

The Civic



Birthdays

Frank Court – Sept. 18

Lovay Singleton – Sept. 28

Civitan Anniversaries

None



NEW BERN CIVITAN CLUB COMES THROUGH...AGAIN!

The Director of the Craven County Pre-K and Family Literacy Program Renee Harrell, and her new Assistant Director, Kim Boyd, gathered all the donations generously given by our members. We have aided the start-up of every school year for these four-year-olds for many years. This year was no exception.

Our members donated – 180 backpacks, 160 lap blankets, 110 spiral notebooks and over two hundred pocketed folders. These goods are taken to a central location where the program's administrators, teachers, and aides package them for students. Each student gets a home visit from one adult involved in the program. They make sure the parents or guardians understand the purpose of the classes, the guidelines, and rules, and they access the specific needs of each child who will start attending classes on September 3.

Director Harrell said, "It is eye opening to see the home environment for many of our youngsters. All the educators involved in this program are sensitive to the various needs of the children and their families. All the donations from the New Bern Civitan Club are greatly treasured and they aid us in helping the children to enter school on a positive note. We always consider these donations as a blessing to our program."

Thank you to all members who donated goods or gave monetary donations for us to buy backpacks and lap blankets in bulk. This is usually how we can get our dollars to go as far as we can. Special thanks to our co-chairs Judy Lopez and Maureen Comer. They get great satisfaction knowing that our Club has done something very meaningful to launch the school year for these incredibly special children.

SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS AND COUNTING ~ OUR INSTALLATION DINNER



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

When: Thursday, September 26, 2024

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: \$32 (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 unless you cancel by the deadline date of Friday, September 20. ALL reservations must be made by then. We will PAY for the number that we call to the restaurant that day.

Guests, spouses, significant others, family, and friends are welcome to attend.

Our esteemed Civitan Club member, **Tom Braaten**, will be our keynote speaker. Past President, Jim Comer, will 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 other presentations to members about their special achievements.

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 hear what our guest speaker has to say.

To enjoy the delicious food of the Chelsea restaurant.

To see who the 2023-24 Citizen and Civitan of the Year will be.

To see if Dennis Pymm and Roy Leonard 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, keeps, 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!**

RCS RECOGNIZES NBCC AT ITS GALA

Religious Community Services recognized our Club's contributions to their organization at its second annual "Masquerade" Gala on Saturday, August 23 held at the Maola Riverside Center. Seven club members attended the Gala - President Dennis Pymm, President-elect, Roy Leonard and Marie Leonard, Board members Judy Lopez and Eileen Buscemi, Secretary Maureen Comer, and Past President Jim Comer.

Dinner was catered by the Flame. Baxter's 1892 provided appetizers and liquid refreshments. The evening was advertised as a night of fellowship and fundraising. There was a silent and live auction. One hundred percent of the proceeds went to RCS. Entertainment was provided by singer Erika Butters and the Atlantic Coast Band.

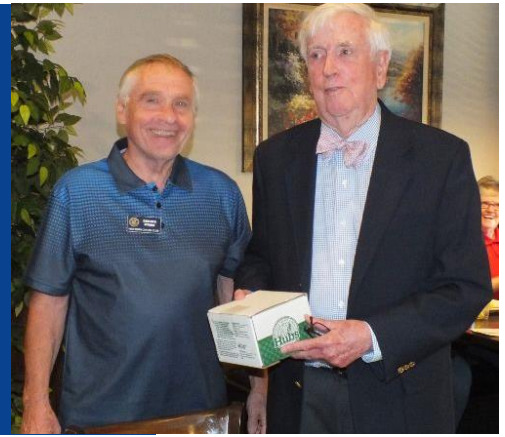
Interim Executive Director, Krishanda Jones, said that the proceeds will help the non-profit continue its mission. "It will help us to continue to fight food insecurity as well as helping with our crisis shelter, and our community kitchen. We feed so many people during the day. It will help with those costs. We provide 100 to 125 meals daily to people in our community kitchen. We are providing on-campus housing for five veterans and four families which is at capacity right now."

This year, our Club donated \$2500 from our Charity Budget. We provide a hot meal to the Shelter once a month – EVERY month. At Christmas time, we host a party for the residents with gifts for every adult and specific gifts for the children. Santa makes an appearance to provide pictures with the children...and sometimes with the adults and staff!

It was an honor to be recognized for our contribution to this wonderful, community organization which does so much, for so many. Ms. Jones made it a point to come to our table and personally thank our Club for all it does. Our members should take pride in helping this outstanding non-profit.



A LITTLE BIT OF NEW BERN HISTORY – THE 28 RESOLVES



We were honored to have Nelson McDaniel as our guest speaker on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Nelson was born in New Bern and schooled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Goerge Washington and Georgetown Universities, New York University, and the University of Lyon. For 30 years, he was a teacher at the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. He has served in various volunteer capacities with the New Bern 300th Committee, Camps Sea Gull and Seafarer, Christ Church, the Tryon Palace foundation, the Carinal East Foundation, the Kellenberger Foundation, the Craven Arts Council, the Coastal Carolina Chamber Music Festival, and Swiss Bear.

The “bit” of history that Nelson discussed that night was the “New Bern Twenty-eight Resolves.” “The first Provincial Congress to be held in American in open defiance of royal authority was conducted in the Craven County Court House in New Bern during August 25-27, 1774, and was a significant contribution to the American Revolutionary movement. The courthouse was located at the current intersection of Middle and Board Streets until destroyed by the fire in January 1861. Seventy-one elected delegates representing thirty of thirty-six counties and six of nine boroughs met in defiance of the British Royal Crown at the 1st North Carolina Provincial Congress to discuss the grievances against numerous laws and taxes imposed on the Colonists by the Royal Crown and Parliament.

Twenty-eight resolutions or “resolves” focusing on the “rights of the British/American subjects” and “economic sanctions against Great Britain and their trading partners were issued in response to the unjust taxes and laws, especially outlined in the INTOLERABLE ACTS. William Hoper, Joseph Hewes and Richard Casewell were elected as delegates to the 1st Continental Congress and were instructed to present the “resolves” to the Congress as an actionable redress of grievances against the Royal Crown. These “resolves” were presented and discussed at the Congress held in Carpenters’ Hall, Philadelphia, during September 5 through October 26, 1774. They helped form the basis of the Continental Association (aka Articles of Association or just The Association) that was signed on October 20, 1774, and are recognized as one of our nation’s six founding documents.”

Over the next two years as we approach the 250 anniversary of our country, New Bern will be offering many celebrations to commemorate the event. It started on this August 24th with a celebration of NEW BERN RESOLVES! A parade was held from Metcalf Street to the Palace in celebration of the event. The Tryon Palace Fife and Drum 1st Regiment NC Continental Line and many other historical groups were present. There were speakers, memorials, and a canon firing.

Many more celebrations will be planned over the next two years. We thank Mr. McDaniel for making us aware of these upcoming events. We will enjoy “celebrating” our US and New Bern history together!

NBCC EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, September 2 – Labor Day

Monday, September 9 – Board of Directors Meeting at Garber Church, 1 pm, Rm. 222 Current and Future Board Members please make every effort to attend.

Monday, September 9 – RCS Shelter Dinner 6 pm. We still need volunteers to sign up for donations. If you can help, please go to <https://signup.com/go/dUenBpr>

Friday, September 13 – Club Business Meeting – Several Club members will update us on upcoming events, the status of our treasury and more.

Important meeting, please attend. *If you are planning to attend, please contact Maureen Comer by Wednesday, September 11th so she may call the restaurant with the number of attendees.*

Sunday, September 22 – First day of Autumn

Thursday, September 26 – Installation Banquet – the Chelsea Restaurant at 5:30 pm. *You must sign up by Friday, September 20 by contacting Maureen Comer and sending your check made out to NBCC to treasurer, Van Rice (\$32 per person)*



Current Officers

President: Dennis Pymm
President-Elect: Roy Leonard
Vice President: —
Secretary: Maureen Comer
Assistant Secretary: Eileen Buscemi
Treasurer: Van Allen Rice
Assistant Treasurer: Amy Willis
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken McCain & Dev Lippitt
Education Officers: Helen Shine & Maureen Comer
Chaplain: Bill Baldree
Assistant Chaplain: Jim Comer

Current Board

	Term Expires
Judith Lopez	2024
Renee Salvatore	2024
Betty Todd	2024
Dev Lippitt	2024
Alan Craig	2025
Dave Super	2025
Ann Super	2025
Joanne Tello	2025

Webmaster & Social Media:
Cyndi Papia

SEPTEMBER “GROANERS”

How do trees get on the Internet in September? They log in!

Why did the scarecrow win an award in September? Because he was outstanding in his field.

What do you say to a tree in September? Leaf me alone.

What did the autumn leaf say to the wind? “I’m falling for you!”

Why are scarecrows so easy to talk to in September? They’re all ears.

What’s a witch’s favorite back to school subject in September? Spelling, of course! What do you call a lazy kangaroo in the fall? A pouch potato.

Why did Humpty Dumpty love autumn so much? Because he had a great fall.

Some Back-to-School Thoughts...

Why did the math book look so sad? Because it had too many problems.

What do you call a teacher who never smiles? A ruler.

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses? Because her class was so bright.

Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake

Why did the dictionary go to school? To get a better definition of himself.

Why did the librarian slip and fall? Because she was in between the pages.

Why did the teacher wear a red shirt on the first day of school? To set a positive “red”irection.

Some September “Tom Swfties”

“I can’t wait for the pumpkin spice latte season,” said Tom, fall-ing for the trend. “September flew by,” said Tom swiftly. “I’m ready for sweater weather” said Tom warmly.

“I just can’t leaf the house without my jacket,” said Tom Autumnatically.

“I love fall fashion,” said Tom stylishly.

“Time for Halloween decorations,” said Tom frightfully.

“I can feel the crispness in the air,” said Tom coolly.

“September is perfect for a bonfire,” said Tom hotly.

“The September rain put me in a tranquil mood,” said Tom serenely.

“I’m in the mood for apple pie and football,” said Tom sportingly.

Oxymoronic Puns

“I can’t wait for the chilling heat of September.”

“September is the perfect time to go skiing in the desert.”

“September brings the best winter beach parties.”

“Every September, the ice cream trucks are selling hot chocolate.”

“I can’t wait for the chilling heat of September.”

ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF SEPTEMBER WHATEVER YOU ARE DOING!

CLUB CALENDAR

Here is the Club's calendar for the new Civitan year – October 2024 to September 2025.

Afternoon Meetings – the second Friday of the month. 11:30 a.m. @ Paula's Restaurant

2024 Oct. 11 Nov. 8 Dec. 13 – **Christmas Party**

2025 Jan. 10 Feb. 14 Mar. 14 Apr. 11 May 9 - **Club picnic**

June 13 July 11 Aug. 8 Sept. 12*

Evening Meetings – the fourth Thursday of the month 5:30 p.m. at Paula's Restaurant

2024 Oct. 24 Nov. 28 – **no meeting Thanksgiving** Dec. 26 – **no meeting Xmas week**

2025 Jan. 23 * Feb. 27 Mar. 27 Apr. 24 * May 22

June 26 July 24* Aug. 28 Sept. 25 – **Installation Dinner**

***Quarterly Business Meetings**

Board of Directors Meetings – second Monday of the month 1:00 p.m. at Garber Church

2024 Oct. 14 Nov. 11 Dec. 11 **no meeting**

2025 Jan. 13 Feb. 10 Mar. 10 Apr. 14 May 12

June 9 July 14 (if necessary) Aug. 11 Sept. 8

RCS Shelter Dinners – second Monday of the month 6:00 p.m.

Same as the Board of Directors' Meeting Dates – December 11, 2024 – **RCS Shelter Christmas Party**

March 10, 2025 – **NBHS Junior Civitans do the delivery.**

Peanut Sales at Farmers Market – Every Saturday in Nov. and Dec. 2024 until sold out

Tree Lot 2024: Nov. 29 – Dec. 2

SantaLand 2024: Dec. 6 – Dec. 13 (tentative)

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: 2025-mid February

Rib Sale Fundraisers 2025: Sat. May 26 – Memorial Day and Sat. Aug. 30 – Labor Day

Picnic/Game Day 2025: Early May

Howell Prom 2025: A Friday in June 2025

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.

COOL FACTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER



September is graced with having two different birth flowers. The two flowers are the vibrant aster and the beautiful yet resilient morning glory. The significance of both flowers is actually very similar, with the aster being said to represent love, while the morning glory represents affection.

September's birthstone is the majestically vivid sapphire. With its deep blue tones, this precious stone is said to represent the wisdom of the gods, purity, and trust. They were once worn to protect the wearer from both poisoning and other evils.

If you were born before September 23rd, you're considered to be a Virgo. If you're born on the 23rd or later, you're a Libra. Virgos are said to be analytical and hardworking people, while still being kind and loyal. Libras, on the other hand, value harmony and diplomacy, and are said to be both intelligent and kind.

September 17th is an incredibly important day for the US, as it was on this day in 1787 that the US Constitution was adopted.

The first newspaper to ever be put into print in the US was published on September 25, 1690. The paper was called Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick and was published in Boston. The newspaper was to be rather short-lived, as the British were displeased with its contents and put a stop to it straight away.