

The Civic



Birthdays

Susie Bare - May 2

Alan Craig - May 4

Frank Salvatore - May 6

Dan Roberts - May 11

Civitan Anniversaries

Bob Whitley – 39 Yrs

Bill Baldree – 29 Yrs

Max Thompson – 20 Yrs

Renee Salvatore – 18 Yrs

Van Rice – 8 Yrs



Rib Fundraiser Scheduled for Saturday, May 25

There are several ways you can help with our upcoming Rib Sale:

- (1) You can contribute your time to the “Rub” team which will meet in the back of the Piggly Wiggly at 3:00 on Thursday, May 23, for less than an hour as we season the ribs.
- (2) You can assist our sales team on Saturday, the day of the sale, by volunteering for a 2-hour shift between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon.

You can order ribs for yourself or help get out the word. You will receive a flyer to distribute to your friends and neighbors with all the information. Key details:

Ribs must be picked up at the Simmons Street Piggly Wiggly between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 25.

Due to increased costs, the price per rack will be \$23. We will once again be collecting up to 10 racks of ribs to be donated to RCS, so that is another way you can contribute.

To volunteer your time or to place an order for yourself, contact me at either:

rkingnewbern@gmail.com or at
CivitanRibs@gmail.com

Randy King

Flashback 2023: WACCAMAW BUNDLE COLLECTION – A SUCCESS... AGAIN

The Club gathered items for the children of the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina in the Waccamaw Bundle Collection. As new children and adolescents enter the homes, they are given their own personal hygiene items and other things such as games, puzzles, stuffed animals, and lap blankets. This is known as their Waccamaw Bundle. This “bundle” is important as many of these children have never had possessions of their own. These gifts are crucial in helping the healing process for the new residents.

Joe Kennedy (pictured), Director of Civic and Community Affairs at the Boys and Girls Homes, came to pick up the Club’s donations and left with a van full of items for the children. “Joe could not have gotten a piece of looseleaf paper into his van after it was loaded with our contributions,” declared one of the project co-chairs, Eileen Buscemi. On the day of the picnic, President and CEO of the Homes, Marc Murphy, brought additional items back with him.



Thanks to Project Co-chairs, Jan Snyder and Eileen Buscemi, for a great job of coordinating this effort for the Club. Most of all, thank you for the generosity of our members who donated money and items. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus who allowed us to “raid” their Yard Sale “stash” for items that fit the needs of the Homes’ children.

PICNIC ANYONE?

There’s still time to sign up for the Club’s annual picnic on **Friday, May 10 at noon** at Lawson Creek Park. Fat Fella’s will again be providing a BBQ lunch of chicken, BBQ, beans, potato salad, rolls, hush puppies, sweet/unsweet tea, water, and dessert. If you haven’t been to one of these picnics, you are missing some good eating. In addition, Van Rice’s band, Biscuits ‘N Gravy, will be playing for our enjoyment. Great food, good company, and excellent music. What is a better way to spend a few hours on a gorgeous Spring Day?

If you have not already signed up, please contact Renee Salvatore IMMEDIATELY at reneeandfrankinncc@suddenlink.net or 252-636-0845. *Spouses, friends, significant others, kids, grandkids, prospective members are all welcome.* No formal meeting, speeches, announcements – just friendship and fun! When a survey was put out among the membership about six weeks ago, about 35 members indicated they could attend. We need at least 30 to get this picnic going – so please let Renee know you are coming.

Total cost is \$16 per person. Send your check to Renee Salvatore, 306 Meridian Court, New Bern NC 28562 or give it to our treasurer, Van Rice. In either case, please make sure that you let Renee know you will be attending. Renee and Susie Bare are co-chairing this event this year...again...and we thank them for all their hard work. Hope to see you there!

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024

President: Roy Leonard

President-Elect: ?

Board Members for Two-Year Term (October 2024 to September 2026):

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For our Club to continue as a certified Civitan Club with International, we MUST have members to fill the above positions...or our Club DIES. No one wants to see that happen.

President Dennis Pymm and President-elect Roy Leonard will be asking for your help to volunteer for these slots.

Please be receptive to the idea when asked. We can't do anything without your support!

NBCC CALENDAR FOR MAY 2024

Thurs., May 2 – Game Day/Picnic at Lawson Creek Park for our DD friends – 10 am. If you can help, please contact the Todds at thetoddfamily10@gmail.com

Fri., May 10 – Club Picnic at Lawson Creek Park at noon. Contact Renee Salvatore if you will be attending reneeandfrankinncc@suddenlink.net

Sun., May 12 – *HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY*

Mon., May 13 – Board of Directors Meeting at Garber UMC at 1 pm, Rm. 222. All Board members, please try to attend this meeting.

Mon., May 13 – RCS Shelter Dinner at 6 pm.

Thurs., May 23 – NBCC Evening Meeting at 5:30 pm at Paula's Restaurant. Speaker – Dr. Deb Milkowski from Walk with a Doc. If you will be attending, please contact Maureen Comer by May 21.

Sat., May 25 – Rib Sale Fundraiser at Piggly Wiggly on Simmon Street 8:30 am to 11:30 am. *Volunteers needed* – please contact Randy King.



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

Board Members

	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

HOW HABITAT HELPS THE COMMUNITY



Buna Cumbie, the Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator for Craven County Habitat for Humanity wears many hats in his job. He shared some of his duties with our members at our meeting on April 12.

He is responsible for recruiting and scheduling volunteers for the organization as well as scheduling and coordinating work groups. This includes staffing their store and coordinating all other projects for Habitat including work crews for building homes in the community.

Buna joined Habitat in August 2022. He previously worked in a Retirement Community in Maryland. We are grateful that he took the time from his busy schedule to fill us in on the great works of this organization.

What is Habitat for Humanity? It is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities, including Craven County, with a vision of a world where EVERYONE has a decent place to live. Habitat works toward this vision by building and improving homes in partnership with individuals and families in need of a decent and affordable place to live.

These individuals and families apply for home ownership with the local H for H. Each local Habitat family selection committee selects homeowners based on three criteria: the applicant's level of need; their willingness to partner with Habitat; their ability to repay a mortgage through an affordable payment plan.

As part of their willingness to partner, Habitat's homebuyers invest 300 hours of their own labor (called "sweat equity"), collaborating with volunteers and other Habitat homeowners. In addition, they must spend two hundred more hours building another person's Habitat home. Habitat carries the mortgage for the home over a 25-year period and the land that the homes are built on is usually donated by the city or the county. Homes are typically two or three bedrooms. Two to three homes are built per year in communities.

Habitat depends on financial donations to fund their work. Habitat ReStores also help to fund the homes. Local and large corporations make bulk donations of goods and materials. And, of course, local volunteers are needed to help build the homes and work at the ReStores.

To learn more, donate, or volunteer, go to their website at CravenCountyHabitat.org.

We thank Buna for helping us to understand better how Habitat for Humanity works. It is a great organization that strives to make a difference in our community.

ROBERT PAINE RETURNS TO CLUB MEETING



Robert Paine, Volunteer Educator for the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern North Carolina, returned to our Club meeting on April 25. He had been our speaker previously in July 2023. Rob lives in Carolina Colours. and he is a huge fan of our “ribs.” We were happy to have him return for an update.

The Alzheimer's Association of Eastern North Carolina leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other forms of dementia by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detections, and maximizing quality care and support. Most of us have been touched in some way by this illness. In Rob's case, his father-in-law has the disease and that's how he got involved.

Rob's return is all the timelier given that the FDA has recently approved the drug, Leqembi, that, while not a cure, changes the underlying course of the disease. Leqembi can give people in the preliminary stages of Alzheimer's more time to maintain their independence and do the things they love.

Alzheimer's is a family disease as it not only impacts the patient, but it affects family and loved ones. Over 210,000 in North Carolina have it – six million in the United States. Risk factors include age. More women than men are victims. You can help yourself by eating a good diet, exercise your body and your brain, keep active and if you suspect you may have it – see a doctor. Early detection is a key.

You can help by supporting this Association not just with money but spreading the word to local legislators that funds are needed for research and facilities. There is a 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 or go to www.alz.org.

Thank you, Robert, for the update and for helping to educate our community about this disorder.

CIVIC NEWSLETTER – THE “NEW” LOOK

Surely you have noticed that our May CIVIC NEWSLETTER looks different. The reason is that we have a new editor, Cyndi Papia. She will be publishing our Newsletter starting this month and you will note the visual changes. We hope you like them! Thank you, Cyndi, for helping to keep us well informed about the Club in addition to keeping our website current.

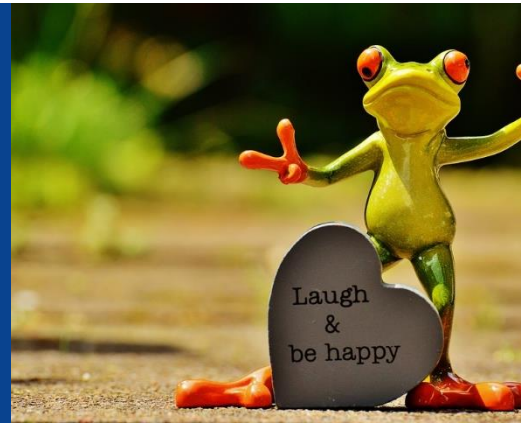
With that news, thank you does not seem to be enough for our Editor of over ten years, Robert Brock. Each month – come rain, come snow, come darkness of night – we received our monthly newsletter without fail.

Sometimes, Robert was dealing with personal or family illness, but the Newsletter was ALWAYS in our mailbox at the beginning of each month. It was a commitment that Robert made, and Robert kept without fail all those years. He started as a Junior Civitan at New Bern High School and has always held this organization in the highest esteem.

Dr. Brock – kudos, congratulations, wonderful job, well done, merci, gracias, and thank you for your dedication, talent, and, most of all, LOYALTY, to Civitan for many years.

Just so you know, Robert IS NOT leaving the Club, he's just handing over the reins to Cyndi for her to build upon the cornerstone that he created!

FUNNY SIDE OF MAY



- Roses are red, April is gray, but in a few days...IT'S GONNA BE MAY!
- Why is March through May the best time of the month to buy a mattress? It's when they are the most springy.
- An employee asked his boss, "Can I have a few days off seeing as it's so close to Christmas?" The boss said, "It's May." "Sorry," the employee replied, "MAY I have a few days off as it's so close to Christmas?"
- The wife asked her husband to flip the calendar to the next month. To the husband's surprise, the calendar skipped from April to June. He turned to tell her that they were missing a month. She said, "What's the matter? You look dis-MAYED..."
- Can February March? No. But April May.
- Did you know bees become indecisive after April 30th? They become Maybees.
- Someone told me today is April 30th. But they May be wrong.
- What did one butterfly say to another? "Don't June know it's May?"
- What month of the year is shortest? May, only three letters.
- What goes up when May rain come down? An umbrella.
- Who's the most important person in a Spring wedding? The MAYtron of Honor.
- Who conducts the spring orchestra? May-stro
- Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the Fall they "Let it Go" and by May Day they "turn over a new leaf."
- "Knock, knock." "Who's there?" "Juan." "Juan who?" "Juan to go for margaritas on Cinco de Mayo?"
- Why do siblings love celebrating National Brothers and Sisters Day on May 2nd? Because it's the one day they can agree on who's the favorite child.
- What season is it when you are on a trampoline? Spring-time.
- What is a pilot's least favorite holiday? May Day.
- May 1st is the only date that can be a sentence. May I?
- Why does Batman like May? Because it was the first time he saw Robin.
- Why do Pirates hate May, June, July, and August? Because they don't have Arrrrrgs in them! (Just for you ECU fans!)