



THE CIVIC

New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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Celebrating our 62st Year

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UPDATES ON OUR CHARITIES



President Jan Snyder presents a check to Beth Cooper

Part of our first meeting in March focused on reports from two of our Club's charities – Merci Clinic and the Coastal Women's Shelter. Both organizations were presented with checks from our Club President, Jan Snyder.

Beth Cooper, Executive Director of Merci Clinic, updated us on recent developments and improvements at their institution. She was happy to announce that as of August 2017, they were taking in more patients – 50 since then. Two, 4-hour dental clinics per month have been added to their services. They continue to concentrate on primary care and women's health issues. A full pharmacy is again up and running. In the past year, they have been able to get \$700,000 of in-kind services from the drug companies. Merci continues to offer Diabetes Education to clients. Services are offered to the uninsured from the ages of 18 to 64. The year ahead is looking up for this vital charity who serve the indigent of our community.

Tova Hairston, Executive Director of Coastal Women's Shelter, reported on her organization's services for victims of domestic violence. They provide a 24/7 crisisline answered by a *live* person. They operate a "safe house" in Craven that can accommodate 19 people. They provide counseling and therapy for these victims. Soon, they will be sponsoring a "New Beginnings" program aimed at educating domestic violence victims in the techniques of Financial Empowerment. They also will be starting a mother/child parenting program.

Both Directors were appreciative of our monetary support stressing to the Club that we DO make a big difference in our community.



President Jan Snyder presents a check to Tova

APRIL CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Tom	Braaten	April 15
Max	Thompson	April 17
Pat	McGrath	April 18
Joseph	Judd	April 22
Bob	Whitley	April 27
Gary	Todd	April 28

APRIL CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

David	Martin	April 2006
Russ	Hackett	April 2009



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

April 2018 Calendar

- 6 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi— 11:30 Lunch. 12:00 Meeting**
Speaker: April King, Craven Literacy Council
- 9 **Monday** **Board Of Director's Meeting at Broad Street Christian Church –2-4pm**
RCS Shelter Dinner 6 pm—Contact Maureen Comer
- 10 **Tuesday** **RCS Soup Kitchen 8:30am—Contact Cindy Scalion**
- 12 **Thursday** **Dinner Meeting at Famous Restaurant**
5:30 Eat and Socialize—6:30 Meeting
Civitan International President-Elect Bob Jones
- 14 **Saturday** **Yard Sale**
- 19 **Thursday** **NCDE Area Meeting at *The Flame*—6pm**
Sign up with Normas Judd
- 20 **Friday** **Lunch Meeting at Hibachi— 11:30 Lunch. 12:00 Meeting**
Business Meeting
- 28 **Saturday** **NCDE Spring Meeting at Boys and Girls Homes, Lake Waccamaw, NC**
Sign up with Norma Judd

HOPE AWARD



Renee Salvatore holds a coin box

Our Club's Coin Box Chairperson, Renee Salvatore, reported that she has filled out an application (7 pages) for the Civitan International **HOPE** award. This award is presented every year to the club with the most participation and outstanding performance in the candy/coin box program. The winning club will receive a distinctive banner patch, as well as a \$1000 contribution in its name to the Civitan International Research Center.

The Civitan Candy/Coin Box project began in Louisville, Kentucky, and was immediately successful as it led to the construction of a \$1.1 million facility for the developmentally disabled. As it was first envisioned, the *candy* box project continues today with funding through the honor-system of taking a mint and leaving spare change to help support both local and International projects. The *coin* box project solicits donations by leaving a "coin box" in local stores.

With over \$55 million raised through this project, the impact is becoming even greater as each year passes. The UAB Civitan International Research Center has expanded to 18 departments and 7 schools working collaboratively in many areas of research including Alzheimer's, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy, Autism and the long-term effects of concussions on the human brain.

Renee has been the chair of this function for many years. She does a great job of keeping track of our boxes and the money they bring in. Thanks for a job well done, Renee!



TREASURES GALORE AT OUR YARD SALE

Our Yard Sale will be on Saturday, April 14th at the old Kia dealership (across from Bojangles on Rte. 17) – same place as last year. Again, thanks to Joe Alcoke for the use of his property. Sharyn Foster has been working hard to set this up again this year as she has in the past.

Prior to the Yard Sale and setting up for it, Sharyn will need many Civitans' help to price and set up items. This sale has netted the club over \$1000 per year. These funds go into our charitable budget for spending next year. Please volunteer whatever time that you can to make this event another success. Thank you.

JUNIOR CIVITANS DELIVER DINNER TO RCS SHELTER



The New Bern High School Junior Civitan Club delivered a dinner to the RCS Shelter on March 12th. This is the second year that the Club has volunteered for this charitable project. Over half of the members of the club contributed something to the dinner. Some provided the food, some cooked the food and some delivered the food. It was a cooperative group effort that resulted in a nutritious and tasty dinner of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, homemade desserts and soft drinks.

The wintry weather of this evening prohibited many of the students from taking the food to the Shelter. Advisor Jason Willis, Club advisor, and Jim Comer, Club liaison from our Club, bravely challenged the weather (intermittent ice pellets) to make sure that the residents were fed. Usually, several residents are outside the Shelter waiting for the delivery. This night – NO ONE was outside – not even the Shelter cat! (Yes, we periodically bring cat food for Midnight!)

NBHS Junior Civitan, Chesley Goodman, delivers tossed salad to NBHS Junior Civitan advisor, Jason Willis, for RCS Shelter Dinner.

Night Supervisor, Kelvin Godly, was there to greet us as usual. "Wow," Kelvin said, "We are always grateful for the dinners that all our donors bring. It is exceptionally special when young people prepare our food; it doesn't happen too often. I hope the lesson

that they learn from this is that it is better to give than receive...thanks to all of them and blessings, too."

Thank you to Jason Willis and to all the students at NBHS who helped to make this a better evening for some people in need.

HELEN SHINE HONORED



Helen Shine was recognized for 25 years of faithful service as a New Bern Civitan Club member at the March 16 club meeting. Helen has served in many capacities during her tenure in the club, serving each with enthusiasm and dedication. She is appreciated by everyone.

Thanks Helen for your years of dedicated service.

OUR CLUB PRESIDENT'S INSPIRING WORDS

Part I



At our Civitan meeting of March 8, 2018, **President Jan Snyder** delivered an informative and inspirational address about the meaning of **Civitan**. This educational address is important for ALL Civitans. To get the **WHOLE** message out, the **CIVIC** will serialize her speech in its entirety over the next few months. Let's begin:

What is the meaning of the word **Civitan**? Civitan comes from the Latin word "Civitas" – which means *citizenship*.

The **logo** of Civitan has significant symbolic points that have remained constant through several changes over the past 101 years.

The color gold on the logo symbolizes quality, excellence, prosperity, happiness, and achievement. The gold color represents the purity of highly refined metal, indicative of those who would volunteer their time.

Blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, justice, radiant energy and first place. Blue is a regal color, which together with the gold, has become symbolic of many organizations within the service club movement dating back to the early part of the 20th century.

The "C" around the globe represents Civitan around the world. The 12 highlights around the emblem represent the 12 points of the Creed.

The **Creed of Civitan** forms the philosophical base of our organization. It is unique among service clubs. Our Creed is the most completely developed ethical statement set forth for a service club. Our Creed serves as a challenge to every Civitan. Originally written in 1922 by Champ Andrew of the Chattanooga, Tennessee Civitan Club, it has been modified over the years – and most recently in 1984.

In subsequent articles, we will explore what the Creed really says to us. Stay tuned...

SANTA LAND ITEMS STILL NEEDED



It's not too early to address our Santa Land needs for early December. We see approximately 200 children in the Craven County Pre-School and Family Literacy program and we need the following for each child we see:

Winter hats, gloves, scarves and mittens – if any of you want to knit or crochet any of these items, I have lots of yarn that can be used. Let me know and I'll get it to you. If you have friends or family who would be willing to knit or crochet for us, the yarn is available to them also.

Stuffed animals – new or gently used. Our supply is very low and all contributions would be greatly appreciated.

If you go to Yard Sales and see any of these items and want to buy and donate them, please do so. Eileen Buscemi takes the hats, scarves, etc. Maureen Comer takes the stuffed animals. Your donations are ALWAYS appreciated and put to good use!

*Respectfully submitted by
Maureen Comer*

ADOPT A HIGHWAY – STILL GOING STRONG

The Club's bi-monthly project, Adopt-a-Highway, is still going strong. The clean up of River Road has gone on for many years. There IS a difference this year. We have a new chairperson in Jura Hill. On Saturday, March 10th, **Jura and her crew of Gattis Williams, Randy King, Lynn Johnson and Dev Lippitt**, armed with their orange vests, garbage bags and rubbish spears,

were again taking their show on the road. That mile and a half stretch outside Greenleaf Cemetery was sparkling again!

We welcome Jura to this position. We know she'll do an excellent job. This Club would be remiss if we did not stop to honor and thank our former chairperson, Ken McCain. Ken has been at the helm of this project from the beginning. Six times per year over many years, he and his crew diligently collected trash along this route. He led his crew in good and bad weather to help keep our home of New Bern neat and fresh.

Ken, if we didn't say it often enough, thank you for your hard work. Most of all, bless you for your selflessness in keeping this worthwhile project going. You embody the true spirit of Civitan – *My hands do the work of the world reaching out in service to others.* We are so

proud that you are a member of our Club!



CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

Officers and Board members for 2018-2019 were elected at the club meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2018. There are still two positions to be filled. Members are encouraged to take an active part in the club. In the closely paralleled words of a famous President:

Ask not what Civitan can do for you—Ask what you can do for Civitan.

OFFICERS 2018-2019

President	Norma Judd
President Elect	OPEN
Vice President	OPEN
Immediate Past President	Jan Snyder
Secretary	Jan Manning
Assistant Secretary	Judy Marco
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Education Officers	Bill Snyder, Helen Shine, Maureen Comer
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DIRECTORS

Term Expires 2018

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Cindy Scalion

Term Expires 2019

Eileen Buscemi
Judy Lopez
Susan Husson
Gattis Williams

Term Expires 2020

Jim Findley
Cindy Scalion
Mary Dougherty
Dev Lippitt

NEW BERN CIVITAN CLUB HOSTS BABY SHOWER

The New Bern Civitan Club hosted a baby shower to benefit the Lake House at the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina in Lake Waccamaw at its meeting on March 16. The Lake House provides temporary lodging for girls between the ages of 12 and 18 who are in DSS custody and are pregnant or parenting a child. Members of the Club donated much needed baby items. Betty Todd and Maggie Schneider coordinated this shower.



Gary Greene

Gary Greene, Development Director from B&GH of NC presented the program at the meeting. He described himself as the "Road Warrior" for the organization because of his travels telling others about it.

He gave a brief history of the Boys and Girls Homes. In 1954 a Whiteville undertaker named Mr. Peacock visited a home where a young mother with seven children lived. The house was cold. There was no heat, no food, and no father. He then went to a Civitan Club meeting which was discussing adopting a family for Christmas. He told about what he had seen, and the club took up a collection of \$175. He was so inspired that 2 months later he started a Boys Home Inc. He asked the Civitans to join him. They did and build the first cottage. The first Board consisted of all Civitans. Girls first joined in the late 170's.



President Jan Snyder Presents Gary Greene Peanuts and a Certificate of Appreciation for his Presentation.

Sixty-five percent of the budget comes from State Social Services, and 35% comes from donations and grants. Kids from all over the State are accepted. There are many more referrals that can be accepted. Boys and Girls Homes can not accept violent or drug addicted children. There is a Charter School on campus with half of the students residents and half are from the community. More information can be obtained from the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina web site at <http://www.boysandgirlshomes.org/>



Gary Greene's Car is loaded with Baby Shower gifts for the Boys and Girls Clubs resident girls between the ages of 12 and 18 who are in DSS custody and are pregnant or parenting a child..