boost your energy levels and motivate you.

Remember, motivation is not a constant state but a fluctuating one. There will be highs and lows. The key is to keep pushing forward, even when motivation is low. With these strategies, you can stay motivated and achieve your goals.

BG's Positively Speaking

Just Show Up

It is said that 90% of success in life can be attributed to showing up, "Just Show Up" is a powerful mantra that encourages us to take that crucial first step, even when it feels daunting. Indeed, being present is the foundation for achievement, but being present is not all that is required. We must show the right attitude, be ready to roll up our sleeves and do the necessary work. Success occurs when preparedness and opportunity meet. Our preparations include showing up, having the right attitude, and being willing to do what is required.

Once, I was asked, "Have you ever done any acting?". Sensing that there was something to follow, I responded, "I've been acting all my life." The questioner was conducting a casting call the following morning and wondered if I would like to audition. A new TV broadcasting studio sought fresh talent for a courtroom drama series. That night, I couldn't sleep; I was apprehensive about the audition and the probability of making a fool of myself. I finally decided to "show up"; I had nothing to lose.

I turned up at the studio, my heart pounding and body shaking. I got through an interview with the director, followed by a reading from the script. Surprisingly, I was cast as the court bailiff and offered a multi-episode contract. It was only a small part, but over the next six or seven years, it led to dozens of small parts in other productions.

If I had not 'Shown Up' for that opportunity, I would have missed out on one of the most incredible experiences of my life. Remember, life isn't about avoiding getting bruised but facing challenges head-on. The simple act of showing up can lead to meaningful connections and personal growth. So, **Just Show Up And Let The Magic Unfold!**

Why English Is Tough

Ten reasons why English is hard to learn.

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there was no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.

ATTENDEES AT THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



THE 104TH ANNUAL CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TOGETHER WE SOAR.





Power in Honesty

Your honest word is one of your most precious and powerful possessions.

Promises are easily made. Keeping them often proves more difficult because when we are pressured to strive always for perfection, we find it simpler to agree to undertake impossible tasks than to say no. Likewise, there is an infinite array of circumstances that conspire to goad us into telling falsehoods, even when we hold a great reverence for truth. When you endeavor to consistently keep your word, however, you protect your reputation and promote yourself as someone who can be trusted. Though your honesty may not always endear you to others — there will always be those who fear the truth — you can nonetheless be certain that your integrity is never tarnished by deceit. Since frankness and sincerity form the basis of all life-enriching relationships, your word is one of your most precious and powerful possessions.

When we promise more than we can deliver, hide from the consequences of our actions through falsehoods, or deny our true selves to others, we hurt those who were counting on us. We also are hurt by the lies we tell and the promises we break. Integrity is the foundation of civilization. As you cultivate honesty within yourself, you will find that your honor and reliability put people at ease. Others will feel comfortable seeking out your friendship and collaborating with you on projects of great importance, certain that their positive expectations will be met. If you do catch yourself in a lie, ask yourself what you wanted to hide and why you felt you couldn't be truthful. And if life's surprises prevent you from keeping your word, simply admit your error apologetically and make amends quickly.

Since the path of truth frequently represents the more difficult journey, embarking upon it builds character. You can harness the power of your word when you do your best to live a life of honesty. In keeping your agreements and embodying sincerity, you prove that you are worthy of trust and perceive values as something to be incorporated into your daily existence.



Understanding All Sides

Looking at only one side of our life can make us blind to the many other ways of looking at our situation.

Whenever we examine our lives, we often examine them from a particular side or angle. Most of us tend to favor one side over the others. For example, we may tend to look at things from an emotional perspective rather than a financial perspective, or we may prefer to think in terms of details rather than the big picture, or vice versa. To a certain degree, this is not a problem, and these tendencies add color to our individual personalities. However, they also can make us one-sided, blind to the many other ways of looking at our situation. Even if we have decided that we are most happy when we focus on one particular side of things, it is always worth exploring the other sides. When we do, we become well rounded, more understanding of other viewpoints, and even more solid in our own.

Perhaps you are a person who tends to see your life in terms of your spiritual well-being. As a result, other concerns such as financial comfort or social standing may not be prominent in your mind as you make decisions. However, taking just a moment to consider those angles will help you in several ways. One, it will enable you to see more clearly what your priorities are and how they influence your life situation. Two, it will enhance your sense of confidence because you will see your situation from all sides, even as you choose one. And three, it will help you communicate with others about who you are and what you are doing because you will come from a place of understanding that your own biases and tendencies are unique as theirs.

Most of us instinctively come at things from a particular angle, and in many cases, this is the right way for us. Still, understanding the other angles only strengthens us. When we look at our lives from all sides, we shed light on the big picture, giving ourselves access to many points of view and highlighting more clearly the one we have chosen to take.

Crispy Parmesan Roasted Cauliflower



Ingredients:

3-4 cups cauliflower florets
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons melted butter

Directions:

Start by preheating your oven to 425°F (220°C). This high temperature is key to achieving that perfectly crispy texture on the cauliflower.

Coat the Cauliflower with Butter:

In a large bowl, toss the cauliflower florets with the melted butter. Make sure each piece is well-coated; you may need to toss the cauliflower a couple of times or use a silicone pastry brush to ensure every floret is evenly covered.

Season with Parmesan and Spices:

Combine the grated Parmesan cheese, paprika, and black pepper in a separate bowl. Sprinkle this mixture over the butter-coated cauliflower florets. Place a tight-fitting lid on the bowl and gently toss to ensure the seasoning adheres to the cauliflower.

Arrange on Baking Sheet:

Arrange the seasoned cauliflower florets in a single layer on a baking sheet that has been sprayed with non-stick spray. This will help prevent sticking and ensure even cooking.

Roast Until Crispy:

Bake the cauliflower in the preheated oven for about 20 minutes, or until the edges begin to crisp and turn golden brown. The high heat will bring out the natural sweetness of the cauliflower and give it a delightful crunch.

Serve Hot and Enjoy:

Serve the crispy Parmesan roasted cauliflower hot from the oven. It's perfect as a side dish for any meal or as a healthy snack.

Air Fryer Instructions:

For an alternative cooking method, you can prepare this dish in an air fryer.

Preheat Air Fryer:

Preheat the air fryer to 390°F for about 3 minutes.

Prepare the Cauliflower:

Spray the crisper plate with olive oil and place the cauliflower in a single layer. Lightly spray the florets with olive oil to promote crispiness.

Air Fry:

Cook for about 20 minutes, or until the cauliflower reaches your desired level of tenderness. You can gently turn the pieces over with a rubber-tipped spatula halfway through, but it's not always necessary.

Rotel Cream Cheese Sausage Balls

Prep Time: 10 minutes | Cooking Time: 25 minutes | Total Time: 35 minutes

Kcal: 125 kcal per ball | Servings: 40 sausage balls

Ingredients:

- 1 lb hot sausage, uncooked
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (10 oz) can Rotel diced tomatoes and green chilies, drained
- 1¾ cups Bisquick baking mix
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese



Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).

In a large mixing bowl, combine the uncooked sausage, softened cream cheese, and drained Rotel. Add the Bisquick baking mix and shredded cheddar cheese. Mix until well combined.

Shape the mixture into 1-inch balls and place them on a baking sheet.

Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until the sausage balls are golden brown and cooked through.

Serve warm and enjoy!

Garlic and Herb Baked Potatoes

Prep Time: 10 minutes | Total Time: 1 hour | Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 4 potatoes
- 4 cloves of garlic, chopped
- 50 g butter, melted
- 50 ml vegetable oil
- Salt, to taste
- Oregano, to taste



Instructions:

Preheat your oven to 200°C (400°F).

Wash and dry the potatoes, then cut them in half lengthwise.

Place the potatoes in a baking dish, cut side up.

In a small bowl, mix the melted butter, chopped garlic, vegetable oil, salt, and oregano.

Pour the mixture over the potatoes, ensuring they are well coated.

Bake for 50 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender and golden brown.

Serve hot, garnished with extra herbs if desired.

Dundas Civitan Club - #3212 President Kelsey George Gaudex

Remembering Jean Genereaux

On July 18 we lost a highly respected fellow Civitan, and a good friend. Jean will always be remembered for the many contributions she made over the years to our club and its work.

Along with her husband Ron, she was deeply devoted to their son Craig. This sense of devotion led to their extensive volunteer work helping persons with developmental disabilities. They took the lead in launching a Special Olympics Bowling League in 1990. It became the Dundas Civitan Club's first service project.

Jean was one of the first members of Dundas Civitan when it was chartered in 1990. She assumed many leadership roles, including a term as president and serving on the board. She and Ron helped establish the Dundas Learning Center and its home, Civitan Place. She introduced a spring fashion show as a fund-raising venture, and for several years was its chief organizer. She was also successful in recruiting new members.

As many of us know, she had a "wicked sense of humour" and a huge heart.

With August comes the annual Cactus Festival Parade in Dundas. On a beautiful evening, our Special Olympics athletes waved to the many onlookers from a float that was designed and built by our volunteers. Many thanks to all of them for their efforts.

Speaking of Special Olympics, our Alley Cats Bowlers will be heading back to the lanes in September.

On Saturday November 2, from 9 am to 12 am, we will again host a "Closet Clean- out" at University Plaza in Dundas. We invite people to donate used clothing and textiles.

On a final note, we will again be selling Claxton Fruit Cake.



Halton Civitan Club - #3526 President Marlyne Van Exan

Ian Anderson House:

Halton Civitan members continue to support Ian Anderson House through donations of practical, consumable items. Some donated items include, paper towels, tissue paper, and toilet paper. Ian Anderson House provides end of life care to adults with a three month or less life expectancy, free of charge. They require \$1,000,000 in fundraising each year. If you'd like to support Ian Anderson House, or if you'd like more information, their website is <https://www.ianandersonhouse.com/>

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

The Halton Civitan Club donated more groceries to the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. This organization offers food and services to individuals in need of assistance or who are experiencing homelessness. The Halton Civitan Club is currently considered a Gold Sponsor and you can see our logo on their sponsorship page. To see the wide variety of services they offer or to make a donation, you can visit their website at <https://opnc.ca/programs/forms-and-documents/>

Milk Bag Mats

In July, members from the Halton Civitan gathered to prepare milk bags to be donated and crocheted into mats. These mats are then donated to people experiencing homelessness. The mats keep the person and their belongings dry. Please reach out to the Halton Civitan Club if you'd like to donate your clean milk bags.

Bowling Banquet

The Halton Civitan Club sponsored a bowling team for the Special Olympics. There were over 120 bowlers present. Civitan Linda made up a team and joined in the fun. There was a silent auction, 50/50 tickets and gift draws.

The Halton Civitan Club's 25th Anniversary

On July 13th, the Halton Civitan Club celebrated their 25th Anniversary. Our club members worked hard to plan, organize and execute a catered afternoon party for our past members, partnerships, supporters and friends. In recognition of 25 years of service, the Halton Civitan Club donated \$2500 to Oakville Community Living. This donation was generously matched by the Civitan Club of Oakville.

Ian Anderson House



Halton Civitan Club's 25th Anniversary



FREE

LET'S CELEBRATE!

June 30th 7pm Civitan Club House
Corner of Hwy 35 & Rd 43 Coboconk

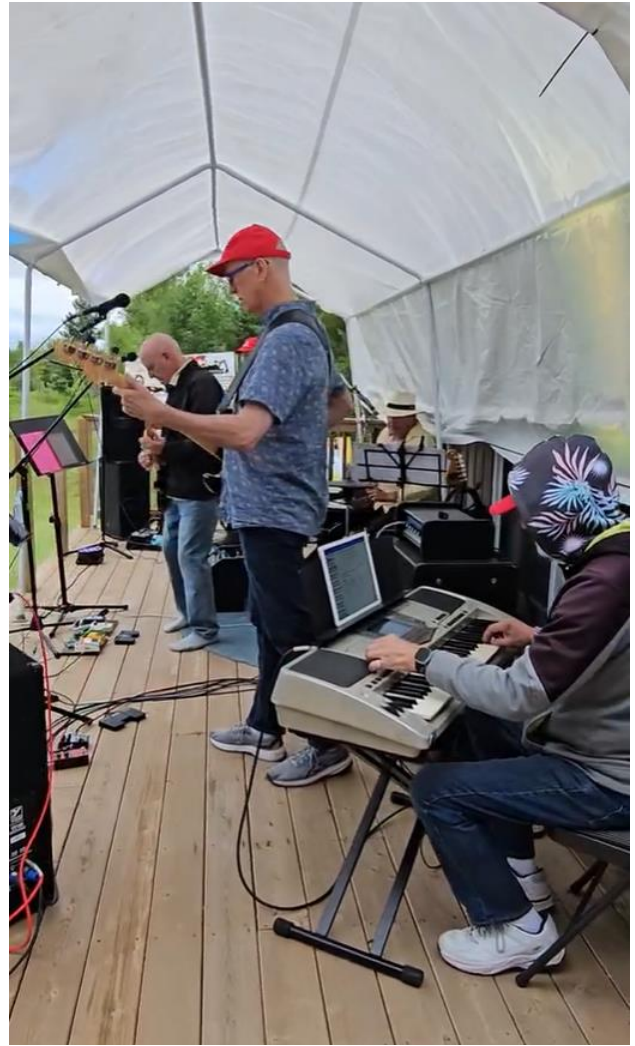
Join Us for a Canada Day Celebration!



Live Music from DEES GUYS! FREE Ice Cream from Kawartha Dairy!

Fireworks begin at dusk. Snacks and drinks available for purchase.

 Canada  jump in	Luff & Sons Electrical Kawatha Garage Home Hardware Kawartha Dairy Ryan's Charbroiled Burgers & Pizza	Riverbank Pizza Cooks General Contracting Foodland Shepherd Environmental Services Rosie's Dockside Restaurant Bar & Grill
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London Middlesex Civitan Club - #2383 President Darrell Blackwell

On June 5th the members of the London Middlesex Civitan Club met and enjoyed celebrating their 49th Anniversary with dinner at Turtle Jacks. They welcomed to their celebration Area Director Marlyne Van Exan and incoming Area Director Jadzia Weir. The Club was happy to have both Marlyne and Jadzia join the festivities!



Good food
IS ALL THE SWEETER
WHEN SHARED WITH
good friends

Midland Civitan Club - #1959 Mike Tinney

Although we don't typically meet in July it started out as a pretty busy summer. On July 1st we took part in the Midland Canada Day celebrations by once again organizing the Canada Day parade and selling 50/50 draw tickets in the park. The draw was held on the entertainment stage at the end of the day and the lucky winner was given close to a \$1500.00 prize.

Also, in early July we donated \$10,000.00 to our local hospital MRI fundraising campaign.

We also continue to work at bingos every week.

Sat. August 24 th saw us providing and serving lunch to about 250 special Olympic athletes at a track and field meet in Midland.

Saturday August 31. we had our "Stuff a bus " back to school event for the Salvation Army.



AUGUST 24 SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROVINCIAL QUALIFIER

Midland Civitan Club was on hand to provide lunch for the athletes, coaches, volunteers and some attendees at the Huronia Athletic Provincial Qualifier which took place at St. Theresa's sports field here in Midland.

Athletes participating were from Barrie, Huronia, Kincardine, Orillia, Owen Sound, Peterborough, Saugeen Shores, South Saugeen and Midland.

**The Midland Civitan Inaugural will be held on Sat. Sept. 28th.
We would be happy to welcome any guests from other clubs. Just let us know.**

Obituaries



Mabel Mary Pierce

After a long illness, Mabel Pierce passed away at AgeCare London on Sunday, June 23, 2024 in her 98th year. Will be dearly missed by her children Carol Krats (Peter), Susan Gibson and Raymond Pierce. Loving grandmother to Gayle Hutton (Paul), Bruce Haycock, Mark Haycock, Amanda Krats, Keith Gibson (Alicia), Melanic White and Jason Pierce (Brooke). Great-grandmother to 8 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband Leslie, grandson Timothy Gibson, sister Jean Lyons, brother Desmond Charnley, daughter-in-law Beverly and in-laws Gordon and Joyce. Will be remembered by many extended family in Britain and Australia.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Francis-St Martin Church, 46 Cathcart Street, London on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 11:00am. Private family interment to follow at St. Peter's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Mabel to Alzheimers Society Southwest Partners would be greatly appreciated.

Baker, Susan Diane



**Long-time member of the Carleton Place Civitan Club)
Of Carleton Place, Ontario, in her 76th year.**

Passed away peacefully with her family by her side in the Ottawa General Hospital on June 28, 2024.

In the hush of twilight, as the stars twinkle in silent homage, we reflect on the legacy Susan leaves behind and her impact on the lives of her loved ones. Though Susan may no longer walk among us, her spirit lives on in the memories held dear by her family and friends, a guiding light that illuminates their paths in times of darkness.

Sue (nee Powell)

Will be dearly missed by her husband Tom of 53 years. Survived by her loving daughter Jody (Baker) (Andy Noens). Proud "Nana" of Jacob and Ellie. Remembered by her brothers Richard (Cathy) and Gordon (Wendy).

Donations in memory of Sue may be made to the Carleton Place Civitan.

GENEREAUX, Jean (Davey)



With great sadness, the family announce the death of Jean on July 18th at St. Joseph's Villa at 87 years of age. Beloved wife and best friend of Ronald (deceased) and dedicated, loving mother of Craig. He was the best thing that ever happened to her, and she talked about him to anyone and everyone until her last days. Predeceased by her father George, mother Margaret and brother Ronald Davey. She will be remembered and greatly missed by her many cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as many friends and co-workers. Prior to her retirement in 1998, Jean worked for many years in the insurance industry, most of that time with the firm of W.A. Hackett & Company Insurance Adjusters. Jean was a life-long resident of Dundas and was actively involved in community service work, especially with individuals with developmental disabilities, through the Dundas District Civitan Club. Jean was a charter member of that Club and a Past President. She was instrumental in the founding of the Dundas Learning Centre and was a staff/volunteer at the Centre for many years. Jean was involved in Special Olympics and with her husband Ron, they began the Dundas Alley Cats Special Olympics Bowling League. She had a big personality, a wicked sense of humour and a huge heart. The family will be having a private service and celebration of life. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Dundas District Civitan Club, St. Joseph's Villa, or the Chartwell Georgian would be appreciated by the family.





LILLIAN LATANVILLE

— 4-Feb-1959 - 8-Jul-2024 —

Condolences to Mary Anne Ivens
on the loss of her sister-in-law.

Lillian Latanville, of Midland Ontario, passed away on July 8th of heart complications after months of declining health, at the age of 65.

Lillian was born on February 4th 1959 to Czech immigrants Antonin and Ludmila Borysek in Midland, Ontario. In 1986, Lillian met Bruce Latanville at a local singles dance in September of 1986. Lillian and Bruce went on to be married July 4th 1987. Proud Mother of son Micheal and his wife Nicole, Christopher and fiancé Deanna, and daughter Anne-Marie and husband Alec. Grandmother to Leo, Logan, Lukas and Penelope. Lillian is survived by her brother Anthony Borysek and husband Bruce Latanville.

Lillian lived her life the best way she knew and was very proud of her three children. She enjoyed travelling and visited most of the world with her Mother Ludmila, and took great pride in her Czech heritage. You could always count on her to add levity to the room with her unique sense of humour. She enjoyed animals and nature, especially birds. She loved upbeat music, holidays with family, and was possibly the world's biggest fan of the original Star Trek featuring Captain Kirk. Above all else, Lillian's life was defined by sharing joy in Christ and spending time with her Husband. While our hearts mourn the loss, we take comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering.

Family will receive friend at Nicholls Funeral Home-330Midland Ave, Midland, Ontario on Tuesday July 16,2024 from12-2pm. A Mass of Christian burial will be held following the visitation at St. Margaret's Catholic Church at 2:30, burial will take place after the Mass at St. Margaret's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the organizations in Midland that Lillian felt strongly about. Midland OSPCA, Midland Hospital, Wendat Community Outreach, Legion of Mary Catholics Woman's League, St Margaret's Food Bank/St Vincent De Paul.

You Don't Just Lose Someone Once —
You lose them over and over,
sometimes many times a day.
When the loss, momentarily forgotten,
creeps up,
and attacks you from behind.
Fresh waves of grief as the realisation hits home,
they are gone.
Again.
You don't just lose someone once,
you lose them every time you open your eyes to a new dawn,
and as you awaken,
so does your memory,
so does the jolting bolt of lightning that rips into your heart,
they are gone.
Again.

Losing someone is a journey,
not a one-off.
There is no end to the loss,
there is only a learned skill on how to stay
afloat,
when it washes over.
Be kind to those who are sailing this stormy sea,
they have a journey ahead of them,
and a daily shock to the system each time they
realise,
they are gone,
Again.
You don't just lose someone once,
you lose them every day,
for a lifetime.