



THE CIVIC

New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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Celebrating our 61th Year

February 1, 2017

NEW BERN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB PRESENTATION



Andrea "Dre" Nix

Dre Nix, New Bern Area Director of the Boys and Girls Club and the Area Director of the Coastal Carolina Clubs, Duane Reynolds, gave a video and power point presentation to our Club on January 6th. This new program currently housed at J. T. Barber elementary school is new to our area. The Club aims to supply a safe place to spend time during non-school hours and the summer developing positive values and healthy habits. It gives the children a chance to play and have fun; laugh and learn. One of their aims is to provide opportunities to build new skills that raise each child's belief that he or she can succeed and receive recognition for personal

accomplishments. It provides the chance for positive interactions with caring adults who try to reinforce a sense of belonging, personal accountability, civility and civic responsibility.

In the Club's 2015 Impact Report the following was noted-

5% of young people in Craven fail to graduate from HS
Every afternoon, attendees participate in the "Power Hour"- a homework program

All HS members volunteer at the Elementary site to assist with homework, play games and shadow staff to learn important job skills

Every afternoon, Club members engage in activities that enhance their physical abilities and teach them the importance of a healthy life style



Duane Reynolds

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A look at member demographics of the participants in the program show that-

82% are aged 12 or younger

18% are teens

92% are minority races or ethnicities

99% qualify for free or reduced-price school lunch

76% live in single-parent house holds

Ms. Nix closed her presentation by stating, “We are opening the door to healthy lifestyles for New Bern kids. Our program is growing at an overwhelming pace thanks to the support from the New Bern community.” To learn even more about the Boys and Girls Clubs of Coastal Carolina, you may look at their website –

www.bgccc.net

We are grateful to Dre Nix and Duane Reynolds for their vital work in helping the youth of our area. Mr. Reynolds IS a Civitan in another club. If you haven’t guessed it, Helen Shine made *sure* that Ms. Nix received an application to join our Club.



Dre Nixon and Duane Reynolds are presented with Speaker Appreciation Certificates and Civitan Peanuts by Maureen Comer and Dev Lippitt

51 New Ramps Built in 2016

Number of New Ramps Built	51
Ramps Measured-Drawn-Estimated	54
Average Volunteer Men Hours	1836
Average Materials Cost per Ramp	\$450
Total Materials Cost	\$22,950
Average No. Volunteers per ramp	9

Our Club built 51 new ramps for people who needed them to get into and out of their houses.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Ken	Lewis	February 02
John	Klecker	February 08
Judy	Lopez	February 10
Amy	Willis	February 12
David	Martin	February 18
Kate	Yost	February 20
Clemma	Florio	February 21

FEBRUARY CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Brenda	Fraser	February 2009
Brian	Westcott	February 2009
Eileen	Buscemi	February 2015
Carmine	Buscemi	February 2015
James	Schneid	February 2015
Margaret	Schneid	February 2015
Hobey	White	February 2015

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The Civitan Creed



I am Civitan: as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.

My hands do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.

My ears hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress and unity.

My eyes search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan.

My mouth utters the call to daily duty and speaks prayers in every tongue.

My mind teaches me respect for law and the flag of my country.

My heart beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity and throbs with joy at every triumph of truth.

My soul knows no fear but its own unworthiness.

My hope is for a better world through Civitan.

My motto: builders of good citizenship.

My belief: do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

My pledge: to practice the Golden Rule and to build upon it a better and nobler citizenship.



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Two Year

(Term expires 9/30/2018)

Joe Alcoke

Irv Geary

Ernie Williams

Bill Snyder

One Years

(Term expires 9/30/2017)

Betty Todd

Karen Crump

Gene Cesca

Renee Salvatore

New Bern Civitan Club

February 2017 Calendar

- 3 **Friday** Regular Meeting—Clergy Appreciation Lunch at Centenary UMC—11:30am - Bill Baldree, Chairman
- 4 **Saturday** Craven County Little Sweep—9am at LawsonCreek Park
Contact Jody Hudson
- 5 **Sunday** **SUPER BOWL**
- 7 **Tuesday** Special Olympics Basketball—Contact Dev Lippitt
- 9 **Thursday** Regular Meeting— **EVENING MEETING** at River Bend CC
Dinner at 6:00; Meeting at 630 — Speaker, Al Mack, *Real Estate Trends in Craven County*
- 13 **Monday** Board Of Director's Meeting -12pm at Hibachi—Lunch at 11:30
- 13 **Monday** RCS Shelter Dinner—Contact Maureen Comer
- 14 **Tuesday** Valentine's Day
RCS Soup Kitchen
Special Olympics Basketball - Contact Dev Lippitt
- 17 **Friday** Regular Meeting—Membership Meeting at Hibachi
Lunch at 11:30 Meeting at 12:00
Speaker: Stephanie Crosby , Area 8 Director
- 20 **Monday** **President's Day**
- 21 **Tuesday** Special Olympics Basketball—Contact Dev Lippitt

CIVITAN – CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

PART 6

(Adapted from the Civitan International website)

1960-1969

The 1960s showed another decade of amazing growth. These years hold the record for the most clubs chartered – 183. More than 4000 more members joined.

The Civitan International Foundation was formed with members working furiously to insure its success. Civitans continue to busy themselves with many aspects of good citizenship. Special emphasis continue to focus on Scouting and youth projects, aid to people with developmental disabilities, essay contests, crime and voting rights. Clergy Appreciation week is observed for the first time.

During this time, Civitans donate a 22-ton American Credo Monument to Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The decade ends with much of the organization's focus on operations outside the U.S. Charters are formed in Oslo, Norway and Monterrey, Mexico.



“LITTER”LY DONE

Our club supports a wide variety of charities and projects but one of our most “hands on” endeavors is our TWO attempts at cleaning our community by collecting litter. **Clean Sweep** is a county wide project which has four specific dates throughout the year. Club member, Jody Hudson, has steadfastly headed this project for many years. His commitment to our environment is stellar as he heads volunteers at all these undertakings. The next county-wide Clean Sweep will be on **Saturday, February 4th, 2017**. Volunteers should meet at Lawson Creek Park. If you can help, please let Jody know – jodyrevb@mac.com

Our more local project, Adopt-a-Highway, was started in February, 2013 and has been headed since the beginning by Ken McCain. Every two months – 6 times per year – Ken and his volunteers pick up litter on River Road near Greenleaf Cemetery. The last clean-up was held on January 14th and Ken was assisted by Jody Hudson, Tom Braaten, Dev Lippitt, Linda Johnson and Marilyn West. The next pick up will be in March. If you can help, please let Ken know – kmccain@suddenlink.net

Thanks to both teams who are helping to beautify Craven

PREPARING FOR SANTA LAND 2017

The success of Santa Land 2016 is behind us, so it is time to start getting ready for 2017...

What do we need to do? Here is how YOU can help.



If you are able to knit or crochet scarves or hats, contact Maureen Comer (636-2217) and she will supply you with yarn for this project. We will be seeing approximately 200 children again next year, so it's not too early to start the process.

Keep an eye out for children's (not infant) hats and gloves as they go on sale in a few weeks. Many stores (Walmart, Target, and Dollar Tree) sell these items for half price once the weather starts to get warmer. Donations of these items are vital to the success of this project. Eileen Buscemi will continue to collect them. (631-1326)



Donations of new or slightly used stuffed animals are appreciated. If you go to Yard Sales or Garage Sales, look for these items.

Got grandkids? Do they need to thin their stuffed animal herd? We have many children who will appreciate what they give away.

Tell your friends and neighbors about Santa Land. Many of the items that we collect for Santa Land are donated by people OUTSIDE of Civitan.

If you have access to fleece material or you can buy some inexpensively, we cut the fleece and make very cute scarves.

Are you on a neighborhood e-mail list? Let them know what we need for this project – again **PEOPLE LIKE TO HELP US.**

NEW for 2017, we want to start giving books to each child who visits the Tree Lot. Books should be for preschoolers and in good to excellent condition. Golden Books and classics would fill this bill.

Thanks to all of you who have donated throughout the years of Santa Land – 9 years and going strong! Always remember - **WE DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



NEW BERN CIVITAN CLUB GOES DARK

A new era started on January 12th, 2017 for the New Bern Civitan Club when we held our first *evening* meeting at the Famous Restaurant on Neuse Blvd. With the closing of the Golden Corral, our Board of Directors was faced with the problem of finding a place or places to meet. After much discussion at the Board level and with membership input, a new “footprint” of club meetings was put into motion.

This new NB Civitan *era* has the club meeting on the first and third Fridays of the month at Hibachi restaurant next to Gold’s gym on Rte. 17. This Asian restaurant offers a wide and varied buffet menu which members seem to be enjoying. Lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting commencing at noon.

One evening meetings were decided to be held on the *second Thursday* of the month starting at 6 p.m. for dinner and the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. This enables members who are still working during the day to be able to attend these meetings. For the time being, the location of the evening meeting will vary month to month until a **permanent** meeting place is decided upon.

The attendance at our first evening meeting was stellar with as many as 50-60 members and guests attending. It was almost “standing room only.” Our NEXT evening meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th starting at 6 p.m. to be held at **RIVER BEND COUNTRY CLUB, 94 Shoreline Drive**. If you recall, this is where we held our 2016 Installation Dinner. The guest speaker for the evening will be our “own”, Al Mack who will talk about the real estate market in New Bern. Please come out and hear what Al has to say.

And, oh yes...if you need a ride to the meeting for any reason, please contact the Snyders (Jan and Bill) or the Comers (Maureen and Jim) and they will arrange transportation for you to and from the meeting.



COMMUNITY AWARDS... (con't)

You may be looking at this headline and thinking, “Didn’t we do Community Awards already last October?” Yes, we did...but two recipients were not present due to Hurricane Matthew. They were busy helping the community to prepare for this impending storm. We finally got to honor these local heroes on January 12th at our first evening meeting (more on that later).

Deputy Jason E. Buck, received the award for the Sheriff’s Department, but unfortunately he was unable to receive this award in person. He sent his regrets and gratitude for being recognized by our Club.

We did get to honor, in person, firefighter Captain Chris Walls who attended with his family. Battalion Chief, Eric Mullis, spoke on his behalf. Mullis praised Walls by stating, “Chris is part of a breed of selfless protectors who put their lives at risk every day for the sake of others. People trust and rely on firefighters and for good reason. Whether there is a fire, a flood or someone in need of medical attention, firefighters are prepared to handle almost any crisis.” Captain Walls joined the New Bern Fire Department in 2003. He was promoted in 2012 to Lieutenant and became a Captain in 2016.

Mullis went on to say, “Chris is willing to assist others in any capacity both on and off the job. He displays teamwork with skill, integrity and compassion as an example for others to follow. These traits identify him as an enlightened, concerned and skilled individual worthy of the title ‘Firefighter of the Year’.” Chris was given an individual plaque for this honor and a larger plaque naming all previous winners hangs on the wall of the New Bern Fire Department.

Our Club takes great delight in saluting these two local heroes. We thank them for their service. They make New Bern a better and safer place to live.



Firefighter Captain Chris Walls was selected “**Firefighter of the Year**”. Presenting his Award was Battalion Chief Eric Mullis and Civitan Secretary, Helen Shine.



Captain Chris Walls Family Supports his Honor

CITY LAUNDRY OF NEW BERN

“Don’t kill your wife...let us do it for you” was the slogan on the City Laundry trucks when they first opened in New Bern after WW II. The original developers and owners of the City Laundry were Mack & Dorothy Franklen and Robert Thomason who built it after the men returned from the war. It operated for nearly 30 years as a commercial facility that did laundry and pressing for customers throughout eastern North Carolina. After it closed, a porcelain company opened up in it and stayed for a little while after that.



Kathy Adolph, Speaker

The City Laundry is currently owned by our January 20th guest speaker, Kathy Adolph, who shared the history of the laundry with us. Kathy and her husband, Peter, moved here 12 years ago and bought the building in 2009. They then set about refurbishing the building. The facility currently includes a coffee café, an art gallery and a performance area.

“The City Laundry preservation project has always been a dream of mine and it has many components – working artist studios, potters and weavers, painters and woodworkers – flanking the main warehouse,” Kathy stated. “The main warehouse is the centerpiece, a gathering place for people, music and art.” The Laundry is located at 901 Pollock Street.

Kathy considers the Laundry to be a preservation project, being in the city’s historic district. “It is many things, on many levels,” Kathy said. “It is certainly part of the revitalization of Choice Neighborhoods. I would consider it on the Pollock Street Gateway Corridor into downtown and it also adjoins the Walt Bellamy neighborhood.”

The City Laundry entertainment venue will always include live performances after monthly ArtWalks on the second Friday of each month. The café will be open from Wednesday to Saturday for lunch and brunch on Sunday. Many more entertainment opportunities will be there during the week and especially on weekends. Stay tuned for more information on our own member, Bob Huson’s, acting talents in March and April in a clever Shakespearean compilation to be presented at the Laundry – more on that in March’s **CIVIC**.

We thank Kathy Adolph for her continuing work through her foundation, Bern Investment Group, Inc. She is president of the corporation and is currently devoting her time to New Bern’s revitalization efforts along the gateway corridors to downtown. More information about upcoming entertainment and shows can be gotten at their website:

www.NewBernArtsandCulturalCenter.com



Dev Lippitt and Maureen Comer present Kathy Adolph a Certificate of Appreciation and a can of Civitan peanuts in appreciation of her presentation to our club on Friday, February 20, 2017