



# THE CIVIC

## New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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### NB POLICE DEPARTMENT – CITIZENS ACADEMY



**Josh Jensen**, a detective with the Planning and Research Division of the NB Police Department spoke to our meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup> about the Citizens Police Academy. Josh has been with the Department for a year and a half. Prior to law enforcement, Josh served in the US Army as a Calvary Scout working in reconnaissance operations. He served time in Iraq. Josh organizes and coordinates the department's Citizen Police Academy that runs twice a year. This program allows citizens to get a firsthand view into the department and how things function within the Academy. The Academy introduces citizens to the philosophy, policies and guiding principles of the NB Police Department, as well as the ethical conduct governing police services in our community. Included in the Academy

will be basic classroom instruction, tactical simulations and presentations that will give insight into what motivates police officers to make the decision they make daily.

It is hoped that at the conclusion of the Academy, participants will have a better understanding of police practices and procedures. The planned activities encourage communication which helps to build a strong citizen/police partnership.

Everyone benefits from this partnership as the police and community work together to share the responsibility of public safety.

A lively question and answer period followed Josh's talk. The Academy is open to New Bern residents over the age of 21. The cost to enroll is \$25. If



you want more information, go to the NBPD website- [www.newbernpd.org](http://www.newbernpd.org)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## SEPTEMBER CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Ben	St. John	September 04
Jody	Hudson	September 09
Tommaso	Serra	September 13
Richard	Connor	September 16
Frank	Court	September 18
Bob	Dannelly	September 18
Brenda	Fraser	September 19
Tom	Meutsch	September 27
Lovay	Singleton	September 28

## SEPTEMBER CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy	McClinton	September 2002
Frank	Salvatore	September 2005
William	Snyder	September 2005
Janice	Snyder	September 2005
Jim	Comer	September 2006
Maureen	Comer	September 2006
Diane	Shultz	September 2007
Tom	Meutsch	September 2011

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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

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Dev Lippitt

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## DIRECTORS

### Two Year

(Term expires 9/30/2018)

Jody Hudson  
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 Ernie Williams  
 Bill Snyder

### One Years

(Term expires 9/30/2017)

Betty Todd  
 Karen Crump  
 Gene Cesca  
 Renee Salvatore

# ***New Bern Civitan Club***

## **September 2017 Calendar**

- 1      **Friday**      **No Meeting—Labor Day Weekend**  
**Afternoon—Prep ribs for cooking**
- 2      **Saturday**      **Rib Sale at Piggly Wiggly, 7:30am—12:00 noon** **Contact Gattis & Bexie Williams**
- 7      **Thursday**      **Dinner Meeting at Famous Restaurant**  
**5:30 Eat and Socialize—6:30 Meeting**  
**Speaker: Angelina Doyle, New Bern Civic Theater**
- 8-9      **Fri-Sat**      **Veterans Stand Down** **Contact Lovay Singleton**
- 9      **Saturday**      **River Road Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup, Contact Ken McCain**
- 11      **Monday**      **Board Of Director's Meeting at Unitarian Church –2-4pm**
- 12      **Tuesday**      **RCS Soup Kitchen. Contact Cindy Scalion**
- 15      **Friday**      **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi—11:15 Eat & Socialize**  
**12:00 Meeting— Program Chairman: Randy King,**  
**Speaker: Kathy Langley, Lower Neuse Riverkeeper**
- 16      **Saturday**      **Craven's Got Talent for Special Olympics Contact Dev Lippitt**  
**5:30 Doors Open, 6:00 Show Begins**
- 28      **Thursday**      **NBCC INSTALLATION BANQUET**  
**5:00 Social, Cash Bar, Silent Auction**  
**6:00 Buffett Dinner**  
**Keynote Speaker: Duane Capps, Civitan International President**

## **PROFILES IN SERVICE**

Ever wonder what your fellow Civitans do when they're not at a meeting? Many volunteer or work for charitable or community projects that strive to improve the lives of those around us. Over the next several months I want to highlight some of those who not only help our Club but also do some yeoman's work outside our organization.

One such person is Lovay Wallace-Singleton. Jim and I caught up with her on a Saturday morning as she was working at the Veterans Employment Base Camp and Organic Garden (VEBCOG) – a non-profit organization designed to reintroduce unemployed, disabled veterans back in to the workforce as a productive, employable individual. Lovay, a Navy veteran, is the Executive Director of this movement.



Urban farming is incorporated in the program as a peaceful means of rehabilitation for veterans, who have previously faced more trying and violent situations while in the service. An employable veteran will not be achieved based solely on their daily work done in the urban farm. With the combination of health and wellness, life skills and workforce training assessments throughout the program, the desired outcome is the employable individual. The mission of VEBCOG is to assist disabled and homeless vets in acquiring transitional employment and job skills and provide Craven County with certified organic produce.

Every Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm the garden offers its produce at their site at 901 Chapman Street, near the Stanley White Center. Donations are accepted. We came home with peppers, eggplants and red okra. Crops change with the season. Lovay gave us a tour of the facility. "You see that arbor frame over there?" she asked us. "That was part of a swing set that my grandkids were no longer using. We use everything we can to make this garden work." The site not only grows vegetables but there are beautiful flowers also. Children's workshops are offered at the garden and many of them maintain the flower beds. Lovay reminded us that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Craven County Veterans Stand-down is coming up on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in New Bern and Saturday, September 9 in Havelock. If you want to volunteer to help in this two day event, their website is [www.veteransorganicgarden.wordpress.com](http://www.veteransorganicgarden.wordpress.com) Don't forget to visit the Saturday's Farmer's Market at their facility. The vegetables are outstanding!

Respectfully submitted by:  
Maureen Comer

**WHAT YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW BERN CIVITAN CLUB SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR FUNDS AND CHARITABLE GIVING**

Do you know where the money you raise goes?	Funds you raised last year for this year's charitable giving by selling trees, peanuts, fruit cakes, silent auction and other activities: <b>\$25,665.</b>
Do you know the Club has some savings set aside from past "flush" years? Current balance \$10,752.	Used for scholarships or other needs to supplement current year's charitable giving. This year, \$2,000 was spent on scholarships. Should the Club need additional funds for ramps or other unfunded or emergency needs, <b>this is a great asset.</b>
Do you know the Club has an annuity managed by the North Carolina Community Foundation strictly for scholarships? Current balance \$50,218	The NC Community Foundation annually allows the Club to use the interest from OUR money for scholarships. They tell us how much, we award the scholarships but the foundation sends the money <u>per our instructions</u> to the University in the student's name. \$3,000 this year.

**MEMBER OUTREACH CHARITIES**

**OUR CLUB "REACHES OUT IN SERVICE TO OTHERS" THROUGH FUNDING AND PERSONAL EFFORT BY OUR MEMBERS**

<u>"Pennies from Heaven"</u> & 50/50 raffle tickets. Do you know where your money goes?	\$1,290	Club members get "name" for a child from Social Services and shop for Christmas gifts. Member is reimbursed for maximum of \$125 but most spend a bit more. Ten children received your gifts last Christmas from your "Pennies from Heaven".
<u>Santa Land</u> for "More-at-Four" pre school children	\$400	Children visit Santa, sit on his lap and have their picture taken for them to take home to their parents. They receive gifts, stuffed animals, scarves, and other items.
<u>Fishing Derby</u>	\$172	Started when Club realized that we have many activities for younger handicapped (Special Olympics, etc.) but not for them as they grow older. Activity is funded for \$400 in Charitable Giving.
<u>"Prom" for handicapped</u>	\$372	A very special "Social Activity" for the handicapped. Photos, music, dancing, and food. Held at the Howell center but attended by handicapped from around the local area. Activity is funded for \$400 in Charitable Giving.
<u>Dinner for the homeless at the RCS shelter</u>	\$0	Members volunteer to donate a specified food item from our monthly menu and can be reimbursed for cost (but no one has ever asked). We keep a modest amount of money budgeted for need.

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<u>Ramp Building</u>	\$7,401	Our Ramp Builders will build 20 to 30 ramps for handicapped needing exit/access to their homes. Donations and shared expenses from recipients have covered costs thus not yet requiring additional funding from our charitable budget.
<u>RCS Lunch for the needy</u>	\$2,500	This amount includes our overall contribution to RCS and to the NC Eastern Food Bank for RCS food needs. Lunch is prepared and served by our members to 100 to 200 people in need of food support.
<u>Kids-in-Canoes</u>	\$0	Civitan members provide kids a unique experience canoeing on the water at Creek Side park. Children from Parks and Recreation summer program and other programs join Civitan members for a very enjoyable and educational experience.
<u>Dowling and Basketball for Special Olympians</u>	\$0	Civitan members provide two very special activities, bowling and basketball, for Craven County Special Olympians.

How much is given and what happens to your voluntary "Quarterly Focus" giving?		
First quarter this year, you gave and additional:	\$425	"Backpack Blessings". Food for weekends for children who depend on school lunches but still need food support when school is not in session.
Second quarter this year, you gave and additional:	\$449	Boys and Girls Clubs of New Bern and Craven County
Third quarter this year, you gave and additional:	\$456	Lake Houses, Boys and Girls Homes of NC.
Fourth quarter (underway)	\$350	Additional support for Merck Clinic.
<b>Quarterly Focus Total for Voluntary Giving</b>	<b>\$1,680</b>	
<b>Charitable Giving Funds</b>		
Boys and Girls Homes of NC	\$2,250	Provides homes, education, and other needs for homeless or needy children through high school. Also, many other support programs for needy children.
Scholarships	\$11,500	Competitive awards to New Bern High School graduating seniors. Awards based on academic scholarship, community and other activities, and need.
Handicapped	\$3,000	Special Olympics, Duke Child Development Center, and Civitan International Research Center.
Support for Needy	\$8,500	Camps for needy kids, Promise Place, "More-at-Four", Coastal Women's Shelter, RCS, and Craven Literacy Council and others.
Health	\$2,250	Reviving Lives Ministry, Merck Clinic.
Junior Civitans	\$400	New Bern Civitan supports Civitan International Junior Civitans as well as sponsoring and supporting the New Bern High School Junior Civitan club.
<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE GIVING FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>COMBINED GIVING FROM ALL SOURCES</b>

## THE BEE PROGRAM



Juliet Rogers receives a check, a certificate of appreciation, and a can of peanuts from Dev Lippitt and Jan Snyder/

**Juliet Rogers**, Executive Director of Religious Community Services (RCS), addressed our meeting on August 10th to enlighten our group about a new movement at RCS – **the BEE program – Build, Engage, Empower**. For over 30 years, RCS has been a vital resource for people in Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties. This new BEE campaign includes a reconfiguration of the current George Street complex to ensure a safe, secure and efficient operation providing shelter, food and clothing for people with basic needs as well as empowering them through education, health and self-improvement programs. This will ultimately help them lead more productive lives. There is a critical need in our

community and it is RCS's mission to raise the funding necessary to begin renovation on the following- Emergency Shelter for Veterans, Emergency Shelter for Families, Emergency Shelter for Individuals, Soup Kitchen, Food Distribution.

Our Club not only supports RCS with a yearly monetary donation from our charity fund, but we also run the Soup Kitchen once a month with our volunteers headed by Cindy Scalion and we donate dinner once a month to the Shelter. Last year, the Soup Kitchen of RCS served an average of 174 meals per day; that's over 63,510 meals per year. The kitchen is in desperate need of expansion to accommodate this daily lunch crowd.

Our involvement last year for Shelter Dinners helped to provide a hot meal for approximately 200 residents of the facility. There is a critical need to expand this program and facility as the Shelter had to turn away approximately 300 families last year due to lack of space and resources. The expansion goal would lower this statistic significantly.

Approximately 50 veterans stayed at the RCS Emergency Shelter in 2016. New Bern has the highest number of homeless vets in NC as veterans relocate to the area where they were stationed. Due to our proximity to MCAS Cherry Point and MCAS Camp Lejeune, hundreds of veterans seek assistance from RCS each year.

Juliet thanked the Club for its donations and involvement in RCS programs. There is no doubt that there is great need for these services for some in our community. A guiding verse for RCS comes from Matthew 25:31 "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me. Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to Me".

## "BEACH DAY" AT RHA HEALTH SERVICES



Waiting for Face Painting

The Club sponsored a "Beach Day" for the residents of the RHA Health Services Facility- River Bend campus- on August 11th . Although the weather did not cooperate and the event was forced indoors to the gym, residents still took part in a wide variety of experiences. Among the activities were face painting, lawn darts, beach volley ball, bowling, corn hole, duck pond, thumb painting, shell art, fan making and bubble blowing.

Live music was provided by Tom and Dahlin. Approximately 75 residents and their care givers joined in the fun.



Tova Hairston Paints Faces for Participants

The torrential rain on this day made it impossible to hold the event outdoors on the campus and ended the hope of providing water activities to the residents. In spite of this, the day was successful. Throughout the year, the Club sponsors several other events for this facility which houses developmentally disabled and

mentally impaired residents. In the spring, we sponsor a "Senior Prom" and have done so for six years. Last October, the Club put on for the first time a "Fall Festival of Fun" for the facility residents.

Sarah Carlton, the RHA facilitator for this event, stated, "Our people enjoy participating in the same things that the general population enjoys but because of their disabilities, things must be modified for their needs. Your Club so wonderfully provides these opportunities in the safe setting of our facility. We are so grateful for our association with the New Bern Civitan Club as you provide much variety and stimulation for our residents different from their usual, daily routines. On their behalf, we thank you so much."



Tom Meusch Provides Music

We hope to make this an annual event and maybe next year, if the weather cooperates, we can even have "water" events at this Beach Day. As Civitans, we "continue to reach out in service to others..."

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## “BEACH DAY” AT RHA HEALTH SERVICES

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Gratitude to our Civitan volunteers who made this day possible –

Diane Shultz Randy King Jerry Frank

Mary Williams

Judy Lopez

Jan Manning

Tova Hairston

Jan Snyder

Bill Snyder

Betty Todd

Gary Todd

Sharyn Foster

Cindy Scalion

Ben St. John

Eileen Buscemi

DJ Besack

Joan Meutsch

Tom Meutsch

Jim Comer

Maureen Comer



Blowing Bubbles with Betty & Gary Todd



Jerry Frank Ben St. John & Bill Snyder



Judy Lopez and Maureen Comer



Listening to the Music



Catching Ducks in the Pond

### Wonderful Advice

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
3. Don't take yourself so seriously, nobody else does.
4. Pay off your credit cards every month.
5. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
6. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
7. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
8. Don't compare your life to others'. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
9. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
10. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry, God never blinks.
11. Life is too short for long pity parties. Get busy living or get busy dying.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

The New Bern Civitan Club donated supplies to the Craven County Literacy and NC Pre-K Programs. Coordinator of these programs, Renee Harrell (center), was on hand to receive the supplies as New Bern Civitan members looked on. Spiral notebooks, pocket folders, backpacks and beach towels/lap blankets – used by the children at nap time - were getting ready to be delivered to the program headquarters.

The family literacy program provides classes for adult education, parenting education, Parent/Child together time, and early childhood for infants and toddlers, preschoolers and pre-kindergarteners. For the NC Pre-Kindergarten Program, all children must be determined for eligibility according to the state pre-kindergarten guidelines.

The Club has had an association with the Family Literacy and Pre School program for the past eight years. In addition to the Santa Land activities that include the children in this program, we have been able to help families by providing much needed household items such as beds and major appliances.

“Your Club has been very good to our program over the years,” Renee said. “We look forward to all our future activities with your Club. Santa Land for the children is a highlight of the year. Words cannot express enough about how much we appreciate all you do for us.” That pretty much



## NBHS JUNIOR CIVITAN RECRUITMENT



As the Club has done for several years, we sponsored a Junior Civitan recruitment at the annual new student orientation before classes begin at NBHS. Jim Comer, Club Liaison to the Juniors, organized refreshments and volunteers to help at this event. Besides our NB Civitan volunteers, Eileen Buscemi, Maureen Comer, Judy Lopez, Bexie Williams, Gattis Williams, and Jim Comer, Jason Willis NBHS Junior Civitan advisor and several of the members of the Junior Club were there to help.

The “senior” Civitans bagged popcorn, made lemonade and passed out water to the orientation participants. The Junior Civitans distributed the bags of popcorn around the cafeteria where the presentation occurred, giving it away free to all while passing out literature about their Club. Water was donated for this event by Russ Hackett of Cotten Funeral Home (Russ is a Civitan member) and popcorn was donated by Beartown Cinema.

Jim observed, “What a great start to the new school year. Our Junior Civitans serving refreshments to over 700 people along with student members from AVID, a high school based group working to help students for whom school is more of a challenge than it should be. We will be working hand in hand with AVID as the school year moves ahead. What a great opportunity for all!”

We wish the NBHS Junior Civitans (and AVID) a fun filled, meaningful and fulfilling experience this year as they go out to help others in their school and in our community.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

If you haven't already done so, please call Sharyn Foster (635-1426) and let her know that you'll be attending our Installation Dinner on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Chelsea. The dinner will be \$30 with a cash bar available. We will be installing our new Officers and Board of Directors. Our guest speaker will be International President, Duane Capps. This will be his LAST official act as President. Two years ago, as his FIRST official act as incoming president, he installed our Board and Officers. Duane is a great speaker and we are honored to have him again so please try to attend.

In addition, we are bringing back our Silent Auction. In the past, this event has raised sometimes as much as \$2000 for our Club's charity budget. You can help by soliciting local businesses to donate goods and services to the auction. It does not have to be much, but every bit helps. This is a great way for businesses to help us as well as gaining exposure for their services or products to our membership. Local restaurants, retail stores, salons all make for great gift certificates. Please make every effort to contact the services that you know and ask them for a donation.

Solicitation letters and literature on our donation history are available from the Silent Auction chairperson, Jan Manning. You may contact her at [janmanning@suddenlink.net](mailto:janmanning@suddenlink.net) or 638-5588. The success of this auction depends on YOU – please make it a point to ask for a gift certificate for the Club from wherever you think it is appropriate. Thank you.

## **JR. CIVITANS HELP SPRUCE UP MERCI CLINIC**

