



THE CIVIC

New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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NEW BERN CIVITAN CLUB AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Club honored the students who received Club scholarships and their parents at an evening dinner meeting on June 8th held at the River Bend Country Club. These yearly scholarship awards are coordinated by NB Civitan Club member, Al Mack, working with the Guidance Department of New Bern High School. "I am not sure how long the Club has been doing this, but I'm a member for 30 years and we were doing this when I joined the Club," stated Al.

Total scholarship distribution this year amounted to \$11,500.00. Money for these scholarships is from the Club's charity budget and from the North Carolina Community Fund. Students applying for these scholarships fill out applications and have a personal interview with a Scholarship committee. (Frank Court is also on this Committee) "We look at academics, community service and financial need in awarding these scholarships," said Al, "And believe me, the choices are never easy. We see many deserving candidates and this year the number applying for scholarships was up significantly."

Scholarship winners (and their chosen colleges) are: Jazmine Brown (UNC Greensboro), Kathryn Dixon (McDaniel College), John Hale (ECU), Brianna Ledford (Western Carolina University), Patrick Lloyd (NC State), Gabrielle Miller (Wingate University), Michaela Shy (ECU), Chesney Staples (Craven Community College). (See separate article on "Junior Civitan NCDE Scholarship Winner")



Standing Left to Right: Al Mack, Scholarship Chairman; John Hale, Michaela Shy, Gabrielle Miller, Jazmine Brown.
Seated Left to Right: Brianna Ledford, Kathryn Dixon, Patrick Lloyd
Scholarship Winner Not Pictured: Chesney Staples

Leigh Wilkinson, Region 3 Director of NCDE, was guest speaker for the evening. She spoke of "Why" she became a Civitan. She urged others to, "Go out and help somebody else. Share your time, talent and treasures with others." As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the formation of Civitan, these are valuable words for us to live by.



Leigh Wilkinson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JULY CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

William	Snyder	July 06
Randy	King	July 06
Jennifer	Potter	July 07
Al	Mack	July 09
Clark	Saylor	July 10
Angela	Huff	July 18
Maureen	Comer	July 20
Thomas	Hardin	July 21
Barbara	Compton	July 24
Kris	Rudzik	July 27
Steve	Foley	July 28
Joan	Meutsch	July 29

JULY CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Kris	Rudzik	July 1985
Ann	Court	July 2006

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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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<u>Two Year</u> (Term expires 9/30/2018)	<u>One Years</u> (Term expires 9/30/2017)
Jody Hudson	Betty Todd
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Bill Snyder	Renee Salvatore

New Bern Civitan Club

July 2017 Calendar

- 4 **Tuesday** **.Independence Day**
- 6 **Thursday** **Kids and Canoes—9:30 —Contact Randy King**
- 7 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi—11:15 Eat & Socialize**
12:00 Meeting— Maj. Gesner, Salvation Army; Dre Nix, NB Boys & Girls Clubs. ; Club Updates and Reports
- 8 **Saturday** **Adopt-A-Highway cleanup—Contact Ken McCain**
- 10 **Monday** **Board Of Director's Meeting at Unitarian Church –2-4pm**
RCS Shelter Dinner—Contact Maureen Comer
- 11 **Tuesday** **RCS Soup Kitchen—Contact Cindy Scalion**
- 13 **Thursday** **Dinner Meeting at Famous Restaurant**
5:30 Eat and Socialize—6:30 Meeting
Promise Place, Allison Dunn
Reviving Lives Ministry, Kehli Saucier
- 20 **Thursday** **Kids and Canoes—9:30 —Contact Randy King**
- 21 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi—11:15 Eat & Socialize**
12:00 Meeting— Speaker: Telva Harrison, Coastal Women's Shelter
- 27 **Thursday** **Kids and Canoes—9:30 —Contact Randy King**

CIVITAN CLUB “GOING TO THE DOGS (and cats...)”



Last year, the Club responded to a desperate call for help from the Colonial Capital Humane Society which was about to lose its license from the state to continue to operate its “No Kill” Shelter. Much work was needed if CCHS was to continue to operate. The facility had many code violations due to lack of funds over a long period of time. Many members volunteered to do vital work to keep the Shelter open. After much hard work in sweat equity, community donations and the strong will of the volunteers who work there, the Shelter got its license and continues to operate.

Lisa Lee, volunteer from CCHS, came to thank the Club and ask for our help again as they move their Yard Sale facility from one building to another. The new building needs to be painted and Lisa wants our members to aid them in this project. Gary Todd will be coordinating this effort. He will be communicating with our members where and when the painting will start.

In addition, Lisa shared more of what Colonial Capital wants to see happen in the near future. They would like to see this “Yard Sale” to expand from 2 Saturdays per month to being open Friday and Saturday every weekend. The profits from these sales helps to meet the operating costs of the facility. Currently, the Yard Sales bring in about \$5000 per month. It costs approximately \$700 per week to run the Shelter. They depend on donations from the public to meet their bills. Increased Yard Sales would help to defray these costs. Lisa also told us of the Shelter’s wish to assist poor families with free food for their animals in an outreach program in order for these people to keep their beloved pets.

Last year, the Shelter placed 119 dogs, 82 cats and 4 bunnies into forever homes. Thus far this year, they have placed 42 dogs, 43 cats, 2 bunnies and 1 peacock – you read that correctly – 1 peacock! In the past 2 years, our member, Clark Saylor has adopted 2 dogs – Jasper and Logan. Dogs and cats are always available for adoption from CCHS. If you’re looking for a new friend, look there FIRST.

The selfless volunteers, like Lisa Lee, just want to make a better life for all God’s creatures. When it comes time to help, it is hoped that many of you will be able to assist this organization. Membership to Colonial Capital Humane Society and more information can be found on its website: www.colonialcapitalhs.org

Mahatma Gandhi summed it up by stating, “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”



CHRISTMAS IN JULY (and August)

Renee' Harrell, Director of the Craven County Family Literacy and Pre-School Program (I still call it the "More at Four" program) will be one of our speakers on August 18th. The children who are served in this program are the children who come to Santa Land in December. New Bern Civitan members have been actively supporting this program for many years – including all the gifts for the children at Christmas, as well as monetary donations from the Club to support these kids and their families.

Upon inviting Renee' to this meeting, I asked her if there was anything else we could do for the nearly 200 children and their families in this program. She was hesitant to answer me as she stated, "Your Club does so much for our program, and I don't want to ask for anything else." So, I said, "Ask away...we can always say, 'No'."

Here is her request and if anyone wants to help, I would be happy to collect these items at our meetings in July and August.

Large towels or beach towels for the children at rest time

Book bags appropriate for children 4 or 5

Two pocket folders (for the adults in the Family Literacy part of the program)

Spiral Composition Notebooks (for Family Literacy)

If anyone would like me to do shopping for them, I would gladly accept monetary donations. This is PURELY voluntary on members' parts. I just thought we could supply some "Christmas in July" help for these kids and their families.

*Respectfully submitted by
Maureen Comer*

SPECIAL LUNCHEON SUMMER HIATUS

Although we will continue to have our regular Civitan meetings through the summer, our special luncheons will be on hiatus until September. Organizer Renee Salvatore planned the May 31 luncheon at Texas Steak House. Nineteen Civitans attended and enjoyed lunch and the socialization with fellow Civitans. Although there will be no luncheons plans, keep watching your e-mails for some impromptu, spur of the moment, get-togethers at local venues during the summer.

Regular summer meetings will be lunch on July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18 at Hibachi. Evening meetings will be July 13 and August 10 – location TBA.

MAY 31 SPECIAL LUNCHEON

Around 19 people met at the Texas Steak House for lunch on May 19 for the Social Luncheon. A good time was had by all.



NEW RAMP

Another new ramp was built on June 7 in Newport. Although the day was overcast and rainy off and on, The crew stuck in there and completed the ramp



NEW BERN HS JUNIOR CIVITAN RECEIVES NCDE SCHOLARSHIP

In addition to the eight scholarships that our Club awarded on Thursday, June 8th, a member of the New Bern High School Junior Civitan Club, **Darby Faraci**, was awarded a Junior Civitan North Carolina District East scholarship. The award was presented by NCDE Junior Civitan Chairperson, **Velvet Legette** who traveled over 2 hours to the meeting to present this award in person to Darby.

This scholarship is one of three awarded in our area. Two are awarded to participating Junior Civitans in ALL the clubs and the third is awarded to a resident of the Boys and Girls Homes. "Competition for these scholarships is tough. There are so many deserving applicants so it is hard to choose!" Velvet declared.

Darby has been in the NBHS Junior Civitan Club for multiple years and she has served as a Club officer. She plans to attend UNC Chapel Hill in the fall. Jason Willis is the NBHS Club advisor.



ORGANIZED CHAOS –THE RHA SERVICES PROM – Editorial

Normally, when reporting about a Club event like the Prom, I would write about the when, where and why of the event, but we just passed the 6th year of the “Howell” prom and I wanted to reflect on how it has grown and what it means to us as a Club.

Six years ago, we did not have a Fishing Derby as the docks at Lawson Creek Park were damaged by a storm. The Board wanted to see if we could substitute something for those who normally attended the Fishing Derby. Practically on a daily basis, I drove past the Howell facility on Pirates Road in River Bend. I called to make an appointment to see an administrator from the organization. I discussed with her the Club’s desire to do something for the residents. Together, we came up with the idea for the “Senior Prom” – an end of year party and a celebration of summer.

The first year, we got a DJ, ordered food and helped the party goers get “dress up” clothes. The Knights of Columbus allowed the people at Howell to come to their warehouse of clothes and take some fancy duds. Judy Lopez was our Club liaison to help in this process. It was decided that a real prom would have a photographer to do pictures of the participants so I took pictures and Renee developed them on one printer. Renee also designed the photo cover around the theme of each prom and she has done that every year since. We had over 100 pictures to be taken and we found out that we just couldn’t do it with one photographer and one printer. Lesson learned and we would do better the next year. Several Civitans volunteered to help out the first year even though no one was sure what their duties would be.

The second year, we increased the number of photographers to two and got another printer. This worked better but the photographers had to wait to use the backdrop as there was only one of them. Lesson learned – have two backdrops. This happened in the third year. And, of course, we got even more Civitan volunteers.

All of the “mechanics” of putting on the Prom have gotten easier as we do more and more of them. We now have three backdrops and have gotten the assistance of some “real” photographers from the Coastal Photography Club for the past two years. Putting the Prom together now is almost rote. With the volunteers who act as servers and greeters and those that use the printers and paste the pictures into the folders, this is the first year I have had the chance to really SEE what this prom means. Prior to this, I was too busy worrying that everything had to go right. My Type A personality was aiming at perfection. I finally saw that – perfect or not, this project means something to the residents, their caregivers and our Civitan volunteers.



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I remember after the first Prom, Becky Doumeng, a dear lady Civitan who recently passed away, said to me, “You’d better invite me back next year because this is a great thing we are doing for these people.” Becky was always there after that when she could. I believe every volunteer feels that way. We have Howell residents who ask, “What will the costume lady be wearing this year?” Of course, you know the “costume lady” is Diane Shultz.

The residents would line up to get their pictures from the printers immediately after having their pictures taken. They wanted to see what they looked like. Several residents came back to have a second picture taken with their relatives or

friends just to have a memento of the occasion. I remember that a group picture of 4 brothers and sisters in their ‘50s and ‘60s was taken as a family portrait. We had a beautiful mother/daughter team who dressed alike to have their picture taken together. Photos can be important in people’s lives – I learned that also.

This year, I took time to watch the dance floor. To me, the music was too loud and unrecognizable. None the less, the floor was always crowded with wheelchairs, jumping, spinning, break-dancing and screaming, a shining example of a cacophony of organized chaos. They LOVED it.



This yearly prom is really for the residents and they so enjoy it and look forward to it every Spring. The secret is I love it even more than they do. Why? There is a tremendous sense of pride and satisfaction in doing something for someone who cannot do for themselves. I feel it...I am certain our members feel it, too. So...the “organized chaos” will continue as long as the RHA Health Services (Howell) want it! #wedungood



*Respectfully submitted by:
Maureen Comer*

KIDS IN CANOES – PART 1

The first meeting of the summer Kids in Canoes program was held at Lawson Creek Park on June 22. Approximately 24 “kids” attended. This year, Randy King will be in charge of this program with the help of many volunteers who get and return the canoes, instruct the children who go out in the canoes and the kayakers who “herd the kittens” as they practice what they’ve learned on land. This program is in cooperation with the Recreation Department of New Bern.

This event will be held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Lawson Creek Park from June 22 to July 27. Volunteers on land and in kayaks are needed. If you would like to be a part of this program, please contact Randy King at 514-6856. All are welcome.



A WELCOME “PAWS”



Carol Villarreal

Carol Villarreal, Volunteer Coordinator at CarolinaEast Health Systems, presented a program on “Thera-Paws” at our June 16th meeting. Thera-Paws is a hospital canine visitation program nicknamed “Furapy at its Best.”

Therapy manager, **Amy Burdulis** who accompanied Carol on this discussion said that the program is only introduced to patients who wish to take part, and that the dogs are carefully watched by their owner/handlers. To take part in this program, a Thera-Paw dog must be a graduate of the American Kennel Club’s Canine Good Citizen training, along with passing an



Amy Burdulis

online test with 100 given on the hospital’s website.

How does a dog provide therapy you might ask? Answer - Mostly through touch and interaction. It isn’t hard to find stories online about the healing that comes from human- animal interaction. Sometimes the dogs are used in actual physical therapy, especially in stroke cases where patients are encouraged to pet them with their weak hand or throw balls for the dog.

Not only patients benefit from the dogs. They make occasional visits to the surgery waiting room where anxious family members of patients in surgery are able to cuddle and pet them.

Dogs of all breeds are welcome into the program. The group includes a 12 pound Shih Tzu and a 150 pound Newfoundland. On most days they pass the time as any other dog. “At home, they’re regular dogs – barking, playing and sleeping. But you put the hospital blue vest on them and they become very serious. It’s like they know they’re going to do a job and their job as a therapy dog is to make people feel good and make people smile. It’s amazing”, Amy commented.

You might be interested to know that each hospital dog is featured in the Carolina East Thera-Paws calendar. The proceeds benefit students who are pursuing education in health care and other patient care enhancement projects at the hospital. They are sold for \$15 at the Carolina East Gift Shop.

For more information about this program and the opportunity to volunteer at the hospital, call 252 633-8127.



Gary Todd and Dev Lippitt present peanuts and a certificate to Amy Burdulis and Carol Villarreal for their presentation to the

DIAMOND RENO – A HIT!



The long awaited Neil Diamond Tribute Show was performed at the Grover C. Fields MS auditorium on June 17th. If you didn't attend, you missed an enthusiastic, professional and lively performance by Mark Reno. He had the crowd on their feet and singing along to the very popular and familiar songs by Diamond over his 50 year career in show busi-

ness. Diamond Reno's back-up band was also fantastic.

Many New Bern Civitan volunteers helped to make this program a success, but the show would not have even come to New Bern without the Herculean efforts of Frank and Renee Salvatore. For over 4 months, the Salvatores coordinated the publicity, the advertising, and the sales of tickets and the organization of this event.

Reno had come to New Bern several times before to perform his Elvis tribute show. In addition, Frank and Renee have coordinated two "1964 Beatle Tribute" shows. Their efforts have raised a lot of money over the years for our Club's charity budget. They have selflessly given of their time and talents so more people in our community can reap the benefits of their efforts.

Renee and Frank – we thank you for a job well done. Your reward should be in knowing that YOU helped to make a difference to so many in our area. On behalf of those who have benefitted, their appreciation is boundless. Congratulations, kudos and God bless...