



THE CIVIC

New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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KATY LANGLEY – OUR CLUB MEETS THE NEW LOWER NEUSE RIVER KEEPER



Katy Langley is the new **Lower Neuse River Keeper** employed by Sound Rivers, formerly known as the Neuse River Foundation. She began her job on June 26. A native of New Orleans, Katy has a BS in earth and environmental science. She is the caretaker of the Neuse River from Kinston to Oriental. When asked what she does for a living, she kiddingly says, “I study animal poop in water!” Seriously though, she plans to “juggle a lot of hats as the scientist, publicist, activist and educator for this organization.”

“I will emphasize a program of making residents aware of the condition of the Neuse and Trent Rivers and the dangers to them”, Katy stated. “I’d like to get our whole community in town more active to increase their awareness of these dangers.” She emphasized the problem of numerous CAFOs (Contained Animal Farm Operations) as the gravest threat to the rivers. “If anyone sees something in the river that concerns them, they can contact me and I’ll check it out.” She also said that she is to groups and organizations to talk or to do programs.

Katy has already expressed great interest in assisting our Club with its Kids in Canoes summer program by being an educational resource to the children who attend. She would be a great addition to this long-standing program. She can be contacted by calling her at 637-7972, or by email at lowerneuserk@soundrivers.org.



Randy King, Program Chairman, and Dev Lippitt, President, present Katy Langley a Certificate of Appreciation for her presentation.

Our Club welcomes Katy to New Bern and we thank her for sharing her expertise at our recent meeting. Good luck in your new position and thank you for being the safe guard for the waters of this beautiful community!



OCTOBER CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Doug	Foster	October 07
Fred	Sikes	October 04
Janice	Snyder	October 09
Chris	Kelso	October 11
Peggy	Marcus	October 15
Margaret	Schneider	October 18
Eugene	Long	October 20
Diane	Shultz	October 24
Joe	Alcoke	October 30



OCTOBER CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Al	Mack	October 1985
Robert	Mangan	October 1985
Dave	McCracken	October 2001
Robert	Brock	October 2008
Mae	West	October 2011
Norma	Judd	October 2011
Jann	Weutsch	October 2011
Randy	King	October 2011
Detty	Todd	October 2012
Bob	Husson	October 2012
Reeshema	Walker	October 2016
Bexie	Williams	October 2016

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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

Jan Snyder

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Mary Dougherty

Vice President

Tommaso Serra

Secretary

Jan Manning

Assistant Secretary

Judy Marco

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Van Allen Rice

Assistant Treasurer

Karen Betz

Immediate Past President

Dev Lippitt

DIRECTORS

One Year

(Term expires 9/30/2018)
 Jody Hudson
 Irv Geary
 Norma Judd
 Bill Snyder

Two Years

(Term expires 9/30/2019)
 Eileen Buscemi
 Judy Lopez
 Gattis Williams
 Susan Husson

New Bern Civitan Club

October 2017 Calendar

- 3 **Tuesday** **Special Olympics, Bocce, Elementary Schools**
Creekside Park at 10am — Karen Betz, Coordinator
- 5 **Thursday** **Special Olympics, Bocce, Middle & High Schools**
Creekside Park at 10am — Karen Betz, Coordinator
- 6 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi— Quarterly Business Meeting**
11:30 Lunch. 12:00 Meeting
- 7 **Saturday** **Craven County Big Sweep—Contact Jody Hudson**
- 9 **Monday** **Board Of Director's Meeting at Unitarian Church -2-4pm**
RCS Shelter Dinner—Contact Maureen Comer
- 10 **Tuesday** **RCS Soup Kitchen—Contact Cindy Scalion**
Special Olympics, Bocce, Adults
Creekside Park at 10am — Karen Betz, Coordinator
- 12 **Thursday** **Dinner Meeting at Famous Restaurant**
5:30 Eat and Socialize—6:30 Meeting
Speaker: Susan Moffett Thomas
- 14 **Saturday** **NCDE Junior Civitan District Meeting**
At Lake Waccamaw
- 20 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Garber United Methodist Church**
Community Awards Program
11:30 Lunch. 12:00 Meeting
- 24 **Cuesday** **RHA FALL FESTIVAL— Maureen Comer, Coordinator**
- 25 **Wednesday** **Social Luncheon—Texas Steak House, 12:00 noon**
Contact Renee Salvatore
- 28 **Saturday** **NCDE Fall District Meeting, Garner NC**

FUND “RIBBING”



The New Bern Civitan Club’s First Annual Ribs Fundraiser went off without a hitch on Saturday, September 2nd – well almost – if you don’t count the torrential rain going on during the sale. This new fundraiser was sponsored by our club members, Bexie Williams, Gattis Williams and Van Rice in cooperation with the Piggly Wiggly food store chain, especially their manager Danny.



Rib Crew

On Friday, a crew of Civitans helped to put rub on the ribs. At 2:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, Danny began slow cooking the ribs on their huge smokers. One hundred and sixty racks of ribs were cooked and available for sale. The Williams took pre-orders for the ribs and the walk-up crowds began at 8 a.m. when sales opened. Volunteer Civitans put sauce on the ribs for customers and wrapped and bagged them for the buyers. In less than three and a half hours, **ALL RIBS WERE SOLD.**

The Club will get a portion of the money for these sales. That money will be figured out shortly as soon as supply costs are figured out by Piggly Wiggly and our Treasurer-elect counts the money collected. Whatever the proceeds, this was a short time, labor intensive project that can potentially be done again given enough “volunteer power.”

We are thankful for these volunteers – especially our organizers, the Williams and Van Rice. Others who helped were-

Jan Snyder	Bill Snyder	Jan Manning	Dev Lippitt
Linda Johnson	Mitch Harriet	Jim Schneider	Tommaso Serra
Bill McHale	Randy King	Bob Donnelly	Karen Betz
Jim Comer	Maureen Comer	Bonnie Burch	



Thanks also to Civitans who put flyers in neighbors’ mailboxes (Bill Snyder), sent e-mails out to their communities (Van Rice, Eileen Buscemi and the Judds). Norma Judd picked up rib orders from her neighbors and delivered their orders directly. Then, of course, thank you to all NB Civitans who BOUGHT a rack or ribs or two or three... This was a LARGE New Bern Civitan cooperative fund raiser. Thanks for all who got involved. “Many hands make light work!” You proved that with this fundraiser.

P.S. After this article was originally submitted, we learned that this fundraiser netted the Club \$1000 in profits to go to next year’s charities – WOW – Congratulations on a great job!

A REMINDER...

We always receive thank you notes, cards and hand drawn pictures from the residents and aides at RHA Health Services after we do a Prom, or Festival or Beach Day. I bring them to meetings but not everyone is at every meeting so you may miss some of the sentiments sent. This particular note sent by the administration and staff of RHA after our recent "Beach Day" said a lot to me and it needs to be shared with ALL members of our Club.



"To All Civitans,

Please find cards for your members to say thank you and to let them know how much your kindness and enthusiasm was appreciated by our people at our River Bend facility.

It's so nice to be able to do something fun with other people and meet members of the community.

Your members treat our clients with love and respect and they have no idea what this contact means to those who have limited access to people outside our facility.

We love you and thank you and look forward to our next event.

*Sincerely,
RHA Health Services"*

Please keep this letter in mind when you are asked to volunteer or help work on a fundraiser. Our work with the less fortunate in our community depends on members like you and the effort we all put into raising money so we may continue with our "hands on" projects with the disabled. You should be very proud to be a New Bern Civitan as together in this community we have accomplished a lot. We've made a difference...

*Respectfully submitted by,
Maureen Comer*

PUPPY LOVE – JUNIOR CIVITAN STYLE



Recently, Lisa Lee, a volunteer with the Colonial Capital Humane Society (CCHS), addressed the first Junior Civitan Meeting of this year at New Bern High School. She told the members of the purpose and the works of CCHS and she described the needs of the organization in terms of the dogs and cats housed in the facility. It is interesting to note that Lisa is the daughter of our member, Steve Foley.

The members of the Club have given an overwhelmingly positive response to CCHS. Junior Civitans have come out to help with a dinner fundraiser at the local restaurant, Schlotzky's. They came out to PetSmart during a recent adopt-a-thon and helped to walk dogs and take care of cats. Shortly, the Juniors will be assisting at the Coldwell Banker sponsored Dog Walking event from Farmers Market to Union Point Park.

Lisa stated, "I am thrilled, proud and honored that so many Junior Civitans have come out to aid our animals. They are great young people who are helping to take care of our community. I just love each of them."

Our NB Civitan Club as a "parent" organization is gratified by the work of the Junior Club on this project. We thank Lisa Lee for providing this opportunity to these young adults to help our furry friends.



BADGE FAITH COMMUNITY DAY



NBPD Bringing Supplies



NBPD Working The Grill



Waiting For Burgers & Dogs To Come Off The Grill

Saturday, September 16th was a very busy day for New Bern Civitan volunteers. Not only were they active at the evening "Craven's Got Talent Show", but we also had many volunteers who assisted in serving food at the Badge Faith Community Day. The New Bern Police Department and local church organizations partner up for this annual event. The goal of this day – a better community partnership through positive interaction of citizens with police officers.

As the pictures show, our NBCC volunteers were very busy distributing hamburgers and hot dogs to those who attended the event. Thanks to all our volunteers who participated.

CRAVEN'S GOT TALENT



Greeting People At The Door

“Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt...” - the Creed of a Special Olympian. “Craven’s Got Talent” in support of Special Olympics was held on September 16th at the Grover C. Fields Middle School in New Bern. All monies raised from this show and its corporate sponsors go directly to Special Olympics Craven County – a non-profit organization. Their mission statement declares that, “The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round athletic training and sports competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities, giving

them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship.”

This annual fundraiser is co-sponsored by the New Bern Civitan Club and the Tryon Civitan Club. Local acts continue to donate their time and talent to help raise money for this cause. In Craven county, there are approximately 400 active Special Olympians aged 5 to 90.

Tickets were still only \$5 to get in. You couldn’t beat the price and the entertainment (again) was top notch. Thank you to all those



Selling 50/50 Tickets

who attended the show, worked on the 50/50 raffle, collected tickets and handed out programs. Thanks to the Junior Civitan members who worked the event. Thanks to those who worked so hard to put this show together. Many community members look forward to seeing this yearly event. Funds raised help the Special Olympic athletes throughout the year.



Ushering

Wonderful Advice

1. Over prepare, then go with the flow
2. No one is in charge of your happiness except you
3. Frame every disaster with these words: “In five years, will this matter?”
4. Always choose life
5. Forgive everyone everything
6. Time heals almost everything. Give time time
7. However good or bad a situation is, it will change
8. Your job will not take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch
9. Believe in Miracles
10. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn’t do
11. Growing old beats the alternative — dying young
12. Read the Psalms. They cover every human emotion
13. All that truly matters in the end is that you are loved
14. Life isn’t tied with a bow, but it’s still a gift

FACE LIFT



New Bern Civic Theater Executive Director, **Angelina Doyle**, updated the Club on the progress made in renovating and doing a complete façade improvement on the Athens Theater building. Through a power point presentation, we were able to see step by step what was done to restore this old building to its original glory. Many hours and much money was spent to achieve this, but the result is a building front that makes the City proud to display it. Angelina then outlined the next phase in renovating this old theater and that will be working to improve the inside. This will be a major undertaking but through citizen and business donations as well as competitive grants, this project is under way. We can't wait to see the results. The next fundraiser for the theater will be on Saturday, October 7th at 7:30 pm when the husband and wife team of Von Lewis and Abbey Clark perform. Their music is wonderful and they put on a professional and energetic show. Tickets are \$20 and \$25 and can be reserved by calling the box office and buying them with your credit card or you may go to the theater in person.

Volunteers are the pulse of any community theater. Without them, theater does not exist. Angelina stressed that whatever your talent, there is a job for you at New Bern Civic Theater. It's easy and it's fun. Contact the theater if you have any interest in finding out more – 633-0567. The theater is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The best was saved for last as Angelina gave us a sneak peek of the 2018 Season which will be the 50th Anniversary of the theater. Shows will include "Million Dollar Quartet", "The Wiz", "Madagascar, JR.", "Sweeney Todd – The Demon Barber of Fleet Street", "Bring It On", "Peter and the Starcatcher," and "My Fair Lady." This will be quite a season. And don't forget that there will be one more spectacular musical this November with "Aida" – music written by Sir Elton John.

Angelina did a drawing at our club meeting. She gave away two tickets to "Around the World in 80 Days" to winner Judy Marco and one free season pass for 2018 won by Robert Brock. She has also donated for the past ten years tickets to our Silent Auction as well as supporting our fundraising efforts (peanuts, tree lot) on her local morning TV show.

Season ticket brochures and orders will be available in late October. It is hoped that many of you will support live theater in New Bern by ordering individual or season tickets. The building with its new "face lift" is gorgeous and what happens inside during productions is a hidden treasure of this city. Your patronage and support will be appreciated. Learn more about the theater by visiting its website at www.newberncivictheatre.org

We thank Angelina for an informative presentation and congratulate her on all the strides forward that the theater has made and is going to make in its 50th Anniversary year!



Maureen Comer and Dev Lippitt present Angelina Doyle a Speaker Appreciation Certificate.

The North Carolina District East Convention



NBCC members, minus Kris Rudzik, attending the NCDE Convention: Linda Johnson, Jan Snyder, Helen Shine, Bill Snyder, Jan

If you have never attended a District Convention, you have missed one of the very best times to “get together” with Civitans. Come, take a trip with me.

When you arrive at the hotel convention, you find your room and get settled there. Now the Sheraton Greensboro is one of the biggest convention hotels of my experience including International convention hotels – this one would have encompassed 3-4 of our hotels in New Bern – only 3 elevators – and we had to walk miles from one of these elevators to get the registration and credentials desks to be qualified. The joy of walking all these miles was greeting familiar faces from across the District and meeting new ones – with hugs!

There was usually time to visit the Exhibit Area and see the Silent Auction baskets on display outside of the first meeting room before getting back to your room to get ready to attend the Governor’s Banquet. A delicious dinner of Marinated Breast of Chicken with all the trimmings was served.

The program for this Banquet included recognition of Robin Snyder, Special Olympics Chair, who presented a young Olympian who spoke to us of his journey through the Special Olympics. The New Bern Club was awarded a Gold Medal for commitment and contributions, although the courage, effort, and joy of these 40,000 athletes inspire all of us and are our true reward.

Harriett Covington, Boys and Girls Homes Chair, gave update information about the Homes to keep us abreast of the Homes activities. Gary Faircloth, CEO and President of B&GH, assisted Harriett to present awards to District Clubs for contributions to the Homes. The New Bern Club received recognition for contributing \$25 per member and a special plaque for being the largest monetary contributor.

Becky Couch, Duke Child Development Center Chair, introduced a member of the Duke Center who spoke on the progress of programs at the Duke Center.

District Chaplain A. J. Reynolds presented a Memorial Service including Doc Dougherty, Alvia Hearren, Russ Laustsen, George Williams, and Ray Wood. At the Breakfast Awards 8:00 Saturday, District Awards were presented to Clubs who completed the credentials of the projects in which the Club participated. We regret that we received no awards as our Awards credentials were not sent in.

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Kendyl Massey, Civitan International President-Elect

All the certified delegates assembled at 10:30 for the Business Session during which candidates for District offices were presented. Former Governor Naomi Johnson was elected Governor-Elect for 2017-18; Area Directors were also elected. Civitan President-Elect Kendyl Massey gave a Civitan International Report. District Reports were given on Candy/Coin Box and Fruit Cake. Junior Civitan Officers gave their report on the plans for the 2017-18 year. Governor Mike Williams presented the NCDE Board Report and Governor Erma Kuboushek presented her 2017-18 District Team of Officers and Committee Chairs.

Workshops were held in the afternoon: “Economics of Service Clubs” and “Who Doesn’t Want to Have Fun” presented by President-Elect Kendyl Massey. This was a good time to examine the Silent Auction 20+ large baskets filled with all kinds of goodies and place your bid on the one you wished to out-bid all.

The final gala of the Convention was the Installation Banquet consisting of the Parade of Past Governors and First Ladies, including our own Past Chesapeake Governor Bill Snyder and his First Lady Jan - and a delicious Chicken Cordon Bleu. This program included presentation of NCDE Scholarship Fellows, International Foundation Fellows, Farewell Address by Governor Mike Williams, introduction of President-Elect Massey who installed the 2017-18 Officers. This was the time that the Passing of the Banners and the Passing of the Gavel is held. The closing of this Banquet was the Inaugural Address of 2017-18 District Governor Irma Kuboushek, Door Prizes, and reciting the Civitan Creed.

Social time in the Hotel bars found gaily conversations and reminiscences. And – you can be sure a good time was had by all.



Gary Faircloth presenting Dev Lippitt plaque for NBCC #1 Club in NCDE in Contributions.