



THE CIVIC

New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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FRIGHT TRAIL AT BEN D. QUINN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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The New Bern High School Junior Civitan Club sponsored the “Fright Trail” at the annual Fall Festival at Ben D. Quinn Elementary School. Each year, the school puts on this festival to help raise money for the children who go to the school. They have many stations set up around their campus for the students to participate in and this year Junior Civitan/AVID students were responsible for the most popular event...the haunted trail. Behind the school lies a creepy forest with a long and winding road. A strange and mysterious traveler will take a group of brave adventurers through the forest, encountering strange sights and terrors as they make their way along the trail and try to escape.

The Club’s advisor, Jason Willis said, “The kids broke into groups to plan their ‘haunt stations’ for the Fright Trail. They had a blast!” About 20 members of the Club came in costume to “scare” the brave people who walked along this passageway in the woods. The line of people waiting to explore the route lasted all night.

Mr. Willis was pleased with the project. “The group came together, worked cooperatively and had a good time doing it. They contributed to the success of this event. I am proud of all of them for giving a lot of their time and effort to help these youngsters at Ben D. Quinn have an exciting evening and raise money for a good cause.”



A Crowd gathers to enter the fright trail

NOVEMBER CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Cindy	Scalion	November 03
James	Wittmeyer	November 03
Robert	Marcus	November 05
Woody	Besser	November 12
Carmine	Buscemi	November 14
Robert	Mangan	November 17
Jan	Manning	November 20
Steve	Harman	November 22
Mary	Dougherty	November 25
Richard	Petri	November 25

NOVEMBER CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Edmund	Knott	November 1978
Chris	Kelso	November 1982
Albert	Friedlander	November 1988
Thomas	Hardin	November 2000
Jody	Hudson	November 2003
Judy	Lopez	November 2009
Gary	Todd	November 2011
Barbara	Compton	November 2012
Niles	Compton	November 2012
Karen	Betz	November 2012



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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New Bern Civitan Club

November 2017 Calendar

- 3 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi— 11:30 Lunch. 12:00 Meeting**
- 3 **Friday** **Pick up peanuts from Hubs in Virginia**
- 4 **Saturday** **Selling Peanuts at Farmers Market –Every Saturday in November
Contact Gattis Williams & Frank Court**
- 7 **Tuesday** **Selling Peanuts at Farmers Market –Every Tuesday in November**
- 9 **Thursday** **Dinner Meeting at Famous Restaurant
5:30 Eat —6:30 Meeting VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM
Speaker: Bill Fiske, US Army (retired)**
- 11 **Saturday** **Adopt-A-Hghway Trash Clean-up Contact Ken McCain**
- 13 **Monday** **Board Of Director's Meeting at Unitarian Church –2-4pm
RCS Shelter Dinner—Contact Maureen Comer**
- 14 **Tuesday** **RCS Soup Kitchen—Contact Cindy Scalion**
- 16 **Thursday** **Build Christmas Tree Lot—Contact Gary Todd**
- 17 **Friday** **Christmas Trees Arrive—Contact Gary Todd**
- 17 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi— 11:30 Lunch. 12:00 Meeting
Speaker John Bason, NC DOJ**
- 20 **Monday** **Tree Lot Opens– Sales Begin—Contact Gary Todd or Helen Shine
Sales Continue Every Day Until Trees are Sold**
- 23 **Thursday** **THANKSGIVING DAY—Happy Thanksgiving**
- 29 **Wednesday** **Santaland at Tree Lot Contact Jim & Maureen Comer**
- 30 **Thursday** **Santaland at Tree Lot Contact Jim & Maureen Comer**

CCC ADULT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



Susan Moffat-Thomas is no stranger to the New Bern Civitan Club as a speaker. She has represented the New Bern Preservation Foundation and the Swiss Bear Downtown Development Corporation from where she retired in 2014. She was also a recipient of the New Bern Civitan Club Citizen of the Year Award. Retirement for her did not last very long as she took the position of Program Coordinator for the Adult Enrichment Program at Craven Community College.

This program provides a diverse array of non-credit, short-term, affordable and engaging courses in nine categories. The topics offered are based on community input. Fees vary based on class duration and materials. All courses are self-supporting and pre-paid.

Susan gave us some interesting history to the College. Formed in 1965, its original location was in the Harvey Mansion. It offered accredited classes and lifetime learning programs. In 2011, the Lifetime Learning Classes were discontinued due to budget constraints. The Lifetime Learning Center is a strong arm of the college. They investigated the possibility of re-instating the Adult Education program as a self-sustaining entity. Craven County's population is 106,000 people with 30% of that population being over 50 and 24,000 over the age of 60. The need and interest was established.

In 2016, the Craven Community College Foundation gave \$19,000 to restart this adult enrichment program. Moffat-Thomas was picked as its coordinator. The rule to establish a class was that it had to fund itself and by the third year, it had to be totally self-sustaining. Since its beginning with 30 classes, it grew to 60 classes the following winter and is currently 140 classes in 9 different categories. There have been 70 different instructors and the program has doubled its net revenue since the inception. In the future, Susan will be looking for some community sponsors to help grow the course offerings.

This program is available to all of us. Categories include courses in the Arts, Crafts, Music, Recreation, Gardening, Money Matters and Technology. To learn more about these programs, go to the Adult Enrichment Program website aep@cravencc.org Or call 252-638-7248.

As she has done in every other position that she has held in Craven County, Susan continues to work tirelessly to provide resources for all of us who live here in New Bern. We appreciate all her insights, experience and hard work on our behalf.



President Jan Snyder presents a Certificate of Appreciation and a can of Peanuts to speaker Susan Moffat -Thomas for her presentation

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

CAN YOU HELP?

As usual, November and December will be VERY busy with tons of opportunities to help in our community. Here is a list of upcoming events. Please put these dates on your calendar and TRY to volunteer to help in as many activities as you can. As President Jan Snyder said in her Installation address – “Every member has a talent...every member can do *something* – I am not the Leader of this Club – You are the Leaders.”

Coastal Women’s Shelter – we will be collecting for this organization on **November 3rd**. The biggest need is to restock their food pantry with canned vegetables, fruits, meat, and peanut butter. Jan Manning is Chairperson.

DSS Christmas Children – Thankfully, as of now, ALL 10 foster children that we support have been spoken for by members. Sandy Cotulli is Chairperson.

Project KEEP WARM – we are still in need of scarves, hats, gloves and mittens for the children who will be at Santa Land. If you can donate any of these items, please get them to Eileen Buscemi, Chairperson, by November 9. If you would like to donate cash, Eileen will buy needed items.

Ramps – Opportunities to help build ramps for persons in need come up through both months. Tommaso Serra and Van Rice will alert you to opportunities to help via e-mail.

Santa Land – Dates to see the children are **Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 4, 5** in the morning at the tree lot. We will need about 10 “elf” helpers for each session. Sign-up sheets will be passed around at meetings and sent out via e-mail.

Christmas Tree Lot – We have ordered 500 trees. The NEW lot is on the corner of River Road and Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. with access on River Road and MLK.

November 16 – set up the lot/ **November 17** – trees arrived to be counted and set up

November 20 – the lot opens

Gary Todd is the chairperson.

Wreaths – Wreath making will begin on **Nov. 17/18** on the lot. We need members to cut branches and make wreaths. As you know, the sale of wreaths is pure profit – please sign up. Dev Lippitt is the chairperson.

Peanuts – price this year is \$11 per box. There will be sales every day at the tree lot and at the Farmer’s Market from **November 11 to December 23**. We need many volunteers for short shifts and different days – no lifting or anything strenuous associated with this project. Gattis Williams is chairperson.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – In front of Belk’s on **Dec. 2 and 9**. Two-hour shifts, chairs provided. Norma Judd is chairperson.

River Road Cleanup – scheduled for **November 11**. Need 4-6 volunteers. Ken McCain is chairperson.

RCS Soup Kitchen – **Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 @ 8:30 a.m.** Chairperson is Cindy Scalion.

RCS Dinner Program – Nov. 13 and Dec. 11

Fruitcakes – Bob Whitley will continue as chairperson. BUY CLAXON FRUITCAKES in our stores.

THESE projects depend on your support and volunteering. Look on your calendar to see when you are available. Look into your heart to see how YOU can make a difference.



A Letter From Duane Capps

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 at our annual Installation Banquet. The following is a letter he wrote to our president Jan Snyder.

Dear President Jan,

It's not often that anyone makes me speechless, but your club did do just that. From the ride home from your meeting it hit me just what had happened at your club. The gift of a Boys and Girls Home Fellow to me was a shock. I am so grateful that you honored me with this and also very humbled by it. I will never be able to repay your kindness.

Looking back I wish I had thought of all this and said something there, so please share this with your members. It truly was the way to finish my term as president. Thank you for your gift, kindness and support all these years. Your club lives the "why" for all to see.

Continuing blessings for all you are doing in the community

*A grateful has been,
Duane Capps*



Jura Hill with her sponsor Bexie Williams

Jura Hill Joins The New Bern Civitan Club on October 6 at the Club Meeting at Hibachi Restaurant.



Bill Snyder inducts Jura Hill into the New Bern Civitan Club .

“BIG BIRD”

Painting the new location of the Colonial Capital Humane Society (CCHS) Flea Market building was not a usual project for the New Bern Civitan Club. It goes back many months when CCHS was in danger of closing due to building violations set forth by the state. A call for help was put out to rectify the problems so the Shelter could remain opened. Closing the Shelter could have resulted in the euthanization of over 100 animals housed there. CCHS is the only “no-kill” Shelter in Craven County. This call to action was answered by many Civitan volunteers who helped to put the Shelter back into compliance with state regulations, thus keeping the Shelter up and running.



Painting completed and awning installed



Spraying white primer over old blue paint

More help was needed when the Shelter’s Flea Market building was being sold and they had to vacate it and move to a new location. Several Civitan members assisted in that move. Once in their new location, the landlord said that if CCHS could paint the building (he would provide the paint) then he would take off \$2000 from their bill. That’s when Civitan was asked again for their assistance.

Gary Todd spearheaded the project and made all necessary arrangements to have equipment available to do the job. The building was power washed, then primed and then a final coat of paint was sprayed on. An awning was removed, cleaned and painted and put back on the building. The end



Spraying Yellow Final coat of paint over white primer.

result was “Big Bird” (Gary’s term) – a bright yellow building easily visible from the road. Many Civitan volunteers and others made this outcome possible.

CCHS is very thankful to the Club for its generous donation of time and talent. Volunteer Lisa Lee stated, “I love each and every one of your members for their wonderful hearts in helping our animals.” Lisa was our Citizen of the Year. She continued, “This Thrift Store/Flea Market generates a lot of revenue which greatly helps us in paying our Shelter bills. If there is anything I can ever do for this Club, I’ll be there for you as you have been there for me, and of course, all of our precious furry friends.”

Congratulations to all who lent a hand on this endeavor. You can see from the pictures that the result is awesome!

Civitan Build Ramps

The Civitan ramp building program fulfills a growing need for accessibility for people with disabilities who cannot afford the services of a contractor or to rent or buy an expensive metal ramp. In this year alone, we have built ramps for recipients as varied as a seven-year-old girl with cerebral palsy, to a veteran who had one leg amputated, to patients returning from hospitals who needed continual access to medical care, and to many elderly people returning from nursing homes with fractures that had immobilized them. All of these ramp recipients would not have had a safe way to access or exit their homes without our help. Last year, we built 51 ramps, and so far in 2017, we have completed 28 ramps, plus several ramp teardowns, and 12 railings and/or inclines when a full ramp was not needed to assist mobility. More ramps are scheduled for the coming weeks.

The average cost per ramp is around \$500. Rental ramps average \$75 per week. This means that the break-even point between rental ramps and a Civitan built ramp is around 7 weeks. If a person needs a ramp for a long term— for example 6 months (26 weeks)., The cost for a rental ramp would be \$1,950 as compared to a Civitan built ramp for \$500.

Some people have the idea that Civitan built ramps are free. This is not the case. The club charges only for the materials to build the ramp. The labor is free.



Building the Ramp



The Finished Ramp



Ramp Builders With Ramp Recipient

SANTA SAYS “THANKS”



We are nearly to our goal of 200 sets of scarves, hats and gloves/mittens for the Pre-Schoolers who will be visiting Santa Land on November 29, 30 and December 4, 5. Thank you to all who have donated or made items. We would not reach our goal without you. We are still a little short and would appreciate donations of hats, glove and mittens in the following colors – white, pink, lavender or purple. We need to receive these items no later than November 9. Please bring them to any meeting and give them to Eileen Buscemi, Judy Lopez or Maureen Comer. You can also call or e-mail Eileen and plan to have the items picked up.

This year, we are also giving each child a book. We have purchased 200 of them. Renee Salvatore has secured a donation of Christmas “goody bags” from the Next Chapter – a downtown book store. Through donations during the year, we have enough cuddly stuffed animals for each child. The pictures again this year will be taken by photographers from the local and very talented Photography Club. Shortly, we will be passing around a sign-up sheet to recruit elves to assist at Santa Land. We will need about 10 elves for each of the four sessions.

Santa Land just “doesn’t happen” in a vacuum. It takes the concerted and dedicated efforts of many volunteers and donators to make it happen. For nine years now we have worked together to make this “dream” a reality. Santa thanks you for your love and generosity in helping to make this Christmas brighter for these youngsters.

Remember – “The light in a child’s eyes is all it takes to make Christmas a magical time of the year!”

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Your Club Officers and Board of Directors are working very hard to bring important and informative issues and speakers to your attention in the month of November. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan on coming to the meetings.

Friday, November 3rd – meeting at Hibachi – 11:15 am lunch – Meeting at noon.

Open Forum- Time for asking questions about Civitan, getting answers, sharing information, circulating sign-up sheets and more. Spend time with friends – meet NEW people.

Thursday, November 9th – meeting at Famous – 5:30 pm Dinner – Meeting at 6:30 pm.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM – Program coordinators Jan Snyder and Ken McCain.

Speaker – Bill Fiske – US Army Colonel (retired) and Vietnam Vet. He has lots to share with you about his 32-year career in the military. Come to support and honor our veterans.

Friday, November 17 – meeting at Hibachi – 11:15 am lunch – Meeting at noon.

Speaker – John Bason – from the Public Protection Section in the North Carolina Attorney General’s Office. This office oversees the NC Department of Justice, since 2001. His topic will be protecting yourself from consumer frauds, scams and identity theft. You don’t want to miss hearing this important information.

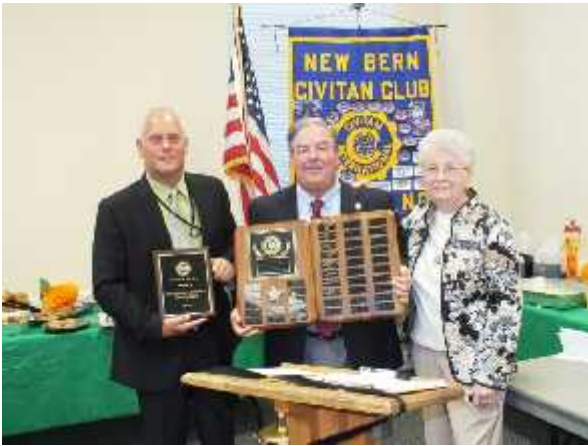
We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

2017 COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Club held its 2017 Community Awards Program on October 20th at Garber United Methodist Church. This yearly program was chaired by Helen Shine and Bill Snyder. Lunch was provided by Moore's BBQ.

Dan Garner, a detective in the Sheriff's Department, was named Sheriff of the Year. Sheriff Jerry Monette presented this award. New Bern Police Operations Commander, Nick Lucas, awarded Officer David Upchurch that department's honor. David's wife, Emily, received this award for her husband who was at a mandatory training meeting. Fire Reserve Chief, Bobby Byrd, presented Steven Jerome the Fireman of the Year Award. Jolie and Kelly Stadelman were honored as Foster Parents of the Year. That presentation was made by Pam Price, Social Worker with the Craven County Department of Social Services.

These wonderful people support and help our community in so many ways. It is our privilege to bring attention to their accomplishments. We are proud to sponsor this yearly program.



Dan Garner is recognized as *Sheriff of the Year* by Sheriff Jerry Monette with Helen Shine assisting.



Emily Upchurch accepted the *Policeman of the Year Award* for her husband, David Upchurch. Nick Lucas presented the Award



Steven Jerome received the *Fireman of the Year Award* from Fire Reserve Chief Bobby Byrd.



Jolie and Kelly Stadelman were awarded the *Foster Parents of the Year Award* by the Department of Social Services, with Helen Shine as-

RHA HEALTH SERVICES FALL FESTIVAL OF FUN 2017

For the second year, the Club sponsored a Fall Festival of Fun for the residents of RHA Health Services in River Bend. Our main “show” was a canine demonstration from New Bern Police Officer Lee who brought his dog, Reno, a German Shepherd. Reno was able to find a volunteer who was hiding by getting her scent from a cell phone. Reno’s jobs include finding clues and sniffing out drugs. Officer Lee took questions from the audience and many residents petted Reno after the demonstration.

The second part of the Festival had the residents enter the gym where they were greeted with some NB Civitan Club volunteers who had many fun activities for them to do. Games included corn hole, bowling, volleyball, and the egg and spoon game. Other popular activities included face painting, nail polishing, tattoos, Halloween art, apple netting and music provided by Tom and Dahlin. Small prizes were given to all participants. It was obvious that the residents enjoyed all aspects of the Festival.

Staff coordinator, Sarah Carlton, said she couldn’t be more thankful to our Club for its continued support of the Facility with the events we sponsor. Mary Dwyer, an aide at the facility and someone whom we have come to rely on for her organization and support said, “I just wanted to thank all the Civitans who helped make the Fall Festival great! The people we serve really enjoyed the activities and the police dog. Every time you guys do an event for us, it gets better and better. I think the activities were great with something for most everyone. Thanks again, your members ROCK!”



Dev Lippitt, Lynn Johnson, Ben St. John, DJ Besack



Judy Lopez, Tova Hairston



Norma Judd, Renee Salvatore, Bill Snyder



Randy King, Maureen Comer, Judy Lopez, Cindy Scalion



Judy Marco, Norma Judd, Renee Salvatore

Jim & Micki Wittmeyer, Diane Shultz



Joan and Tom Meutsch



Officer Lee and Reno