



THE CIVIC

New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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Celebrating our 62st Year

March 1, 2018

CLUB MEMBERS HELP SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL



Civitan Volunteers

Our Club's Special Olympics liaisons, Dev Lippitt and Karen Betz, helped to get some of our members to assist in the Special Olympics basketball event held at the Rec. Center on February 6. Bill Snyder, Tom Hardin, Gary Todd, Dev Lippitt and Lynn Johnson all volunteered to cheer on the Athletes who competed. The event was organized by Steve Aster, Craven County Special Olympics coordinator.



Marine Volunteers also Assisted

Thank you to our volunteers who helped to make this outing such a success.



MARCH CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Dave	McCracken	March 01
Mitch	Harriett	March 01
Bexie	Williams	March 04
Judy	Lewis	March 06
James	Findley	March 08
Reeshema	Walker	March 12
George	Sawyer	March 13
James	Schneider, Jr.	March 13
Jim	Comer	March 15
Linda	Johnson	March 17
Arthur	Behrer	March 19
Ann	Court	March 26
Debra	Besack	March 31

MARCH CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Dominic	Alicandra	March 1966
Joe	Alcove	March 1970
Helen	Shine	March 1993
Frank	Court	March 1999
Mary	Williams	March 1999
Bob	Royster	March 2004
Tim	McLear	March 2010
Cindy	Scalion	March 2011
Dev	Lippitt	March 2013
James	Wittmeyer	March 2015
Mickie	Wittmeyer	March 2015
Jennifer	Potter	March 2015



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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DIRECTORS

One Year

Jody Hudson

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Norma Judd

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Two Year

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New Bern Civitan Club

March 2018 Calendar

- 2 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi— We will give away some money**
11:30 Lunch. 12:00 Meeting
- 8 **Thursday** **Dinner Meeting at Famous Restaurant**
5:30 Eat and Socialize—6:30 Meeting
- 10 **Saturday** **River Road Cleanup 9:00am -Jura Hill**
- 12 **Monday** **Board Of Director's Meeting at Broad Street Christian Church -2-4pm**
RCS Shelter Dinner 6 pm—Contact Maureen Comer
- 13 **Tuesday** **RCS Soup Kitchen 8:30am—Contact Cindy Scalion**
- 16 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi— 11:30 Lunch. 12:00 Meeting**
Betty Todd & Maggie Schneider
Gary Greene, Boys and Girls Homes of NC
“Baby Shower “ for Lake Houses. Bring items for the little ones.

CLERGY APPRECIATION LUNCH

The annual Clergy Appreciation Lunch was held jointly with the Tryon Civitan Club on Friday, February 2, 2018 at the Lutheran Church. As usual, *a good time was had by all.*



Mack Paul opens the proceedings and greets the attendees



Jan Snyder leads the Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed



Bill Baldree gives the Invocation



Lunch is Served



Everyone enjoys a lunch of lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert

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CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY — Continued



Bob Whitley and Mack Paul presented a memorial to the



Leigh Wilkinson presented the *Clergy Appreciation Week Proclamation* by New Bern Mayor, Dana Outlaw



Paul Saik, Centenary UMC Director of Music, entertained and inspired everyone



Jan Snyder reads the names of the clergy receiving Certificates of Appreciation while Juliet Meyer hand out yhe certificates



Clergy Pictured Left to Right:
 The Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Koffenberger
 The Rev. Barbara Bornemann
 The Rev. David O'Connell
 The Rev. Dr. Patricia Thomas
 The Rev. David Fuentes
 The Rev. Dr. William Beery
 The Rev. Kenneth Dixon

Attending Clergy receiving Certificates of Appreciation

KEVIN PAGE SPEAKS



Kevin Page presented the program at the February 8 club meeting at Famous Restaurant.

In 1995, Kevin joined Edward Jones as a financial advisor. He earned an undergraduate degree in business administration from Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC, and received his MBA from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. In addition, he received his AAMS in 2000 and CFP designation in 2007.

The College for Financial Planning awards the AAMS designation to individuals who successfully complete a 12-module professional education program, pass a final examination, commit to its code of ethics and agree to pursue continuing education.

The Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. awards CFP certification to individuals who meet the board's requirements for professionalism in financial services. To gain certification, a financial advisor must pass the CFP Certification Examination and the CFP Board's Fitness Standards for Candidates and Registrants, agree to abide by the CFP Board's Code of Ethics, and Professional Responsibility and comply with the Financial Planning Practice Standards.



Norma Judd Presents Kevin Page with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Can of Civitan Peanuts



STEPHANIE CROSBY SPEAKS

Stephanie Crosby was the speaker at our Lunch meeting at Hibachi Restaurant on February 16. She is the Area 8 Director, Judge Advocate for the North Carolina District East, and she is a member of the

Tryon Civitan Club. She is a paralegal at Ward and Smith.

She said that the little things that we do make a big difference in the lives of those we serve. She then reviewed a number of the service projects that our clubs do. She told us that we are in Area 8, and that Area 8 consists of 9 Civitan clubs.



Helen Shine presents a can of peanuts to Stephanie Crosby in appreciation for speaking

"TOMMASO'S TRATTORIA" A GREAT SUCCESS



The Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on February 24th was a GREAT success. We don't know how much was raised yet as all the bills have not been processed. You could tell by the smiles on the faces of the diners that they enjoyed the meal. In addition to the fundraising for our charities, we were able to put the New Bern Civitan Club's name into full prominence in our community. Placemats and flyers at the dinner had a full array of our Club's purpose and accomplishments.

For a \$10 donation, participants received a full pasta and meatball dinner, bread, salad, dessert and a soft drink. In addition, as a bonus, there was live musical entertainment. The event was held at the Rhems Fire Station.

Many, many Civitans volunteered their time for set up, clean up, serving, organizing, publicity and donations of dessert. This event would not have gotten off the ground if not for the efforts of two of our members, Tommaso Serra and Van Rice. Van organized the outstanding musical entertainment with his guitar.

He was able to get several more musician vol-

unteers to perform with him. No one seemed to want to leave after their dinner to make room for other diners!

Tommaso, our genuine Italian "chef", prepared a superb spaghetti and meatball dinner. He estimates that 215 plates were served...WOW! "The feedback so far has been mostly very positive, people did enjoy the atmosphere and the food. It was a wonderful event that brought friends and community together," Tommaso stated. Of course, Ellen Serra deserves thanks and recognition for her part in making this dinner a success.

"Thanks" should also be given to the following businesses and community organizations for their donations to this dinner: Famous Restaurant and Bakery, Harris Teeter, Paula's Restaurant, Piggly Wiggly, Moore's BBQ and the Rhems Fire Department.

Finally, all the Civitan volunteers and diners should be congratulated for their part in supporting this fundraiser and our wonderful Club. Whatever your part was in this event, you should be proud!



RAMPS

The ramp recipient has had 4 strokes, and recently had a fall and broke his hip. This ramp was built on January 31.



MORE BUILDS



Some people just need a banister rail so we build them



We build interior ramps for those who need them

Nine Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

- #9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world
- #8 Life is sexually transmitted
- #7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die
- #6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.
- #5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, mabe yers unless you give them your email address.
- #4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital dying of nothing..
- #3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- #2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- #1 Life is like a jar of Jalapeno peppers. What you do today may become a burning issue t tomorrow.