



# THE CIVIC

## New Bern Civitan Club's Award Winning Newsletter



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Celebrating our 67th Year

September 2023

### SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS AND COUNTING ~

#### OUR INSTALLATION DINNER

Sixty-seven years of service to our population. Sixty-seven years of fellowship. Sixty-seven years and we're still the New Bern Civitan Club known and respected in our community. It is now time for our Sixty-Seventh Installation Banquet.

**When:** Thursday, September 28, 2023

**Where:** The Chelsea Restaurant

**Time:** 5:30 pm – Cash Bar                      6:00 pm – Dinner

**Menu:** Salad, Dinner rolls, Honeymoon Chicken, Vegetable, Starch, Dessert (*For anyone with special dietary needs – gluten free, vegetarian, vegan – the Chelsea will accommodate – when paying – include your needs*)

**Price:** \$31.00 (includes tax and gratuity) Please contact Maureen Comer if you will be attending and send your check (made out to NBCC) to Treasurer, Van Rice or you may pay at the door. If you sign up, you must attend as we will be charged for the number that we report at our deadline of **Friday, September 22.**

Stephanie Crosby, former District Governor, will be our guest speaker and will also install our Officers, Board of Directors and the NBHS Junior Civitan Club Officers and Board of Directors.

In addition to our Citizen of the Year and our Civitan of the Year awards, we will have a special presentation with a surprise and special presenter. Want to know who? You will just have to sign up and attend!

**Reasons to attend:** To support our Officers and Board Members. To share fellowship with our other Civitan members. To support our NBHS Junior Civitan Club. To enjoy the delicious food of the Chelsea. To find out what the surprise presentation is. To find out who the special presenter will be. To see who the 2023 Citizen and Civitan of the Year will be. To see if Dennis Pymm and Gary Todd will be wearing ties!

The best reason might be to acknowledge the achievements of the NEW BERN CIVITAN CLUB as it continues to support, assist, aid, fund, encourage, maintains, and sustains so many organizations, charities, and individual people in New Bern and all Craven County. Please consider attending this important function honoring our Club and ourselves!

## SEPTEMBER CIVITAN BIRTHDAYS

Frank Court	September 18
Tom Meulsch	September 27
Lovay Singleton	September 28

## SEPTEMBER CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy	McClinton	September 2002
Frank	Salvatore	September 2005
Janice	Snyder	September 2005
William	Snyder	September 2005
Jim	Comer	September 2006
Maureen	Comer	September 2006
Diane	Shultz	September 2007
Tom	Meutsch	September 2021
Joan	Meutsch	September 2021
Elizabeth	Walker	September 2022

## 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

Gary Todd

### PRESIDENT ELECT

Dennis Pymm

### VICE PRESIDENT

Roy Leonard

### SECRETARY

Maureen Comer

### ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Jan Snyder

### TREASURER

Van Rice

### ASSISTANT TREASURER

Amy Willis

### CHAPLAIN

Bill Baldree

### ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN

Bill Snyder

### SERGEANT AT ARMS

Ken McCain & Dev Lippitt

### EDUCATION OFFICERS

Bill Snyder, Helen Shine, Maureen Comer

### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Jim Comer

## DIRECTORS

### One Year

*Term Expires*

*Sept. 30, 2023*

Mary S. Williams

Susie Bare

Eileen Buscemi

Pam Kubik

### Two Year

*Term Expires*

*Sept. 30, 2024*

Betty Todd

Judy Lopez

Cyndi Papia

Renee Salvatore

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## SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Sat. Sept. 2 – Rib Sale at Piggly Wiggly on Simmons – 8:30 am to 11:30 am

Mon. Sept. 4 – Labor Day

Fri. Sept. 8 – NBCC Afternoon Meeting 11:30 am at Paula's Speaker- Kristy Kulberg of the Craven County Disaster Recovery Alliance – Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery after Florence

Mon. Sept. 11 – Board of Directors Meeting at Garber UMC 1 pm Rm. 222 – All incoming and outgoing Board Members encouraged to attend.

Mon. Sept. 11 – RCS Shelter Dinner 6 pm

Thurs. Sept. 28 – Installation Dinner at the Chelsea Restaurant 5:30 pm SIGN UP NOW – Contact Maureen Comer if attending and send check for \$31 per person to Treasurer Van Rice



NBHS Coaches, Calvin (l.) and Terrence (r.) picked up the supplies for the Pre-K Program. The supplies completely filled a large pick up truck. Co-chairs of this project, Maureen Comer and Judy Lopez stand in front of the truck and are flanked by

## INSTALLATION DINNER 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

### **Fellow Civitans:**

You are invited to attend our Club's 67th Installation Dinner on Thursday, September 28, 2023

at The Chelsea Restaurant at 5:30 pm - for Cash Bar at 6:00 pm - Dinner

**Menu:** Salad, rolls, "Honeymoon Chicken", soft drinks, dessert (The Chelsea is happy to adjust this menu for anyone who might be vegetarian, vegan, gluten free or have any other dietary restrictions. Please make your request when registering for your dinner.)

**Cost:** \$31.00 per person (Tax, gratuity included)

**Guest Speaker:** Stephanie Crosby former District Governor - She will be installing our officers and board along with the NBHS Junior Civitan Club's board and officers.

Please sign up by contacting me at this email address and sending your check to Treasurer Van Rice (made out to NBCC)

**Deadline - Friday, September 22, 2023**

*Please make every effort to attend this Installation Dinner to support our Club officers, Board of Directors and our Junior Club.*

Spouses and Guests are welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there!

## **2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Officers**

President – Dennis Pymm  
President-elect – Roy Leonard  
Vice President – Cyndi Papia  
Secretary – Maureen Comer  
Asst. Secretary – Eileen Buscemi  
Treasurer – Van Rice  
Asst. Treasurer – Amy Willis

**Past President** – Gary Todd

### **One Year Directors (Term Expires Sept. 30, 2024)**

Dev Lippitt (replacing Cyndi Papia)  
Judy Lopez  
Renee Salvatore  
Betty Todd

### **Two Year Directors (Term Expires Sept. 30, 2025)**

Alan Craig  
Ann Super  
Dave Super  
Joanne Tello



## FEED CRAVEN



Tamara Carroll

Feed Craven is a non-profit food pantry serving Eastern North Carolina. It operates separately from, but in partnership with, The Church at New Bern. Their **Community Outreach Coordinator, Tamara Carroll**, addressed our meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Carroll has been an entrepreneur for over forty years and has been key to getting the word out about Feed Craven. She tries to develop relationships and conveys its financial needs to the community. Her experience in networking and fundraising, as well as her passion to assist people in need, helps Feed Craven pursue its vital humanitarian mission.

Tamara said, "Approximately 13,770 people in Craven County live in households without proper nutritionally, healthy food, a staggering 14% of the county's population. A worse statistic is that 21% of children under 18 are without proper food. With the partnership of the Food Bank and others supporting our mission, approximately five hundred people are helped by Feed Craven each month. We try our best to provide four healthy meals over a two-week period for our guests. Of note, Feed Craven operates solely on funds brought in from outside sources. Unfortunately, our funding is almost always insufficient."

Feed Craven offers a combination of food provided by The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and food/products purchased or donated at discount rates from various food distribution centers. The foods that are offered include fruits, vegetables, bottled water, frozen meat, cereal, and canned goods. Feed Craven also strives to maintain stock for Emergency Disaster Relief such as cleaning supplies, water, Meals Ready to Eat (MRE). All food/products are free to the registered guests. They also like to offer Christmas toys and specials meals at the holiday season that are fully funded by Feed Craven Food Pantry Volunteers and Sponsors.

Distributions occur every second and fourth Friday of each month. On a typical Feed Craven Food distribution event, they serve an average of 80-120 families – over 350 people altogether – many being children. Each family that registers is partnered with a volunteer who assists the guests through the process. Before each guest leaves, the volunteer helps load the groceries, offers encouragement, prayer, and friendship.

Feed Craven operates with a team of about 25 volunteers, aged 16 to late 70s. Their goal is to partner with local organizations in New Bern for food drives and monthly support or even a one-time gift to help them help more families. As we begin to formulate our next year's Charity Budget, this organization will be given serious consideration for funding. You can learn more about Feed Craven by searching their website at [www.feedcraven.org](http://www.feedcraven.org)

Tamara Carroll is presented with a can of Civitan peanuts from President Dennis Pymm





### AN ENVIRONMENT OF CARE

**Ray Cockrell**, Chief Mission Officer of the Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw, was our guest speaker on August 11<sup>th</sup> along with 2 student residents and a Teaching Parent of Lake Cabin 3. Ray has held this position for nearly three years. Before that, he was the Vice President for Development and Planned Giving Officer for over 15 years. He was also an Admissions Professional at his alma mater, UNC-Wilmington, for 16 years. He holds both a master's degree in educational administration and a bachelor's in communication studies.

Boys and Girls Homes of NC is dedicated to meeting the physical, emotional, mental, behavioral, social, educational, and spiritual needs of children, youth, and families in distress or at-risk. Their vision is to provide an environment of care that promotes health, healing and hope among children, youth and families who enter their continuum of care.

Ray started the presentation by telling us about a typical summer day for the students when they are not in school. They start in their cabins with a family breakfast and then they disperse to different activities which include chores and then recreational activities which could include sports, body building, landmark visitations, swimming and the like. During the school year, they attend the Thomas Academy on campus – a charter school.

We then heard from two students – Bon, an 18-year-old girl and Ramaj, a 16-year-old boy. They spoke about their typical daily life in their respective cabins. Several key components of living at the Homes are to respect each other, emphasize with others, communicate effectively with others and be responsible for their own actions and behavior. A rewards plan is enacted for all positive behavior. For some students, this may be the only stable home life that they have ever experienced. Both youngsters were polite and well-spoken. The Teaching Parent who attended, Jacinda, has worked in the cabin for unwed mothers and their children for five years. Her goal is to assist the girls in becoming responsible and loving mothers while helping them to finish or further their education. One of the cabins that is supported by Civitan Clubs in all North Carolina is a home with this responsibility.

**Ray was presented with a check for \$2500 from our Club.** He was very grateful, and he said he may come to our Installation Dinner. He may even come to the meeting with something special for some of our members, but you'll have to attend the Dinner to find out what that is!

After the meeting, Eileen Buscemi spoke with Ray about a graduate of the Boys and Girls Homes who was doing some outside property work at her house. Chuck proudly told her about how "the Homes" changed his life. This made Ray very happy...another success story and another youngster who survived a harrowing childhood and became a productive adult. That is the Homes' goal and it's always rewarding to hear success stories!



### **NO DONATIONS NEEDED!**

Seriously, when was the last time you heard any charitable organizations say, “No Donations Needed?” Well, you are hearing it now. Because of your tremendous generosity in the past, for this coming year, we will not be asking you for –

Stuffed animals for Santa Land – we have enough!

Children’s scarves, hats, gloves/ mittens for Santa Land – we have enough!

Men’s and Women’s socks for the RCS Christmas Celebration – we have enough!

Wallets for the RCS Christmas Celebration – we have enough!

Scarves and Hats for the RCS Christmas Celebration – we have enough through your donations and the donations for the LOOPS OF LOVE -knitting ladies!

Congratulations and be proud of yourselves for all you have given to make this possible. Relax a bit now and look ahead to NEXT year when we will have to re-stock for the next round of giving. Thank you.

### **BUT**

There is always a but...we will need your donations for the RCS Shelter Dinners in November (Thanksgiving) and December (Christmas) as we will be changing the menu again these two months. For November, instead of meatballs and pasta, we will need ham and potatoes or a potato casserole. In December, we will go all out with ham, potatoes, vegetables or a vegetable casserole, salad and dressing, bread, butter, apple cider and Christmas cookies or a special dessert. We will also need members to set up and serve at the RCS Kitchen for the residents. Santa and his elves will be there. If there are children residing at the Shelter in December, we WILL need volunteers to buy them one or two special presents from their WISH lists. Their parents are already taken care of as you can see from above.

In addition, we will continue to get referrals from DSS for Christmas gifts for ten children in foster care. So, you see, you can relax but just a little. The need continues and we are thankful that our caring members are always there to answer the call!

# THE CIVIC

## BARBEQUE QUIPS

*(Dedicated to BBQ King Randy and his crew of rubbers and sellers!)*

Why are hamburgers so happy at barbeques? They get to meet all their old flames.

Why did the blonde throw her favorite doll on the grill? She thought it was a Barbie-Q.

What's the difference between South Korean BBQ and American BBQ? South Korea BBQ has more Seoul.

What do you call a BBQ pun? A meataphor.

How do you know when there's a vegetarian at your BBQ? They'll tell you.

What do you call a group of cows playing instruments at a barbeque? A moo-sical band.

How do you know pickles love a good barbeque? They relish the moment.

Why was the dragon always invited to barbeques on Sunday? So he could fire up the grill.

Why does BBQ sauce always win the race? Because the other competitors are always plain Ketchup.

What kind of grill does a spider BBQ on? A Weber.

How do you know how long to leave sweet corn on the BBQ grill? Just play it by ear.

What do you bring to a lawyer BBQ? Just ice.

Why does my dad hug his barbeque? Because it is the grill of his dreams.

What happened to the cannibal that showed up late for the BBQ? He got the cold shoulder.

Steaks are so happy at barbeques. They get to meat their old flames.

A cow went to a BBQ restaurant to complain that her reputation is at stake.

I heard they just opened a BBQ restaurant near the top of Mt. Everest. Careful though, the steaks are high.

Seven days without a barbeque makes one weak.

I went to a vegan BBQ. I thought the vegan was overcooked.

The skeleton went to the BBQ to get spareribs.

A guy wanted to take home the leftovers from the BBQ, but someone else foiled his plans.

A pig walked into a BBQ.....**THE END!**