



THE CIVIC

New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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FISHING DERBY ANOTHER NB CIVITAN SUCCESS



The annual Fishing Derby for Craven County's developmentally disabled adults was another big Civitan success. Held this year on May 24th at Lawson Creek Park, over 100 clients and their care givers attended. They were assisted by many



NB Civitan volunteers and a group of students from the Epiphany School in New Bern. And, of course, the rain held off this year!

Although fish were scarce and small, spirits were high as the participants tried their luck to compete for the unique trophies that event organizer, Fred Yost, hand made in his home wood shop. After the "competition", lunch was served to all the participants. President, Dev Lippitt, congratulated all the contestants for their efforts and awarded the trophies and medals to those who won.



Many volunteers, too numerous to list, came out to help for this yearly event, but it would be remiss not to mention that:

Fred Yost organized the event and Kate Yost assisted Bill Snyder and Jerry Frank worked on the fishing poles Ken McCain provided the equipment and cooked the hot dogs Norma and Joe Judd, Ginny and Randy King were in charge of soft drinks

Pictures taken by Jan Snyder

We look forward to many more Fishing Derbies in the future as a service and special event to this community enjoyed by the many disabled folks who attend. Go New Bern Civitan Club... YEAH TEAM!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Bill	Smith	June 06
Bill	Green	June 06
Albert	Friedlander	June 14
Betty	Todd	June 17
Robert	Brock	June 17
Marilyn	West	June 24
Henry	Martin	June 27
Kenneth	McCain	June 27

JUNE CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Henry	Martin	June 1982
Kenneth	McCain	June 2004
Tom	Braaten	June 2004
Pat	McGrath	June 2005
Steve	Foley	June 2008
Winthrop	Sargent	June 2008
Joseph	Judd	June 2008
John	Klecker	June 2010
Karen	Crump	June 2011
Susan	Husson	June 2012
Kate	Yost	June 2013
Lovay	Singleton	June 2014
Marilyn	West	June 2014
Jan	Manning	June 2015
Clemma	Florio	June 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

Jan Manning

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

June 2017 Calendar

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| 2 | Friday | Lunch Meeting at Hibachi—11:15 Eat & Socialize
12:00 Meeting—Speaker: Lisa Lee Clonial Capital Humane Soc. |
| 8 | Thursday | Evening Meeting –River Bend Country Club
5:30 Eat & Socialize - 6:30 Meeting
Scholarship Recipients Honored |
| 9 | Friday | Howell Prom—6:00pm Contact Maureen Comer |
| 10 | Saturday | Yard Sale—Contact Sharyn Foster |
| 12 | Monday | Board Of Director’s Meeting at Unitarian Church –2-4pm
RCS Shelter Dinner—Contact Maureen Comer |
| 13 | Tuesday | RCS Soup Kitchen—Contact Cindy Scalion |
| 14 | Wednesday | Flag Day |
| 16 | Friday | Lunch Meeting at Hibachi—11:15 Eat & Socialize
12:00 Meeting—Speaker: Carol Villanneal, Thera Paws Program |
| 17 | Saturday | Neil Diamond Tribute Show at Grover Fields |
| 22 | Thursday | Kids and Canoes—Contact Randy King |
| 24-27 | Sat.– Tue | Civitan International Convention—Birmingham Alabama |
| 29 | Thursday | Kids and Canoes—Contact Randy King |

CIVITAN – CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

PART 10 - FINAL

(Adapted from the Civitan International website)

2000-2017

With the Civitan International Research Center, Civitans have a centralized outlet for their fundraising efforts around the world. The Center has made monumental breakthroughs in medical research, and incorporated the Civitan-Sparks Clinics (previously the Sparks Center for Learning and Developmental Disorders), a clinical diagnosis and treatment center located in Birmingham, Alabama.

While membership in North America experienced a decline, Civitan gained a massive expansion around the world. Clubs were chartered in Asia, Europe and Africa. By the end of 2009, the Civitan family of countries included a total of 30 nations.

In 2010, the organization unveiled a new club category targeted at young adults. They were called Young Professionals or YP Civitan Clubs.

2012 marked the 25th anniversary of the UAB Civitan International Research Center. In 2016, the Center unveiled the Civitan International Neuroimaging Laboratory, through which scientists will conduct even more advanced research into neurological disorders.

We are currently in Civitan's centennial year – celebrating our 100th birthday. In preparations for this, a capital campaign known as the Restoration Fund was launched to fund repairs and refurbish the International Headquarters building. These repairs are now completed in time for the Centennial International Convention coming up this month at the end of June. Those of us in the Club who have signed up to go there are looking forward to the convention and a tour of the facility.

There are now Civitan clubs in 47 countries around the world, all of whom are looking forward to the next century of service.

*Respectfully submitted by
Maureen Comer*

New Member Inducted



Bill Snyder inducted new member Bonnie Burch into the New Bern Civitan Club at the May 5th meeting. Accompanied by her sponsor, Barbara Compton.



PADDLE UP!



Kids in Canoes will again be a New Bern Civitan project this summer, but with some face lifts. First of all, we have a new coordinator, Randy King. Randy reports that the Parks and Recreation Department has shown renewed enthusiasm for this endeavor. We are confident that new members and seasoned veterans of this program will again step forward to keep this project afloat (pun intended!).

The Club will support a six week program – 6 consecutive Thursdays starting June 22 and ending July 27. Parks and Recreation will publicize this schedule and arrange for sign-ups. If there is interest, we will offer two separate groups each Thursday – depending on whether or not there is need. We can do this and still stay in the 9 a.m. to noon format. Lawson Creek Park will still be the location. Randy is working on getting some educational materials to use with the kids.

Your help is crucial to make all of this work. We will need volunteers to supervise children, handle the canoes, kayak with the kids and just be generally supportive. In the past, this has been a popular program for our members as well as the children being served. If you want to volunteer or want to learn more, contact Randy at rkingnewbern@gmail.com

AWAY WE GO...



“Away we go...” is the theme for this year’s RHA Health Services Prom on Friday, June 9th at its facility on Pirates Road in River Bend from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Participants will be dressing up in a “vacation” mode as they get their pictures taken by the Coastal Photography Club, dance to the music of DJ Mark Dail and enjoy the refreshments provided by our Club.

We are in the 6th year of this project. It gets better and better each year. All members and their guests are invited to participate and mingle with this very special population. Come out and see the “costume” that Diane Shultz will be wearing. That’s always worth the price of admission!

A Little Sense of Humor

1. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.
2. Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.
3. I didn’t go to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
4. I decided to stop calling the bathroom the John, and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.
5. Old age is coming at a bad time. When I was a child I thought a nap was a punishment. Now as a grownup it feels like a small vacation.
6. Teach your daughter how to shoot because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.
7. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would’ve put them on my knees.
8. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven’t met yet.

WHY AM I CIVITAN? WHY ARE WE CIVITAN? WHY?



The North Carolina District East Spring meeting was held at the Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw on April 29th. Six of our club members attended – President Dev Lippitt, President-elect Jan Snyder, Linda Johnson, Mitch Harriet, Kris Rudzik and Bill Snyder. They were addressed and informed by a variety of presenters of what’s going on in our District.

Gary Faircloth, President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Homes, spoke about the homes and their work with unwanted and abused children. “Beauty is a silent teacher,” Faircloth said. “Great effort is made to maintain a place of beauty here for our children.” He went on to give a brief summary of the history of the Homes. The first Civitan cottage was opened in 1958.

April is Child Abuse Awareness month. He stated, “It should not hurt to be a child.” Proudly, Gary stated that this year, there will be 12 graduates in 2017 – 7 will be going on to college. All in all, they have 171 foster homes that work with 190 children in foster care. Our Club monetarily supports the Boys and Girls Homes and we are thrilled with their success. Gary closed his talk by saying, “Thank you Civitans. Thank you for hearing the call of children!”

In some other news from the spring meeting:

Velvet Leggett, Junior Civitan Chair announced that the Junior Civitan Convention will also be in Birmingham, Alabama at the same time as the International Civitan Convention. A North Carolina District East scholarship was awarded to Darby from New Bern High School – yeah team!

North Carolina District East for 2015-16 was the Quality Achievement District again for the fourth year.

For 2015-16, our Club won patches for our banner as an Honor Club, Fruitcake Sales (27.5% increase in sales), and Civitan at the Helm.

The importance of social media as a big part of Civitan’s future was discussed.

Joe Parker, Past International President closed the meeting with a discussion of the future of Civitan. He declared, “To reach Quality Achievement, we need new clubs, as well as new members. Our question in 2017-18 will be ‘**Why am I Civitan? Why are WE Civitans? Why?**’ To the world you may be one person. But to one person, you may be the world.” Words to live by...

CIVITANS CLEAN ROADSIDES



A Group of our dedicated members met at 9am on Saturday, May 13 and cleaned the sides of our Civitan Clubs portion of designated highway. Our assigned roadway is River Road and Haywood Creek Drive. Most of the road is in Trent Woods, and a portion is in New Bern. It runs from Highway 17 to Trent Woods Drive. A part of the team was a Junior Civitan member student at New Bern High School.

MANY HANDS PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE CARE



One of the charities that our Club supports is Merci Clinic located in New Bern. It is a non-profit community clinic, staffed primarily by volunteers, which provides free health care services for adults of Craven, Pamlico and Jones counties who are of limited income without medical or dental insurance. Beth Cooper, new Executive Director of Merci, addressed our group on Thursday, May 11th at our evening meeting at Famous restaurant.

Merçi Clinic, like many other charities, is having trouble keeping afloat due to lack of funding and donations. They are working on different fundraising projects so they may get to the point of accepting new patients. It costs over \$600 per year just for one patient and they have to turn many patients away for their monetary shortfall. This year, we donated \$800 from our Charity Budget and \$100 each in memory of our deceased members, Russ Laustsen and Ray Wood. We are certain that the Clinic will put these donations to excellent use. To learn more about the works of Merçi Clinic, you may go to their website www.merciclinic.org

