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(This incentive is only for US members at this time)

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Check out the new recruitment tools now available for clubs!



Smoky Mountain Civitan Club Builders, Donna Jackson (left) and John Sofley (right), share club building tips. The club builders are shown above at this year's convention.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Fellow Civitans,

As we approach the end of the FY24 Civitan year, I want to thank the Civitan International Board of Directors for their service to Civitan and for the support of my year as President. I have enjoyed working with this year's Board as we led the Regions while handling the basic governance of Civitan International. The Civitan International staff have done a great job this year supporting basic functions of an organization such as ours including managing complicated finances in the face of extremely tight budgets, exciting communications such as our

magazine and almost daily Facebook posts, helping clubs maintain their good standing in the organization, reporting on membership and Civitan International Research Center donations, as well as putting on a fabulous Convention! It will be hard to top that at the next convention in Atlanta but I bet they will do it!

The International Board limited in-person meetings to save money, but we were able to have an in-person meeting in the Spring with our Juniors at the All-in-Summit. This was a cost saver as well as an opportunity for the adults to observe our great Juniors and our Juniors to observe the adults. The Board also:

- 1. Completed a three-year Strategic Plan;
- 2. Approved a dues increase that will help Civitan (approved by members);
- 3. We approved a new \$1.25M commitment to the CIRC;
- 4. Modified Int'l Convention Policies to accommodate hybrid attendees;
- 5. Updated Club Rebuilding policies to correct problems;
- 6. Approved a Family Club Pilot program for multiple clubs;
- 7. Approved new policies to help I/DD clubs; and
- 8. Approved a new Leadership Development Academy.

And I would be remiss if I did not mention what a great job Mark Eisinger has done as our Interim Executive Vice President. Mark's priorities of Growth, Revenue and Unity were right on target and he has executed a plan to reach goals in all three areas. Our growth has improved, our revenue has looked better as expenses were reduced and Mark has made it a point to reach out to members through email, Facebook and attending Region meetings.

On a personal note, I am pleased with the progress we have made on growth in Civitan this year. We are sitting on 6 new clubs and may have 2-4 more before the end of the year. That's a nice increase after coming out of the pandemic! And I should point out that it was EVP Eisinger who took the idea of the 1917 Club to another level by holding regular meetings of the club builders in the 1917 club to talk about progress and provide support for the club builds! I hope we "keep the growth ball rolling" into FY25!

And, we say goodbye to Region 1 Director Joel Hallman, Region 2 Director Bill Tolleson, Region 8 Director Lynda Wheeler and Past President Jo Ann O'Toole! All four served on this Board of Directors for three years while the

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PRESIDENT LETTER CONTINUED: MORE HIGHLIGHTS

Directors were the first to also be in charge of an entire Region. (And Region 4 Director Carman Gorby served one year). We will miss all of you and your great leadership on the Board! I hope you Directors (and Past President) will work in your Regions to help the next Director. You know what a tough job it is. Best wishes to the Directors for a much-deserved rest.

Finally, I want to thank you, the members of Civitan for all you do. When you serve your community, Civitan International receives a figurative "gold star". Our organization has a long history of "gold stars". We have been in existence for 107 years. That's five score and seven years! We have a proud legacy that we carry on. I might conclude paraphrasing the Gettysburg address:

"... The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what Civitans did for their communities. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who served in their communities have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored Civitans, we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the full measure of devotion."

Take care,

Dee Hutsler, President, Civitan International 2023-2024

[Click here to see President Dee Hutsler's Year in Review video from convention!](#)



President Dee Hutsler joined with Dr. Craig Powell, CIRC Director and immediate past president Jo Ann O'Toole at the recent CIRC check presentation during this year's All In Summit.



President Dee Hutsler at the charter celebration for the new Cullman Civitan Club. This was one of many highlights during President Hutsler's Civitan year!



Our vision is to be a global community where people of all abilities and talents make the world a better place.

JUNIORS WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT

Sean Lane brings greetings with fun video at Civitan International Convention

During the 104th Civitan International Convention in Albuquerque, Civitan members received a special greeting from this year’s Junior Civitan President Sean Lane.

He wished Civitans a great convention and reminded club members about how building a Junior Civitan Club counts toward honor club distinction. He also shared information about another way to support Junior Civitans and that’s to support All In Summit!

To watch Sean’s video message that was shared at this year’s convention, please [click here](#).



JUNIORS OBSERVE AWARENESS WEEK AUGUST 19- 23

Kudos to these students at Asheboro High School in Asheboro, North Carolina for displaying more information about their Junior Civitan Club at their school’s open house.

Junior Civitan Awareness Week is typically observed each year during a week in August to take place at the time most students are going back to school and choosing their activities for the year.

If your club is interested in sponsoring a new Junior Civitan club in your area, please contact mallory@civitan.org.

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Shown above is the Asheboro High School students at their school's open house.

APPLY FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

Deadline to submit for awards is Dec. 1st

Awards applications for the 2023-2024 year (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) will open on September 1, 2024 and accept applications until December 1, 2024.

COMPETITIVE AWARDS

One Region and one International winner per category. Region winners roll up to International finals.

- Outstanding Civitan Awareness Campaign
- Outstanding Junior/Senior Club Partnership
- Outstanding Club Fundraiser
- Outstanding Club Communications
- Outstanding Health & Wellness Project
- Outstanding Family & Community Support Project
- Outstanding Inclusive & Accessible Communities Project
- Outstanding New Club
- Dr. Courtney W. Shropshire Outstanding Civitan Club

MERIT AWARDS

No limit on number of clubs or members able to win. Scored only at the International level.

- Honor Club

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Visit www.civitan.org/awards for more information.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Officer Reports Due: September 30th

Civitan University Officer Training for 2024-2025 year
Opens: September 9th

Civitan University Officer Training for 2024-2025 year
Closes: November 30th



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TOOLS FOR RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Visit Civitan website for recruitment tools for recruiting new members

As the Civitan year comes to a close, we are finishing strong with a recruitment drive to grow our membership! Just think, if 50 Civitans each invite three friends to join our organization, we will add 150 new Civitans to our membership! The goal is for these members to be full members of a local Civitan club. *Remember transfers, reinstated members and associates are great, but can't be counted towards the growth incentive promotion.*

Recruitment Drive Toolkit Items Available Include:

- Tools for Various Events - Club Building, Recruitment, Showcasing at an event or Attending a Chamber Meeting
- Customizable Club Promotional Flyers
- Customizable Powerpoint Presentation Template
- Potential New Member Invitation Letter/Email Template & MORE!

Visit the [Marketing Toolkits page](#) on the website to view and download to use during our focused recruitment drive in September to gain more members! *Please note, those who have already met their recruitment goal will still receive the incentive.*

Don't forget about the new club building toolkit that just launched with a full set of marketing tools for attendance at recruiting events, festivals and more. Shown below is past international president Jo Ann O'Toole utilizing the toolkit at a recent event! [Click here to view these items, which can be purchased at JDA, the Supply House.](#)



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USE THIS FLYER TO PROMOTE YOUR CLUB! [CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD!](#)



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- Get Ready for the 2025 Junior Civitan All-In Summit
- Bringing Junior Civitan Clubs to Middle and Elementary Schools
- Dates to Remember

A Message From The President

My name is Sean Lane, and I am happy to serve as your 52nd International President. Whether you're a member of a local Jr. Civitan chapter, a Jr. Civitan advisor, or someone interested in starting a local club, we all have the opportunity to make change this upcoming school year! This newsletter was started only months ago with the purpose of highlighting the clubs and Jr. Civitans that make our organization what it is, striving to make an impact at the local, state, or international level. Reach out to me for any questions or if you want to nominate your club to be featured in the next edition of Civitan Spotlight.

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Dr. Richter, Keynote Speaker of the 2024
Junior Civitan Convention

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EVP UPDATES: “THE REAR VIEW MIRROR”

Reflecting on the 2023-2024 year

By Mark Eisinger

Dear Civitans,

As we come to the end of this Civitan year, we look back on what we have accomplished as a whole organization. Last year, we revved up attendees at the Civitan International Convention in Indianapolis, so now we take a look into the rear-view mirror to see what we have done since the time. As we reflected, we found over 50 accomplishments your President, Board and Staff have accomplished most importantly with your involvement and support! Thank you for Soaring Together to help make this Civitan year a success.

Like myself as an Indiana native, David Letterman is a “Hoosier” so in his honor, I give you the Top 10 Accomplishments for 2023-2024:

10. Filled three open positions with new staff members, Joley Abrams, Mallory Kimbrell and Amasico Rainer

9. Junior Civitan All In Summit doubles attendance and raises over \$40,000; Increased Scholarships Awarded, over \$28,000

8. Three Bylaw Amendments passed at Albuquerque Convention

7. Record Giving Tuesday raising over \$100,000 for Civitans at the Helm and Light the Way

6. CIRC - Completed \$1,000,000 pledge to Civitan International Research a year early; implemented new Civitan Scientist Directory - www.civitan.org/circ

5. We Soared Together and sang together with successful, highly reviewed Albuquerque Civitan International Convention, one night was even Out of this World! www.civitan.org/conventionrecap2024

4. Expanded Civitan Breakthru Golf Benefit to include Special Olympics Athletes and local players



Shown are Civitans Dan Brown and Joe O'Toole with some of our Special Olympics golfers at this year's convention!

beginning a new tradition for conventions; raised over \$115,000!

3. Reduced operating expense contracts by over \$200,000 (special thanks for volunteer Interim CFO/ PIP Dan Brown)

2. New Family Civitan Club model pilot implemented and expanding to three more locations

And the number #1 Top Accomplishment for 2023-2024 (drumroll please!):

1. Implemented new Growth Plan with new “1917 Club” builders, Open Office Hours, New Club Building Toolkit, Location Analysis and more; with 6 clubs built so far and many more clubs in the building and rebuilding process!

What about your club? Look in your rear-view mirror, what have you accomplished this past 12 months? There is still time for more accomplishments



Shown in this photo are the Civitan staff members who attended convention in person. We also extend a big thanks to the staff members who assisted from the Birmingham office including Yvonne Weldon, Beth Towns and Mallory Kimbrell.

for you and your club! Have a recruitment drive utilizing our end of the year recruitment toolkit and new member recruitment incentive (one of the best we have seen) - recruit 3 members by September 30th and receive \$100 Amazon gift card. You can help finish building new Civitan Clubs in progress for more incentives and also help retain members in your club by utilizing service projects and socials.

Review your club’s statuses with the Honor Club application and see what you need to accomplish in this last month. Have a strategic planning session to kick off your successful 2024-2025 year. Review new Rebuild Policies and Process if you need to revitalize your club.

Thank you and congratulations to President Dee Hutsler and the 2023-2024 Board of Directors, the Growth strategy plan is well on its way to build up this organization for our future. We look forward to partnering with our new President Michael Morgan and the Board of Directors in the coming year as we Soar Upward and Beyond!

And special thanks to each of you Civitans and Civitan Clubs! We couldn’t do it without you!

We Are Civitan!

LOOK WHO’S GROWING!

Each Civitan Magazine will congratulate the top five clubs in the United States for its net growth as of publication time. Congratulations to the clubs putting the extra effort into searching for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan!

 150% growth Pulaski Civitan Club (Tennessee)	 82% growth North Shenandoah Valley Civitan Club (Virginia)	 70% growth Austell Area Civitan Club (Georgia)	 53% growth Southern Nevada Civitan Club (Nevada)	 47% growth North Raleigh Civitan Club (North Carolina)
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SMOKY MOUNTAIN CIVITAN CLUB BUILDERS SHARE CLUB BUILDING TIPS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW SMOKY MOUNTAIN CIVITAN CLUB! Shown are some of the charter members of the new Smoky Mountain Civitan Club along with their club builders and Region 3 International Director Chuck Bowman. Civitan President Dee Hutsler and President-Elect Michael Morgan were also in attendance.

By John Sofley, Club Builder, Smoky Mountain Civitan Club

When was the last time you built a club or even had one built in your current region or former district? For Region 3 and its former districts, it had been five years! We all know the pandemic had a significant impact on Civitan, but it is behind us now.

Region 3 is again working hard on new club builds. Building new clubs is rewarding. It can be time consuming and does require dedication. Our first new club in five years, the Smoky Mountain Civitan Club in Sylva, NC was chartered on May 21st and currently has twenty-four new Civitans. My fellow club builders Donna and Terry Jackson were beside myself with excitement, pride, and anticipation of what this new club will do for their community.

We have a group of Civitans who have been working this year on new Clubs. They include our Region 3 International Director Chuck Bowman and his wife Linda, the Jacksons, Mark Curran, Marshall Muse, Bob Deen, Cyndi Osterhus, my wife Pamela plus myself. We Civitans have made multiple visits to possible new club locations this year.

We have had success in building new clubs as shown by the Smoky Mountain Civitan Club. We have a couple that we are in the middle of and making progress. We have a couple still in

the exploratory stages where it appears there is an interest, but is there sufficient interest? And finally, we have had a couple that we have not had sufficient interest to visit any further...for now.

What I have had is great fellowship with my fellow Civitans who have been working this year on new clubs. For those who have never worked on building a new club, the excitement from the new members is contagious. One of the things we began this year during club builds is to not call the new members “chartering members”, but “founding members”. This has been very well received. I enjoy working with my fellow Civitans and sharing about what their new club can bring to their community. Even when we do not have a successful interest meeting, I still enjoy the fellowship I share with the other members of the build team.

I continue to request that our members look at opportunities where new Clubs can be built. In building a new club, you do not do it by yourself. You have a team of fellow Civitans who can blend their talents to yours. Each team member of our build teams brings strengths that can complement yours. There are multiple resources available to help you get started from International and from current club builders.

Remember, just like recruiting for your club, to build a new club, YOU JUST NEED TO ASK!

MORE CLUB BUILDING TIPS FROM REGION THREE CLUB BUILDERS

By Donna Jackson, Club Builder, Smoky Mountain Civitan Club

Region 3 has just added a new club to the fold! The Smoky Mountain Civitan Club was chartered in May with the celebration held June 11, 2024.

The Smoky Mountain Civitan Club was founded on a whim. Chuck Bowman, Region 3 Director wanted to have a Region Meeting in the western part of the State. The town of Sylva was chosen. After a date for the meeting was selected, in January, we went to look at the hotel and meet with the caterer. In the meantime, my husband Terry asked me if they had a Civitan Club in Sylva. I did some research and discovered they did not. We decided to hold an interest meeting while we were in Sylva. I contacted the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for help. They said they would put the word out and advised me to put an announcement in the local paper, the Sylva Herald. The Sylva Herald did a story on Civitan coming to Sylva and the date of the interest meeting. We had four prospective members come to the first meeting! One of the attendees was familiar with Civitan. Susie Bryson’s mother was President of the former Murphy Civitan Club. Ms. Bryson has been instrumental in getting this club going.

They always say: “the key to starting a new club is getting that one person who will help.” I wish we could clone Susie! This club took off faster than anticipated thanks to Susie!. Chuck and Linda Bowman, John and Pamela Sofley, Terry and myself have made numerous trips to Sylva. Folks, this is a 3 hour ride for us one way! There was never a doubt in our minds that this would be a successful club build. It has been a joy to work with all of the “founding members” to make this club work. And many thanks to Marshall Muse, President of the Rhododendron Club, who has made many trips to club meetings. Rhododendron is the sponsoring club.

For you club builders out there all you have to do is ask! You don’t need a big city to work in. Rural communities is a great place to start! There is no time like the present to start on your next new club!!!!

Donna Jackson
Planning and Procedures Chair
Region 3



At left is Donna Jackson and at right, is Civitan President-Elect John Sofley (2024-2025) who are the club builders for the Smoky Mountain Civitan Club. They were recognized at this year's convention.



Shown above are some of the club builders for the 2023-2024 Civitan year. They were recognized with a club builder's jacket or by receiving an additional star for their jacket.

CONVENTION RECAP PHOTOS, WORKSHOPS AND MORE

What a wonderful few days we had in Albuquerque, reuniting as the Civitan family. We're still SOARING from the excitement! We hope our members enjoyed the event, found it energizing and inspiring, and left with plenty of ideas and resources to take back to their club. We have compiled the exclusive photo album for this year's convention and invite you to take a look and download those photos you like the most! [Click here for the album.](#) We hope you enjoy this album filled with staff photos and other submitted photos from Civitans!



A Special Moment! Past International President Kendyl Massey installs her husband Michael Morgan as the 2024-2025 President of Civitan International.



Shown above are some of the attendees of the 2024 annual convention. The group photo was taken and then given as a thank you to Civitan Dan Brown who dedicated a significant amount of time to help the staff in planning this year's convention.



Thanks to all the participants of Dee's Disco Karaoke! Shown are a group of Civitans who were not scared at all to take the mic. Kudos to these Civitans and we hope this event makes it back again next year for more singing and dancing!



In this photo, Civitans John Sofley and Mark Curran are shown with a Special Olympics golfer and her mom. The foursome is also joined by their team mascot, which is the young golfer's puppy, who they brought along! What a fun idea to pair these golfers with our Civitans for a day out on the course!

CONVENTION RECAP PHOTOS, WORKSHOPS AND MORE (CONTINUED)

At Convention, we offered the Civitan Knowledge track (informative items related to club building and marketing) and the General Knowledge track (informative personal development topics) for attendees.

We hope the Civitan Knowledge group of workshops left you with many best practices, ideas and new connections to take back to your clubs.

Here's the titles and contacts for those workshops:

- Leveling UP: Engaging Strategies for Recruiting & Retaining Members to Drive Growth
For questions and more info: joley@civitan.org
- Talk it UP: Sharing the Civitan Story in Dynamic & Engaging Ways
For questions and more info: brittney@civitan.org



- Turning UP: Revolutionizing the Club Building Experience
No slides for this workshop, but if you have any interest in or questions about Civitan Club Building, please contact Member Growth Specialist, Joley Abrams at joley@civitan.org.

[Click here to access the presentations](#) for these educational workshops and to enjoy other convention recap items!

2023-2024 COMPETITIVE AWARD WINNERS

Compiled by CI Staff

Thousands of people from around the world join together in the service, knowledge, and fellowship of Civitan, changing lives and communities along the way. The Civitan Awards Programs allows clubs the opportunity to be recognized at both the Region and International levels. *The awards recognize work done in the prior year (2022-2023).*

GROWTH AWARDS | 2022-2023

DALTON CIVITAN CLUB MOST NET NEW MEMBERS

Congrats to Dalton Civitan Club of Georgia, for the most net new members last year. Starting the year with 77 members, the club added 27, only deleted 11, and ended the year at 93 strong.



SPECIAL FRIENDS OF NORTH COUNTY CIVITAN CLUB HIGHEST PERCENTAGE GROWTH

Congratulations to the Special Friends of North County Club from Vista, California! This club started the year with 15 members, added 9, deleted 0, and ended the year with 24 members, a 60% net gain.



COMPETITIVE AWARDS | 2022-2023

DALTON CIVITAN CLUB
OUTSTANDING CIVITAN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The Dalton Civitan club members hosted eight awareness events over the course of the year, each hosted by a different club member at a local small business. This resulted in 2 members on average joining the club at each event! By promoting these events on social media and by word of mouth, the club was also able to INCREASE their Facebook page “likes” by 960, and 1,200 followers.



Second place for Civitan Awareness goes to the Arab Civitan Club of Alabama, and third place goes to the Salisbury North Carolina Club!

CIVITAN CLUB OF IDAHO FALLS
OUTSTANDING CLUB FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to the Civitan Club of Idaho Falls, winning for their FAMOUS “Alive After Five” event. Alive After Five is a weekly Wednesday evening event during the summer, in picturesque downtown Idaho Falls, with live music, local food vendors, and sponsors who set up booths to share their product or story with the community.



Second place for Outstanding Club Fundraiser goes to Guntersville Ladies, and third place to the Joelton, Tennessee club!

TAMPA METRO CIVITAN CLUB
OUTSTANDING HEALTH & WELLNESS PROJECT

Congratulations to the Tampa Metro Civitan Club! This award congratulates a club for helping people with I/DD focus on, and improve their physical, emotional and mental health. Partnering with your local Special Olympics is a great way to do just that, because Special Olympics affords adults and children rare access to exercise, competition, recognition and confidence-building physical activities. This area’s Special Olympics organizers needed a volunteer group they could depend on, to manage the awards process at every competition in a six-county area, and our first place winner answered that call.



In second place in this category, we have the Midland, Michigan club and in third place, Triangle Luncheon of North Carolina!

HAWFIELDS CIVITAN CLUB
OUTSTANDING JUNIOR/SENIOR PARTNERSHIP

Kudos to the Hawfields Civitan Club for their work with the Haunted Forest project, which is a local tradition for many, providing Halloween family fun for almost 50 years. The event is a collaboration between the adult and junior clubs, which share the proceeds to carry out their community service throughout the year. Adult and junior club members work together in construction, painting, ticket sales and promotion. Seniors are proud to have taught the younger squad all sorts of new skills!



Second place in this category goes to Bannock Civitan Club of Idaho, and third place to the Tampa Metro Club from Florida!

TRIANGLE LUNCHEON CIVITAN CLUB
OUTSTANDING CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

Congratulations to the Triangle Luncheon Civitan Club from North Carolina, for their well-organized and executed yearly club communications plan, which is included in their club’s bylaws. It includes monthly publishing of their Civi-notes newsletter, which informs membership of club activities, changes in the roster, and the business of the club.



Second place in this category goes to Guntersville Ladies Civitan Club from Alabama, and third place is awarded to the Civitan Club of Lenawee, Michigan!

COLUMBIA CIVITAN CLUB
OUTSTANDING FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT



This impact area is all about clubs who support those who care for individuals with I/DD by serving those family members or community agencies. Our first place winner, the Columbia Civitan Club, steps in to act as a family support system in three permanent residential homes for adult men with I/DD. Support activities include honoring each of the 19 resident’s birthdays in-person with presents, balloons and a celebration, holding Christmas parties for the houses, a spring cookout bar-b-q feast to thank the staff personnel, and escorting the men to outings such as local minor-league baseball games.

Second place for Family & Community support goes to the Route 66 club in Albuquerque, and third place to the Bannock Civitan Club!

COMPETITIVE AWARDS CONTINUED | 2022-2023

PASADENA CIVITAN CLUB
OUTSTANDING EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

This award recognizes a club which helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities reach their fullest potential through the classroom, job experiences and other continued learning opportunities. Annually, this club presents the “Hire Up Employer Recognition Awards”, which recognizes businesses and organizations who have made extraordinary efforts to hire persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The “Hire Up” event is an important part of the club’s broader mission to increase employment opportunities for people living with I/DD. A hearty congratulations to the Pasadena Civitan Club for this amazing program!



Second place for Education & Employment project goes to the Dalton Civitan Club, and third place, another win for the Triangle Luncheon of North Carolina!

CIVITAN ORCHIDS & KC EX-MEN
OUTSTANDING INCLUSIVE & ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITIES



This award recognizes Civitans who are committed to making our world open, welcoming and accessible to people living with disabilities. This award was won jointly by two clubs working together, two clubs we all know and love, the Civitan Orchids and KC Ex-Men from Kansas City, Kansas! The Orchids and Ex-Men host the KCK Civitan All Abilities Daycamp, a free daycamp which offers activities that people with I/DD may not usually have access to, such as a day in nature, games, crafts, a scavenger hunt, and several levels of hikes.

Second and third place in this category go to two clubs who continue to stacked up on awards this year: the Bannock Civitan Club, and the Dalton, Georgia club!

PRESENTING THE 2022-2023
DR. COURTNEY SHROPSHIRE OUTSTANDING CIVITAN CLUB
ARAB CIVITAN CLUB

This award is given to the club who truly excelled during the 2022-2023 year and this year’s recipient goes to the Arab Civitan Club!

This year’s top award goes to a club which goes above and beyond serving their community, in gaining knowledge, and enjoying fellowship. The club not only participates in Region and International events, gives to the Civitan International Research center, but also, and most importantly, provides impactful service. Projects include:

- “Blessings in a Backpack” – providing food over the week-end for children who rely on school meals as their main source of nourishment
- Sensory friendly toolkits for the local police and sherriff’s departments, in case they encounter a child with I/DD
- Stocking a Teen Pantry which provides personal care supplies and food to teens in need
- Awarding Servant’s Heart awards to local special education teachers and aides recognizing their important work.



Shown is Past International President Jo Ann O’Toole with Senior International Director and member of the Arab Civitan Club, Joel Hallman, receiving the award at this year’s convention.

JUNIORS PREPARE FOR ALL IN SUMMIT 2025



By Mallory Kimbrell

The All In Summit is a unique opportunity for Junior Civitan members to represent the Junior Civitan program in Birmingham, Alabama. While the event serves as the program’s main fundraiser for the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC), participants enjoy a weekend full of fellowship, education, and service as they convene in the birthplace of Civitan International and CIRC. To attend, students must raise a minimum amount of funds by reaching out to family, friends, Civitan members, and other members of their community. Students are incentivized to fundraise through various incentives such as branded items, scholarship opportunities, coverage of their travel expenses, and more!

The 6th Annual All In Summit in 2025 will take place primarily at the Alabama 4H Center, just outside of Birmingham, Alabama. Participants and chaperones will have dorm-style accommodations, and the majority of the weekend’s events will take place on site at the center. The event will consist of a keynote speaker, leadership workshops, a service parade, visit to the Civitan International Research Center, team building activities, a Birmingham cultural

event, free time, and more! This year’s keynote speaker is Nick Tokman. Nick, also known as “Sunshine” on Discovery Channel’s Deadliest Catch. He will be presenting “Become Your Captain: Catch Your Future”, which empowers others to overcome all of the distractions and obstacles that get in the way of owning who they are, so they achieve THEIR definition of success. We anticipate this being a great speech for our juniors!

Just a reminder, Civitan Clubs can NOT sponsor a Junior Civitan or give towards their fundraising totals. A Civitan member can support a Junior Civitan though! Another way a Civitan Club can help is to partner with a Junior Civitan or a Junior Civitan Club to raise funds to do a joint fundraiser together. Club sponsorships for the event open on October 1st. Civitan Club, Junior Civitan Club, and/or Region donations are seen as event sponsorships and are not tied to a participant’s individual fundraising total. These event sponsorships are designed to help us cover the direct costs of the event and as a result, will help us increase attendance. Donations are recognized in the Civitans at the Helm program. *If you would like to sponsor or have any questions, please reach out to juniorcivitan@civitan.org!*



THE 104TH ANNUAL CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TOGETHER we soar.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
AUGUST 4-7, 2024

VOTING RESULTS



INTERNATIONAL BOARD & AMENDMENTS VOTING RESULTS

We had 257 registered delegates and 221 delegates voted. We exceeded the minimum required for a Quorum.

International Elections Results

- For President-Elect, the winner is John Sofley from the Rock Hill Civitan Club in South Carolina.
- For International Director, Region 1 the winner is Emily Hodges, from the Tri County Civitan Club in Alabama.
- For International Director, Region 2 the winner is Bonnie Ruth, from St. Petersburg Civitan Club in Florida.
- For International Director, Region 4 the winner is Kendra Wormley, from Peninsula Civitan Club in Virginia.
- For International Director, Region 8 the winner is Andrew Wheeler, from the Metro Phoenix Civitan Club in Arizona.



Shown is the new International Board at the closing ceremony and installation during this year's convention

Congratulations to these Civitans and we are grateful for their leadership to our organization.

Amendments Results

- The first amendment was to remove the sentence in Bylaws Section 6.01 Elected Officers that stated that “The President and President-elect shall be from different regions.” - **This amendment was approved.**
- The second amendment was to increase minimum dues per quarter per club from \$150 to \$180 by changing Section 8.01, part (b) of Dues and Fees for U.S. Member Clubs from \$150 per quarter to \$180 per quarter for US Clubs. - **This amendment was approved.**
- The third amendment was to increase the per member quarterly Civitan International dues by amending Bylaws Section 8.01, part (b) of Dues and Fees for U.S. Member Clubs, from \$18 per quarter to \$20 per quarter for members of U.S. Clubs. - **This amendment was approved.**

Thank you for your attention to this important business for our organization.

Civitan International
Executive Vice President

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WOMEN IN CIVITAN

Civitan was the first service organization to invite women in 1974



Civitan International became the first all-male service organization to allow women on July 3rd, 1974 and since then, women have contributed significantly to the legacy and mission of Civitan International!

There is no set definition of what it means to be a woman in Civitan. Our female members represent all races, colors, and creeds. They are pioneers. They are leaders. They are builders of good citizenship in their communities. Some joined because friends and family asked, others joined to meet new people and give back in their towns. Whatever brought them to Civitan, it is the service that keeps them coming back.

For the remainder of the year, we will spend time celebrating the contributions of female leaders in our organization and how they have given tirelessly to help so many throughout the years. Please email those women you would like to see spotlighted to brittney@civitan.org. Please include 2 photos (preferably a headshot photo and one of the woman doing service), years as a Civitan, current Civitan club and 2-3 sentences on why you feel this woman should be highlighted.



INTERESTED IN CLUB BUILDING?

Getting started is easy and rewarding!
If you are interested in building a NEW Civitan Club in your area, email our team so we can help you get started!

Contact growth@civitan.org to learn more today!



CLUB NEWS

Compiled by CI Staff



Multiple Clubs ALABAMA

Shown in this photo are the Region 1 golfers at this year's BreakThru Golf Benefit. The golfers enjoyed a day out at Twin Warriors Golf Course in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Thanks to all those who attended and participated in this important fundraiser for the mission of Civitan International.



Club Build In Progress! Lakeland Civitan Club FLORIDA

The new Lakeland Civitan Club (club build in progress) recently held an interest meeting where 22 attended! Those in attendance included members, teachers from local schools, Special Olympics coaches and athletes also attended. They enjoyed a great presentation about Brothers In Service, an organization to support veterans.



Salisbury Civitan Club NORTH CAROLINA

Recently, the Salisbury Civitan Club hosted the quarterly Shakers Dance for adults with I/DD. The club extends thanks to the Rowan County Parks & Rec. for creating opportunities for fun and fellowship.



Civitan Club of Frederick MARYLAND

Recently, a group from the Civitan Club of Frederick built three pieces of Adaptive PE Equipment for Fairfax County Public Schools. This is a creative, colorful rock wall that the members hope the students enjoy.



New Club! Milton-Alpharetta Civitan GEORGIA

Congratulations to Civitan's newest club in Milton-Alpharetta! We are so proud of this group of dedicated Civitans and all they are already doing in their community for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities! The club chartered on August 4th, 2024.

CLUB NEWS



Clarksville Civitan Club TENNESSEE

The annual Clarksville Civitan Summer Social was a super success. The food from Hilltop Grocery was fantastic and the trivia, provided by Olivia Lucia and NW Tennessee Trivia, was so entertaining! Everyone had a great time and we look forward to next year.

Congratulations to the Walter Leslie family who won the top prize in the trivia!

For those who missed it, well we missed you and hope you can be there for the next social.

Bartlesville Civitan Club OKLAHOMA

The Bartlesville Civitan Club presented a check to Mr. Smith, the principal at Wayside Elementary, for funds raised at their May Paddle Party. The paddle party fundraiser raised money for ADA playground equipment for Wayside.



Civitan Club of Idaho Falls IDAHO

The Civitan Club of Idaho Falls volunteered today at the Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen. The group served 100 patrons a hot lunch of BBQ Tri-tip, BBQ Pulled Chicken, Buttered Corn, French Fries, Green Salad, Buttermilk Biscuits, & Dessert!



CLUB NEWS



Midland Civitan Club ONTARIO, CANADA

In July, the Midland Civitan Club donated \$10,000 to help fund a new MRI machine at Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH).

The Midland Civitan Club has been investing in excellent care at GBGH for more than 20 years, with total gifts of more than \$75,000. The club has supported the purchase of a new CT scanner, the renovation of the Emergency Department and many pieces of equipment.

“The generosity and kindness of the Midland Civitan Club continues to make a difference at GBGH,” says Victoria Evans, key relationships officer, GBGH Foundation. “Their investment today is helping us get even closer to an MRI at GBGH, and we are so thankful that they have chosen to support our community in this way.” [Read the full article here.](#)

SPOTLIGHT A CIVITAN IN OUR MAGAZINE

Our Civitan Spotlight highlights Civitans who have been a member over 30 years and the contributions they have made to their community. We are looking for interesting stories about our Civitans across the GLOBE!

To submit a Civitan for *consideration of this honor, please email brittney@civitan.org.
DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE IS SEPT. 15TH.



**Please note all submissions will be reviewed, but not all are able to publish in the magazine due to limited space. Some may also be delayed to a future issue. Thank you for your time in highlighting the great works of fellow Civitans.*

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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