



# THE CIVIC

## New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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Celebrating our 61th Year

March 1, 2017

### FUN AND FELLOWSHIP – A REASON TO JOIN



Stephanie Crosby

**Stephanie Crosby, District Director of Area 8 in NCDE,** addressed our club on February 17<sup>th</sup>. She is a member of the Tryon Club and shared with our group the reasons that she joined Civitan. “Leigh Wilkinson made me do it!” she said kiddingly. “We worked together and she introduced me to the Club.”

Stephanie went on to say that Civitan International was the “real deal” as the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration is in progress. She gave a brief history of the Club’s formation and went on to tell the story of the formation of the International Research Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Last year, Civitan International started to support the Neuro-Imaging Lab which is helping many with brain injuries and diseases.

Stephanie went on to review the structure of the North Carolina Civitan Clubs which are broken into two regions – North Carolina District West and North Carolina District East where our club is located. NCDE has the honor of being the District with the most Civitans. The Spring District meeting will be on *April 29* at the Boys and Girls Homes in Lake Waccamaw, NC. If you haven’t been there, you **MUST** make this trip at least once. The Fall District Convention will be in August in Greensboro, NC.

In addition to supporting the Boys and Girls Homes, we actively support the Duke Child Development Center which does extensive research of the disease, Fragile X. Our Youth Leadership programs are also paramount to our clubs.

Besides the “Fun and Fellowship”, Stephanie closed her talk by stating that the main reason she joined Civitan was the people who are in the clubs. “They are people like YOU who are so willing to give,” she concluded. We thank Stephanie for all she has done for her club, our club and NCDE. We look forward to continuing to work together in the future.



Pictured left to right: Jan Snyder, Henry Martin, Stephanie Crosby, Maureen Comer, Dev Lippitt, Helen Shine, presenting a certificate of Appreciation and a can of Civitan peanuts to Stephanie Crosby for her presentation to the club.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## MARCH CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Dave	McCracke	March 01
Judy	Lewis	March 06
James	Findley	March 08
George	Sawyer	March 13
James	Schneide	March 13
Jim	Comer	March 15
Linda	Johnson	March 17
Arthur	Behrer	March 19
Brian	Westcott	March 21
Ann	Court	March 26

## MARCH CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Dominic	Alicandr	March 1966
Joe	Alcoke	March 1970
Ray	Wood	March 1987
Helen	Shine	March 1993
Frank	Court	March 1999
Mary	Williams	March 1999
Bob	Royster	March 2004
Tim	McLear	March 2010
Jack	Lang	March 2011
Cindy	Scalion	March 2011
Dev	Lippitt	March 2013
Dorothy	Smith	March 2014
James	Wittmey	March 2015
Diana	Wittmey	March 2015
Jennifer	Potter	March 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.



## OFFICERS

### President

Dev Lippitt

### President-Elect

Jan Snyder

### Secretary

Helen Shine

### Assistant Secretary

Maggie Schneider

### Treasurer

Joe Judd

### Chaplain

Bill Baldree

### Sergeant-At-Arms

Ken McCain

### Education Officer

Jan and Bill Snyder

## DIRECTORS

### Two Year

(Term expires 9/30/2018)

Jody Hudson

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***

## **March 2017 Calendar**

- 1 **Wednesday** **Ash Wednesday**
- 3 **Friday** **Regular Meeting—at Hibachi**  
**Lunch at 11:30 Meeting at 12:00**  
**Speaker: Renee Harrell—Craven Liteacy Program Update**
- 9 **Thursday** **Regular Meeting—EVENING MEETING**  
**River Bend Country Club— Dinner at 5:45—Meeting at 6:30**  
**Speaker, Mike Williams, NCDE Governor**
- 12 **Sunday** **Set Clocks Forward to Daylight Savings Time**
- 13 **Monday** **Board of Director's Meeting at McCarthy Court**  
**2:00—4:00 pm - No Meal**  
**RCS Shelter Dinner—Contact Maureen Comer**
- 14 **Tuesday** **RCS Soup Kitchen—Contact Cindy Scalion**
- 17 **Friday** **St. Patrick's Day**
- 17 **Friday** **Regular Meeting — at Hibachi**  
**Lunch at 11:30 Meeting at 12:00**  
**Speaker: From Carolina East Foundation**
- 20 **Monday** **First Day Of Spring**

## **CIVITAN – CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE**

### **PART 7**

*(Adapted from the Civitan International website)*

#### **1970-1979**

The 1970s present new challenges and opportunities to all service clubs. Civitan makes a number of internal changes to face these challenges head-on. Four new departments, including Youth Activities, Growth, and Leadership Training, are established at the home office

Clubs are formed in Germany and Sweden. Korea and Japan soon open their borders to Civitan. Civitan makes an even greater commitment to study mental retardation. The Candy Box Project is offered on an international basis.

The 1970s sees several inaugural events including the first Junior Civitan Sno-Do in Canada and in recognition of their growing influence - the first international president of Junior Civitan is elected.

In 1974, Civitan becomes the first formerly all-male service organization to welcome women as members. Another major Civitan interest gets its tentative start in the 1970s. Participation with Special Olympics at all levels of the organization will grow from a small spot to a bright flame, and Civitan once again finds its World Headquarters building too confining. A new building, built for Civitan's needs, is dedicated in 1976.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Maureen Comer*

#### **Civitan Trash Pickup**



On Saturday, February 4, three hearty volunteers braved the cold to clean the Club's adopt-a-highway road segment. They would like more help on the next scheduled trash pickup.

## NCDE GOVERNOR COMING TO NEW BERN!



Governor Mike Williams of North Carolina District East will be addressing our meeting on ***Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m. at the River Bend Country Club.*** This is an honor for our club to have our distinguished Governor visit us and update us on what's happening in North Carolina Civitans and Civitan International.

Mike was born and raised in Durham, NC. He retired from the Sheriff's Office in August, 2014 at the rank of Lieutenant after 30 years of service. He currently runs a small Lawn Service business in his "spare time" which is not much with all his duties as District Governor.

Mike has been married for 14 years and has 2 girls – ages 11 and 8. He joined the Durham Civitan Club in 1996 and he has been active both on the local club level and the District level. He has been President of the Durham Civitan Club, not once but twice, and served on the Board of Directors all but 3 years since joining the club. On the District level, he has been and is still currently the District Candy/Coin Box Chair, served as a Director for NCDE and is the current Governor.

Mike has served on the International level by giving workshops at the Denver International Convention on the Candy/Coin Box program and last year served on the Election Committee at the International Convention in Norfolk, Va.

Please put this important date to meet Mike on your calendar. He is making a 3 hour trip to see us – hopefully our members will come out in force to greet him. Remember, if you need a ride to the meeting – call the Snyder/Comer Uber Service and we'll get you there! (Snyder – 635-1309 or Comer 636-2217) See you there!

## DOTH THOU LOVE SHAKESPEARE?

On Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, our own Civitan member, **Bob Husson**, will be performing in a production of The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged) at the City Laundry at 8 pm. This play parodies the plays of Shakespeare with ALL of them being performed in a comically shortened or merged form by only 3 actors. If you come early, you can get a light dinner, snack, coffee, beer or wine – thus making this a "Dinner Theater" experience.

Come out and support Bob in his thespian role. If you remember, Kathy Adolph, spoke at our club meeting a while ago and this new venue in New Bern can use our support.

More details will be forthcoming via e-mail and at meetings. If you need a ride, let the Snyder/Comer transportation company know and we will get one for you. Remember, "To be (*there*), or not to be (*there*), that is the question..."



## Clergy Appreciation Day February 3, 2017



These clergy were honored with Certificates of Appreciation for their service.

The New Bern Civitan Club and the Tryon Civitan Club joined together to celebrate Clergy Appreciation Day on Friday, February 3, at noon at Centenary Methodist Church.



Bill Baldree, Clergy Appreciation Day Chairman

New Bern Civitan Club President Dev Lippitt opened the meeting. Mack Paul, President-Elect of the Tryon Civitan Club, led the Pledge of Allegiance .

The attendees then had a delicious buffet lunch .

After lunch, A Clergy Appreciation Week Proclamation by New Bern's Mayor was read by Leigh Wilkinson, Region 3 International Director. Bill Baldree, Chairman of the Clergy Appreciation Day, then introduced Greg Williams, the keynote speaker for the event. He

gave most interesting and moving testimony as to how his life was spared while he was in a boating accident. After his boat sank in the middle of the river, he was in cold water for five hours. He prayed and held on until help arrived.

Juliet Meyer, President of the Tryon Civitan Club, then presented Certificates of Appreciation to the attending clergy. Two of the Clergy attending had to leave early because they had emergency calls.

Bill Snyder gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.



Greg Williams, Speaker

## Al Mack Speaks to the Club



Jan Snyder and Dev Lippitt present a certificate of appreciation and a can of Civitan peanuts to Al Mack (center) for his presentation.

The presenter to the club at the February 9 meeting was Al Mack, one of our members. He did an excellent job telling about the residential sales market and what our home is worth or is not worth. He gave a picture diagram of “Our home as seen by: *us, the buyer, the lender the appraiser, and the tax assessor.* He told how to prepare for the potential sale of our home by freshening up the inside and outside of the house, making minor repairs that make sense to do, and the prepping for a realtor coming in with potential clients. Everyone appreciated the information he gave.

## SPECIAL LUNCHEON FOR MARCH

We haven't done a “Special Lunch” in quite a while so one is planned for Wednesday, March 29 at 11:45 a.m. at Paula's Pizza Restaurant off Rte. 17. For new members, this is an opportunity to meet and talk with friends and members in an informal setting. There is no agenda, no speaker...just getting together to have fun and food. With our new schedule of meetings, we will not be meeting in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of each month. This informal lunch may satisfy those members who want to meet more often.



Please let me know if you will be attending this lunch by March 24<sup>th</sup> so I can make reservations with the restaurant. You may e-mail me ([jmcom7272@embarqmail.com](mailto:jmcom7272@embarqmail.com)) or call me at 252 636-2217.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Maureen Comer*

## Some Funny Quotes

1. What happens if you get scared to death Twice?
2. My mechanic told me “I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder
3. Why do Psychics have to ask you for your name?
4. Experience is something you don't get until after you need it
5. The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread
6. To steal from one person is plagiarism, to steal from many is research.
7. The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard
8. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.