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2017 INSTALLATION BANQUET



Dev Lippitt , left, and Jim Comer, right presided at the Installation Banquet

The New Bern Civitan Club's 61st Installation Banquet was held on September 28th at the Chelsea Restaurant. A social hour and auction preceded dinner and the installation.

Dev Lippitt, President, greeted the guests and hosted the opening festivities. **Jim Comer** acted as Master of Ceremonies. After the buffet dinner, the Awards part of the night began.

Jim Comer presented the NB Civitan Citizen of the Year to Lisa Lee for her volunteerism at the Colonial Capital Humane Society.



Jim Comer Presents the Citizen of the Year Award to Lisa Lee



Joe Judd, with Norma Judd, is presented with the Civitan of the Year Award by Maureen Comer.

Maureen Comer presented the NB Civitan Club Civitan of the Year to Joe Judd for his exceptional service and dedication to the Club. He has held every club office except secretary.

Gary Faircloth presented Duane Capps with a *For Love of Kids Fellowship* from the Boys and Girls Homes of NC supported by our Club's funds. Both Gary and Tom Simmons were residents of the Homes in their youth. They spoke on behalf of the Homes and related some personal experiences from their childhood.



Gary Faircloth presents a Fellowship to Duane Capps

2017 INSTALLATION BANQUET - Continued

Dev Lippitt, out-going President, presented several plaques of appreciation to some of those members who assisted during his presidency.



Duane Capps installs Madison Meadows, President of NBHS Jr. Civitan Club, and Jan Snyder, President of the New Bern Civitan Club.

Civitan International President, Duane Capps, conducted the installation of both our Club and the New Bern High School Junior Civitan Club's Officers and Board. He related the story of WHY he became a Civitan. He challenged Junior and Senior Club members to help one another to further the motto and creed of Civitans.



New Bern Civitan Club Officers and Board Members

2017 INSTALLATION BANQUET - Continued



Dev Lippitt, now Immediate Past President, passed the gavel to the incoming President, Jan Snyder. Jan commented on her vision of the Club for the next year. Sergeant-at-Arms, Ken McCain, closed the ceremony leading the group in the recitation of the Civitan Creed.

New Bern Civitan Club installations included:

President – Jan Snyder **Vice President** – Tommaso Serra
Immediate Past President – Dev Lippitt **Secretary** – Jan Manning
Asst. Secretary – Judy Marco **Treasurer** – Van Allen Rice
Asst. Treasurer – Karen Betz **Chaplain** – Bill Baldree
Asst. Chaplain – Bill Snyder
Sgt.-at-Arms – Ken McCain, Dev Lippitt
Education Officers – Bill Snyder, Helen Shine, Maureen Comer

One Year Directors

Irv Geary
Jody Hudson
Norma Judd
Bill Snyder

Two Year Directors

Eileen Buscemi
Susan Husson
Judy Lopez
Gattis Williams

NBHS Junior Civitan installations included:

President – Madison Meadows **VP** – Sophia Gibson
Secretary – Kayla Hardee **Treasurer** – Megan Mynster
Historian – Juliana Magyar **Public Relations** – Brynne McCormick
Sgt.-at-Arms – Kayla Berling **Chaplain** – Kaitlyn Lancaster
Jason Willis – **Advisor**
Jerry Simmons, **NBHS Principal**
Jim Comer – **NB Civitan Liaison**

Special thanks to Sharyn Foster for coordinating this event and Jan Manning for organizing the Silent Auction.

Best wishes and good luck to all officers and board members. We look forward to another great Civitan year.

INTRODUCING MADAM PRESIDENT



President Jan Snyder is honored with appropriate

Jan Snyder was sworn in as the New Bern Civitan Club President for 2017-18 at our Installation Banquet. No “newcomer” to the organization, she has been a Civitan for over 25 years. She brings to the office experience, maturity and vision. Her message to the membership is very clear.

Jan wants us all to think about “Who is Civitan”, “What is Civitan” and “Why”. She outlined our need to keep increasing our communication skills. We need to improve our website as well as venturing forward into social media. A marketing plan is necessary if we are to help fund more Civitan projects and increase our Club’s population. Challenges that face the Club this year are finding a new location for our Yard Sale and a continuing hunt for our meeting space.

The main charge that Jan gave all Club members was to have them ask themselves – “How can I help?” Each one of us has a unique talent. How can that talent be used to move the cause of Civitan forward?

She closed her message by stating – “I am NOT your leader. YOU are the leadership of the New Bern Civitan Club. You are the leaders. I will follow. I will work on keeping this train on the tracks. Our theme for 2017-18 is ‘Kindle Your Fire for Civitan’. Let’s all go forward from here and build up our fire for Civitan. And, let us tell everyone who we are, what we do and why.”

We wish Jan and all our Club officers a great year filled with many new heights and successes for all the people that we serve in the community

SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction was reinstated at this year’s Installation Banquet. Jan Manning took over as chairperson for this project. Some members went around the community and solicited donations from local businesses. We had gift cards from restaurants, car dealerships, auto services and rounds of golf. Other members offered specialty dinners at their homes or boat rides to lunch. Others donated gift baskets, jewelry, vases and a variety of gift items. There was a great variety of services and goods – the most unusual of which was a huge glass bowl that could be used as a sink (its original purpose). Eileen Buscemi won this item and has put it on her coffee table and filled it with fall and Halloween decorations!



It was Jan’s job to organize, produce “bid sheets” for all these items and deliver the merchandise to the Chelsea the morning of the banquet. Once there, she had to set everything up. Bidding took place during the pre-dinner Social and until the Installation ceremony began.

When all was counted and bids tallied, the Auction raised over \$2000 for our Civitan charity budget. Thanks to Jan Manning for her hard work and congratulations on a job well done!

NEW BERN CIVITAN CLUB'S
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – 2017

Lisa Foley Lee was presented with the Club's Citizen of the Year Award for her work as a Board Member and volunteer at the Colonial Capital Humane Society (CCHS). CCHS is a no-kill shelter housing more than 100 rescued animals. Within the last year, the shelter was nearly closed by the state due to the need for repairs and upgrades to the facility.

She rallied numerous community resources and individuals to help keep the shelter open. Our Club volunteered many hours to this project by refurbishing buildings and erecting needed new structures. In the end, CCHS maintained its license from the state and is still open. Without Lisa's constant negotiations for materials and volunteers, this vital organization to the Craven county community would have been closed.

Lisa has been an animal advocate and CCHS volunteer for many years. She was also instrumental in shining light on the dog tethering laws in Craven. These laws were recently modified for the better benefit of dogs and Lisa worked tirelessly to rally support for the changes to the ordinance. "Our organization provides a voice for the creatures who cannot speak for themselves," she said. Recently, after being a guest speaker at the New Bern HS Junior Civitan Club, she has recruited many members to work at the shelter and at outreach adoption celebrations.

In addition to her volunteer work, Lisa has a dog sitting business in her home. She often takes in strays that cannot be housed at the Animal Shelter due to lack of room. She is a very busy lady who always makes time for family and friends. Lisa is the daughter of one of our Civitan members, Steve Foley, and his wife Sharon. Her proud parents were at the banquet to see her receive this award.

For these reasons and more, we are delighted to make Lisa Foley Lee our Citizen of the Year - 2017.



CIVITAN OF THE YEAR 2017



One of the very many reasons that Joe Judd has been chosen as the New Bern Civitan Club – Civitan of the Year – is for his long and stellar service to our organization. Joe joined the Club in 2008 and by 2009, he was our Vice President. From there, it was to President-Elect, President, Past President and Treasurer. The only office that Joe hasn't held is Secretary and he would probably take that on, if asked...maybe not!

Joe and Norma live in Taberna. Joe is a native of Tennessee. When they retired they moved to New

Bern. We are lucky they did as they both have been hard-working volunteers and leaders of the Club.

As President and beyond, Joe has been an advocate for “hands on” activities with the disabled population. He has stood firmly behind our efforts at the Howell Prom, the Fishing Derby, Fall Festival of Fun and Beach Day – at which most of these events he has been a volunteer. Over the time that the RCS Dinner program has been going, donations from the Judd household have been plentiful with food prepared almost every quarter since the initiative's inception. With Frank Court, Joe has been “Mr. Peanut Salesman” – storing the product at his home and starting the sales at the Farmer's Market. Joe has been a strong, focused and competent leader.

As Treasurer, Joe has simplified the reporting process and automated our dues bills. He has presented solid fiscal and charity budgets and has expanded our scholarship programs. Joe has always “found” the funds for activities for the disabled – even if he had to put a buck or two in of his own money.

The positive impact Joe has had on this club and the good that he has done for this community would take pages to describe. Suffice it to say that we value his positive impact on this Club. For these reasons and for many others, the Club is honored to make JOE JUDD the New Bern Civitan Club Civitan of the Year – 2017. Thank you, Joe!

FOR THE LOVE OF KIDS...



Duane Capps

Civitan International President, Duane Capps, was the guest speaker at our Installation Banquet. Ironically, two years ago his *first* event as International President-Elect was as guest speaker and officer installer at our Dinner in 2015. This was to be his *last* official duty in office.

Also present at our Installation were **Boys and Girls Homes of NC CEO Gary Faircloth** and **Tom Simmons, Educational Director**. The Homes act as a sanctuary for hurting children – a safe place for young people who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or other family dysfunction. Not only are Gary and

Tom employees of the Homes but each are graduates and former residents. They constantly sing the praises of their early support and education while there.



Gary Faircloth

Gary presented Duane with a *For the Love of Kids Fellowship* and plaque from the Boys and Girls Homes which our Club donated to in Duane's name. The donation helps to provide services directly to the children and to maintain the facility.

These men have dedicated a large portion of their lives and energy promoting the values in our Civitan Creed. Their attendance at our Installation reminded us how much our deeds and donations mean to many. Their presence enriched the night one hundred-fold.



Gary presents plaque to Duane



Tom Simmons



Jr. Civitans with NBHS Principal

Left to right around table

Kayla Hardee—Secretary

Madison Meadows—President

Sofia Gibson—Vice President

Jerry Simmons—NBHS Principal

Megan Mynster—Treasurer

Kayla Bertling—Sergeant-at-arms

Kaitlyn Lancaster—Chaplain

Juliana Magyar—Historian



INSTALLATION BANQUET PICTURES



President Jan Snyder's Installation Speech to Membership

Good Evening Fellow Civitans and Friends.

Thank you, Dev. Thank you, Civitans, for another great year. We have accomplished a lot and touched many.

We are Civitan –
As old as life,
As young as the rainbow,
As endless as time.

What does that mean?

We will learn what that means this year.



We will learn Who is Civitan, What is Civitan, and Why.

We will learn Communications skills.... Sending and receiving.

Our website needs a renovation, and that is happening now. One of Bob Husson's classes is re-designing our website. Bob and Robert Brock, our Webmaster, are working together on this.

Robert has said very clearly that he will be delighted to relinquish his Webmaster identity to someone else. Are you the one to step forward?

We are venturing forward in to Social Media. Will you help?

We must develop a Marketing plan. We must get community sponsors and partners to help offset the costs of some projects, and to spread the message about New Bern Civitan. Will you help?

We need photographers to take pictures of every event and activity, and share them with Civitan Chairs, Coordinators, on Social Media, etc.

We are losing our Yard Sale location. We need your help to locate a new space. Please talk with Sharyn Foster and share your ideas.

We will find our meeting space, with your help. We need your ideas, suggestions, and recommendations. We want to know what you like and what you don't like. Betty Todd has done an outstanding job this past year. Betty and Sharyn Foster will continue the quest for our meeting space. Please share your ideas with them

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We have lost members this past year. We need to bring in some new players for our team, to help us with all our projects. Please, each of you, consider bringing just one new member in to strengthen our Club.

We will be coming aboard the 21st century, and some of us (like me) will be kicking and screaming all the way.

Will we struggle? Absolutely.

Change does not come easily. Which is an amazing phenomenon, if we think about it. Every day is a new day. We've never been there before. The sun comes up in a different spot every morning. We can do this.

See this Program. You each have one. Have you read it? Please do so. Keep it. Do not throw it away. Refer to it frequently. Herein are the names of the people to ask questions and share ideas. Here are the people to contact to say, "How can I help."

Remember the quote from John Rynearson shared with us by President Dev? "If we remain flexible, we will not get bent out-of-shape."

We are each unique individual people. We have different cultures in our background. We have different accents in our speech. We use different words. Not one of us is perfect. And, we are all woven together into this beautiful fabric we call Civitan.

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Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jan Snyder