We Are the Key!

Phio, bonjour, hello Civitans,

My how time flies when you’re meeting wonderful Civitans around the world who are providing astounding levels of service in communities where they live, work and play.

I have had the privilege of traveling to so many locations so far this year. From club, district and regional meetings where we have learned about club building, recruitment, leadership development, conflict management, even staying fit! We even decorated gift boxes for Blue Star Moms (moms of military soldiers).

Visiting with our great Junior Civitan leaders and Civitan members to the north of us, was a “chilling” experience even for Tim. Junior Civitan’s annual Sno-Do, was comprised of eighteen Junior Civitans who raised $62,019.28 for Junior Civitan programs and the UAB Civitan International Research Center (CIRC). To date, this fundraising event by our Juniors has helped raise more than $1.5 million!

Then in Myrtle Beach, SC I joined 103 Junior Civitans for their annual 12-Hour Dance A Thon. They exceeded their fundraising goal and raised $55,558!

What an honor it was to travel and visit Civitans in Europe. Thinking my suitcase was prepared for the weather, boy was I wrong! First was the German convention, where we were greeted with such heartfelt hospitality from our fellow Civitans. I managed to learn just enough German to provide my departing remarks in their native language. Then it was off to Paris to welcome the members of our newly approved country, which will charter its first club this month! Then in Rome, I spent time with our Civitan General Secretary, Carmelo Cutuli, who has been our Key to building more Civitan clubs throughout Italy.

From Rome, we traveled to Fredrikstad, Norway for the European Convention. It was a pleasure to see many Civitan friends, including our first female president outside the United States, Eva Wilhelmsen (2001-2002). It was great to hear about all of the projects they are involved with, such as Alzheimer’s research, youth projects and Special Olympics.

After saying goodbye to our fellow Civitans in Europe, I made the journey back stateside just in time for the Governors’ Update and spring board meeting. Before the meeting, I visited with several local Civitan and Junior Civitan clubs, and attended two pre-charter meetings. One of them is a YP Civitan club (to be named the UAB YP Club). It was a treat to see them doing their first project for the local Ronald McDonald House, before they even charter!

Believe it or not, the highlight of my trip was the unveiling of the UAB Civitan International Research Center’s latest research lab. The Civitan International Neuroimaging Laboratory features a new, state-of-the-art full-body MRI scanner. They even scanned your International President after the ribbon cutting! The lab will conduct advanced MRI research and clinical MRI imaging for cutting-edge research into developmental disabilities and other cognitive disorders.

Your board was busy during the spring meeting and worked hard for the good of Civitan, including bylaw changes (page 10).

While I plan to visit many more clubs, districts and regions, my travels to-date have been nothing short of exceptional. I have seen with my own eyes the work that you do across the globe, and the message being resounded is that we are the KEY to making a difference in our communities! I ask you to invite others to join our wonderful organization, and do the work of the world.

Lastly you don’t want to miss our International Convention in Norfolk, where we have lots of exciting things planned for you – see you there!

Debbie Juhlk, 2015-16 International President

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Civitans from around the world will be meeting in Norfolk, VA for the 2016 International Convention this summer. Turn to page 5 for more info!
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We are the Key to Growth and Retention
Research Profile: Dr. Alan Percy, MD

Dr. Alan K. Percy, MD has been working to advance the understanding of Rett syndrome for more than 30 years. The majority of that time has been at the UAB Civitan International Research Center, where he currently serves as Interim Director. This is a look back at Dr. Percy’s work over the years.

Shortly after the Civitan International Research Center opened in 1992, Alan Percy joined the UAB Department of Pediatrics as the director of Child Neurology and the Medical Director of the Civitan-Sparks Clinics. Dr. Percy completed his undergraduate education at Harvard and medical school at Stanford University. There, he met Guy McKhann, the head of Child Neurology, who became a superb mentor. Through Dr. McKhann, he was able to spend two years at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Percy continued with pediatric training at Stanford before moving to Baltimore, where he trained in neurology and child neurology. Throughout his early career, Dr. Percy pursued research studies in several disorders, as well as the developing nervous system. He transferred to Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital and UCLA in 1972, then moved to the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston in 1979.

It was there, in 1983, when he was asked to evaluate a young girl in the developmental clinic, that he encountered his first person (and one of the few girls seen by that time in the US) with a unique neurodevelopmental disorder known as Rett syndrome. This evaluation would change the course of his entire career.

This disorder, seen almost exclusively in females, was first described by Andreas Rett in 1966, but was not widely discussed in medical literature until 1983. Infants affected by Rett syndrome develop normally at first, but at six to eighteen months, they begin to lose their motor skills. They develop traits associated with autism and cerebral palsy. There is no cure for Rett syndrome, and children affected by it will need assistance for their most basic needs for the rest of their lives.

From that time forward, Dr. Percy has devoted much of his research efforts to understanding the causes and nature of Rett syndrome. He initiated a clinic for individuals with this disorder in Houston. It was in there, in 1999, that mutations in the gene known as MECP2, were identified as the cause of Rett syndrome.

Following his move to the CIRC in 1992, Dr. Percy recruited a cadre of research associates at the CIRC to continue these studies. Together with Lucas Pozzo-Miller, and later Michele Olsen, this group made important basic science findings that are leading to the development of potential treatments for this illness.

In 2004, natural history studies in Rett syndrome were initiated through the Office of Rare Diseases Research at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Percy was co-Principal Investigator, and later Principal Investigator, of this grant, which has recruited more than 1,300 individuals. This study has built the foundation for our scientific understanding of the multitude of clinical features displayed by individuals with Rett syndrome.

This research, which has tracked individuals with Rett syndrome for years (many for more than ten years), has led to a remarkable array of findings for this previously unknown disorder. Furthermore, the increased attention to Rett syndrome in the United States and abroad has influenced the pattern of care with respect to nutrition, therapy, and special education. It has led to the creation of advanced computer technology based on eye movement tracking, which allows people with Rett syndrome to communicate with their caregivers. As such, the girls and women seen since the end of the last century are remarkably better in terms of nutritional health, orthopedic limitations, seizure control, overall health, and - most importantly - quality of life.

Life expectancy has also improved. Few of the girls and women seen by Andy Rett survived beyond 25 years of age. Today, their average lifespan is now more than 50 years. The NHS has also allowed for the clarification of diagnostic criteria for Rett syndrome, simplifying the diagnosis process for this complex disorder. The average age at diagnosis has improved from four years of age to 2.7, and strategies are being put in place to lower this even further. Earlier diagnosis allows for earlier treatment. It also helps families better prepare for the needs of their child. This research has led to a greatly improved quality of life for children and families affected by Rett syndrome.

This research, while led by Dr. Percy’s team at the UAB CIRC, was a group effort involving dedicated teams at Baylor College of Medicine, Boston Children’s Hospital (Harvard) and the Greenwood Genetic Center plus a group of four travel sites at Rutgers, Rush Medical School, and Oakland Children’s Hospital, as well as sites in Tampa and Miami.

The Civitan Rett syndrome Clinic has functioned in the CIRC for more than 10 years, providing both care and research toward those affected by Rett syndrome. Presently, Dr. Percy and his team, including his research manager, Jane Lane, and data manager, Jerry Childers, continue the natural history study while also engaging in clinical trials to examine the benefits of these new treatment options.

Dr. Percy has been the Associate Director of CIRC for many years and was recently named as Interim Director of the CIRC until a permanent director can be recruited. He looks forward to continuing the broad range of research and care through the CIRC and the Civitan-Sparks Clinics.
Considered the arts, culinary, and cultural capital of the region, Norfolk is a favorite destination for visitors experiencing the myriad of offerings of Southeast Virginia. This charming and dynamic city is considered the heart of the Virginia waterfront.

The city that is adorned by colorful mermaid statues will host Civitans for our international convention this summer. Navigating Norfolk is easy with its pedestrian-friendly streets, posted street maps, a free downtown electric NET shuttle, and light rail system.

You won’t want to miss a visit to Norfolk this summer. Official convention dates are opening day on Wednesday, July 13 with closing on Saturday, July 16. Join fellow Civitans as we begin the year of our Centennial Celebration!

Norfolk Highlights:
• Chrysler Museum Glass Studio
• Station Norfolk, the world’s largest Naval Base
• U.S.S. Wisconsin and Nauticus
• MacArthur Memorial
• Cannonball Trail
• Mermaid Winery

Optional Civitan Tours available in Norfolk:
- Colonial Williamsburg and Williamsburg Winery (Wednesday, July 13 • 8:00 am to 4:00 pm)
- Norfolk, Naval Station Norfolk, Nauticus and U.S.S. Wisconsin (Thursday, July 14 • 11:30 am to 4:00 pm)
- Chrysler Museum, Glass Blowing and Doumar’s (Friday, July 15 • 11:30 am to 3:30 pm)
- Military Aviation Museum (Saturday, July 16 • 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm)

Don't miss the 2016 Convention in Norfolk this summer! Join fellow Civitans as we begin the year of our Centennial Celebration!

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel
Special Civitan Rate
$114 a night + applicable taxes (single/double)
Guest room reservations are currently available through the Civitan website.
Prepared and written by John C. “Jack” Fournier, candidate for Civitan International

Our Civitan story began 99 years ago, and it continues to show how we positively impact the lives of others. Every Civitan has their unique story. My personal Civitan story started in December 1984. A sequence of events ensued that took my life in a direction beyond my dreams. Civitan involvement has been intertwined with life’s experiences to prepare me as a strong choice to lead our organization into the future with a skill set grounded in financial management, teaching, marketing, project planning and innovation. My Civitan metamorphosis created what others witness in me today.

You will find my leadership style helped others succeed. It resulted in growth, expansion and increased awareness as reflected with my recognition as a Civitan certified club builder, Jr Civitan club builder, and development team member. Decision making was aided by my expertise in the financial analysis of businesses and non-profit organizations, with asset size up to billions of dollars, acquired over my 30-year banking career. As a Civitan International Geographic trainer, officers gained needed skills derived from my years as an instructor and mentor in the business, collegiate and volunteer arenas with a dedication to excellence. My project management and marketing techniques yielded increased revenue and program outreach. In addition, my strategic planning experience combined with policy creation and regulatory compliance yielded a skill-set useful to strengthen organizations. These competencies produced a tapestry of results with the “Fun” factor woven throughout.

Like you, my Civitan story supplements my biography given the fusion of events with Civitans and Civitan projects. Civitans encouraged and mentored me. It was an honor to have served as an International Director or District Governor with twelve individuals who are now known as Past Civitan International Presidents. I learned something important from each of them. Civitans celebrated the good times like our wedding, the birth of our son, career promotions, holidays, vacations and dreams. Civitans provided support in the tough times, such as the death of my parents, the illness of loved ones, and the sting from unfulfilled expectations. In the process, my story is connected to their story, and this connectivity makes us stronger. My Civitan leadership service spans every level of the organization from my time as a single, young professional to a married, career veteran, who understands how to balance the important service we provide with the demands of career and family.

My Civitan story is linked to your Civitan story. With that realization, I ask for your support and vote to become the next Civitan International President-Elect. My pledge is to employ proven leadership skills, innovative ideas and a fervent commitment to excellence in order to make the most of our Civitan moments. The Civitan story continues and because it does, our dreams to be the best and build a better world live on with our most rewarding days yet to come.


John Fournier
Candidate for President-Elect
West Little Rock and Argenta Civitan Clubs
Heartland District

Book of Dreams ... the Story Continues

QUALIFICATIONS
International Service:
• International Board of Directors, 1991-1993, Region Eight
• Member, Convention Committee 1992
• Chairperson, Finance Committee, 1992-1993
• Co-Sgt of Arms, 1995
• Member, Election Committee, 2000 and 2001
• Member, Resolutions Committee, 2005
• Member, Training Team, Geographic Training for Club Presidents & Pres.-Elects (4 years) 2008-2011
• International Growth and Retention committee, 2015
• Member President’s Council
• International Convention Voting Delegate (20 years)
• International Board vote: 1992, 1993

Recruitment and Club Building:
• Accredited and Certified Club Builder, assisted in several club building efforts resulting in club charters
• Robinson Middle School Jr. Civitan Club, 1988
• North Pulaski Civitan, 1989
• Magnolia (AR) Civitan, 1992
• Branson Tri-Lakes Civitan 2006
• Argenta (f.k.a. North Little Rock) Civitan, 2009 New Club Development Team
• Pinnacle Civitan, 2004-2006
• Chenal Civitan, 2012

District Service:
• Ozark District Governor, 1988-1989
• Heartland District Governor, 2008-2009

Other District Positions held include the following:
• International Foundation Liaison (3-years)
• Immediate Past Governor Director (2-years)
• Past Governor Director (2 years)
• District Secretary
• District Judge Advocate (6 years)
• New Club Building Committee Chair (2 years)
• Retention Committee Chair (3 years)
• Existing Club Growth Chair (3 years)
• Long Range Planning Committee Chair (4 years)
• District Convention- Meeting Chair (2 years)
• Awards Chair or Co-Chair (2 years)
• Nominations Chair (2 years)
• Ozark District Co-Chair for Merger
• District Convention Voting Delegate (24 years)

Club Service:
• UAPL Civitan Club President, 1986-1987, club achieved Honor Club status
• North Pulaski Civitan Club President, 1990-1991, club achieved Honor Club status
• West Little Rock Club President, 2004-2005, club achieved Honor Club of Distinction status
• West Little Rock Club President, 2013 - present, club achieved Honor Club status for 2014 and 2015
• Club Treasurer (3-terms)
• Club Secretary (2 terms)
• Club President-Elect (1 full term)
• Candy Box Co-Chair (Little Rock Civitan)
• Numerous committee and project chair assignments
Kendyl Massey

Candidate for President-Elect
Volunteer ACTION Civitan Club
Appalachian District

I joined Civitan 22 years ago when I made the decision to give back to my local community. I believe that it is our responsibility as good citizens to help those in need and less fortunate. Many of my friends and co-workers have asked over the years about my membership and commitment to Civitan and what do I get out of it….What I say is that I have been given back a hundred times over of what I have ever given to Civitan and community service. There is no price that can be put on the joy in my heart of helping with special needs children at carnivals, sporting events or dances.

I think that we have a great opportunity in Civitan to utilize new technology and social media to improve communication to our members. It can also be used to market and spread the word to thousands of others who have yet to learn and know what Civitan is all about. I also believe that there is great potential for us to use social media to consistently offer “knowledge” and “best practices” to our membership base through online videos and training.

I am a firm believer in leading by example! I am not just saying I “believe” in club building and recruitment - I am continuing to recruit (currently 130 members) and build new clubs (13 completed to date) underway. In order to be viable for the next 100 years, we have to recruit members into existing clubs and build new clubs. We have to continue to explore different ways of building new clubs. There are several formats out there now and we need to continue to think outside of the box.

It is also vitally important to have new clubs supported by a development team for two years after they are built in order for them to remain stable. In today’s world, Civitan is competing for time with more interests and activities than ever, so we must make joining and being active in a Civitan club as easy and as rewarding as possible. We need to emphasize the “fellowship” at club meetings as well as the service and knowledge. Fellowship and fun makes club members look forward to participating in community service projects with their friends, not just fellow club members.

I believe that it is the responsibility of our leadership to be good stewards of our finances and expenditures, as well to keep our organization financially stable. I pledge to do my best to provide oversight, accountability and transparency for all expenses.

I want to be the next leader of our organization. I promise if elected, I will work hard to make Civitan and our members the best they can be!

I am asking for your support and your vote at the Norfolk Civitan International convention this July. Thank you for your consideration and all you do to make our world a better place!

This article was prepared by the committee to elect Kendyl Massey and is not an endorsement of her candidacy by Civitan International.
Your Candidates for International Director

Willie Hamblen  
Candidate for International Director, Region 1  
Central Heights Civitan Club, Alabama North District

Civitan has been in my heart for 13 years as I discovered people who care and seek to make the world a better place. I seek to become a regional director to be more engaged in the leadership of Civitan and its future. The next few years will be crucial to insure another 100 years. I examine trends and seek to maximize the advantage of sensing the best approaches for success in any cultural environment.

My experience outside Civitan has given me experience in leadership:

- President of a board of Realtors
- President of a 501c3 foundation
- Two terms as a city councilman in a city of 200,000
- Acting Mayor of the 8th largest city in TX
- A lifetime of leadership in religious circles
- Public speaking regularly since the 9th grade of high school

In Civitan, I have:

- Served as President for two clubs and am to be president of my club 2016-2017
- Been Area Director three times
- Achieved MST status
- Served as distinguished Governor of my district 2013-2014 when the district had the largest membership increase in Civitan.
- Visited every club in my district and have spoken at many clubs in other districts.

W. E. (Willie) Hamblen

Barbara Holyfield  
Candidate for International Director, Region 1  
Meridian First Ladies Civitan Club, Magnolia District

I have been a dedicated Civitan member of the Meridian First Ladies for the past 13 years and I believe in what Civitan stands for and the good Civitan does in our communities and the world. While serving the Magnolia Civitan District as Governor, I also served my home club as president receiving the Distinguished President Award. I have continued to serve my district while working with the Jr. Civitans as chair since January 2009. I personally helped build 16 new Jr. clubs and assisted with five more.

I am a firm believer in leading by example and I never ask a fellow Civitan to do something that I am not willing to do.

I have been a Human Resources Manager for several large firms and a business owner working with the public. I served on numerous executive boards and a community nonprofit board as a president and member. Any time you work with a wide range of personalities on a board, you are expected to maintain a leadership role by voicing the needs of the people you serve.

If Region 1 members feel I am the right candidate for the position of Director, I will diligently serve your districts and be open to help in any way I can.

Lana Suggs  
Candidate for International Director, Region 2  
Uptown Civitan Club, Florida District

While working as a Manager for CSX Transportation, completing my M.B.A., and raising four daughters as a single parent, my Director challenged me with a stretch goal that would ignite my passion for Civitan. She encouraged me to join the Uptown Civitan Club. I soon discovered that she was the incoming Club President. My first volunteer activity was that of a “hugger” at the Special Olympics Event and my assignment was to hug every kid that crossed the finish line and say, great job! A simple hug and a kid’s smile and I was hooked. This special event changed my life. Fast forward 27 years later and here I am, as enthusiastic and excited about Civitan as I was standing at that finish line cheering and shouting for every kid that crossed. My ability to multitask personally and perform professionally propelled me to the esteemed Uptown Civitan Club President, District Governor and recently a Certified Club Builder. These honorable and exemplary accomplishments solidify my qualifications for the position I am seeking. Please vote for Lana Suggs as your next International Director Region 2 at the Norfolk Convention.
International Director

Patti Jackowski
Candidate for International Director, Region 4
Middletown Civitan Club, New England District

A True Civitan
• 10 year history in Civitan, became a Civitan in 2006
• New England District Governor 2011-2012, Current District Director
• New England District liaison 2012 - 2015
• Current Middletown Civitan Club President Served as President 5 years
• Holds both Club and District Honor Keys
• Member of Civitan’s President’s Council
• Recipient of Civitan International Research Fellow

I pledge my commitment to the members of Region IV to serve as International Director with honesty and integrity. I believe in transparency and keeping members informed while expanding the name and membership at Civitan and The International Research Center. Professionally, I am a Utilization Review Nurse for the Department of Social Services for the State of CT. I have 34 years of experience as a Registered Nurse specializing in Geriatric Nursing and Quality Assurance. I was recruited into Civitan by my husband Charlie, who served as Region IV Director 2008-2010. He is the Senior Accountant for the Tomasso Group In CT. To contact Patti: Home Phone (860) 344-8622; Cell Phone (860) 638-8018 • Email: pjjcjj@sbcglobal.net

Linda Colley
Candidate for International Director, Region 8
El Monte/Arcadia Civitan Club, California District

Twenty years ago, I was a high school teacher and scholarships coordinator who visited my local Civitan Club once a month to accompany an outstanding student from my school. The student would be treated to dinner, would give a brief talk, and would be presented with a small check in recognition of his/her leadership skills. After many months of visits, I decided to join this Civitan Club and promised that I would start a Junior Civitan Club at my school.

Since then, I have coordinated two Junior Civitan District Conventions as Junior Chair for my district. I have also served as Club President five times and am currently in my second term as District Governor. When I retired in 2007, I was invited by Civitan International to become a Geographical Trainer, a position that I was delighted to accept. I also became a Certified Club Builder and, for five years, I traveled throughout the U.S. during the summer to conduct Leadership Training in various Civitan Districts. As a trainer, I learned at least as much as I taught, and one thing I learned was that Civitans are a wonderful cross-section of humanity. But we all have a common desire to serve, to help others in need, and to be part of the solution. It is in this spirit that I am running for the office of International Director for Region 8.

Michael Köneke
International European Coordinator
Civitan Club Hannover, Germany District

Per Civitan International Bylaws, Michael Köneke was already elected as European Coordinator by the Civitans of the European Region. He will begin his term on the Civitan International Board of Directors on October 1st.

These articles were prepared by their respective candidates, and are not an endorsement of any candidate by Civitan International.
When I think about Growth and Retention as related to Civitan clubs, I am reminded of a triangle. Each side is essential, and connected to the other two. Let’s take a look at this Civitan triangle to help illustrate how each side supports Growth and Retention.

Civitan International is one side of the triangle. International provides policies and guidance to our districts and clubs for many things, including growth and retention. International’s FOCUS reports tells our district leaders how well we are doing down to the club level, and may announce incentives for clubs and members who meet membership goals. International also provides club-building training at International conventions for District Growth and Retention team members. This is a fantastic training opportunity. I strongly suggest members interested in club building to sign up right away.

Civitan Districts make up the next side on the triangle. Districts help ensure clubs meet their goals and operate successfully, and look for new club building opportunities, while also encouraging clubs to retain current membership. While this is a mouthful, some districts also provide supplemental training into their local procedures, usually during district meetings and conventions. However, a key group at the district level is the Growth and Retention Team. These teams assist with club building and, sometimes, club rebuilding. They, along with the District Governor and other officers, can offer ideas and strategies to clubs for successful outreach campaigns and planning membership meetings.

Civitan Clubs are the last side of the triangle. They are the key to Civitan G&R, because they are the face and personality of Civitan. My experience is that when clubs conduct new and current member orientations, they are more successful in recruitment. Newly oriented members have a keen sense of what Civitan is all about; they immediately feel a sense of commitment to Civitan; and they usually feel they are connected to their club. When members have a good Civitan experience, they share this with their friends, co-workers and family members. Having just two membership meetings a year can help keep a club vibrant and growing, and even help a struggling club add new members. We should also remember that we are not social clubs, but service clubs. Members join to reach out in service to others. Involve members in your service projects early and often. But do build in some fellowship time at your club meetings. This time is important for networking and getting to know your fellow members.

At every level of Civitan (International, District and Club), we are all the Keys to Civitan Growth and Retention. Find out how you can get more involved in growing your club and finding ways to build new Civitan clubs in your district. If it is to be, it is up to me!

We Are The Key!

Bylaw Amendments to be voted on in Norfolk

The Civitan International Board of Directors requests your favorable consideration of the following amendments to Article VIII - Dues - Section 8.01 of the Civitan International Bylaws. These items will be formally presented for a vote during the 2016 Norfolk Convention. Certified convention delegates will be casting a ballot vote for each item.

Item #1: To increase the per capita dues amount by $1.00 U.S. per month, per member, billed quarterly.

Your International Board does not recommend a dues increase lightly. This decision was made after extensive discussion, and after several measures were taken to reduce costs wherever possible. This dues increase is necessary to keep Civitan International operational, without cutting services to our member clubs. It has been eight years since our last dues increase. In that time:

- Headquarters staff has reduced from 21 to just 15 full-time employees.
- Travel budgets have been reduced across the board.
- The Annual Report and Junior Civitan Insider Magazine have been shifted from print to online-only production to eliminate printing and mailing costs. The Board of Directors is also recommending that Civitan Magazine shift to online-only publication (see below).
- Headquarters has introduced or expanded resources such as the Civitan website, the Junior Civitan website, and geographical training.

Member dues make it possible for Civitan International to provide the tools, resources and other support to help our clubs and districts serve in their communities. We ask for your support for a dues adjustment of $1.00 US per month.

Item #2: To amend section 8.01 of the Civitan International bylaws to provide for online-only publication of Civitan Magazine, thereby eliminating annual costs of printing and mailing.

In the past ten years, many organizations have shifted to an online-only format for their publications. Civitan Magazine is the flagship publication for Civitan International. Even after reducing the publication to a seasonal (four times per year) schedule, printing and mailing the magazine amounts to several thousand dollars in annual costs. The International Board is recommending that the Civitan Magazine shift to an online-only publication format, posted on the Civitan website.

Many of our members already access the magazine on the Civitan website. Switching to an online-only publication would allow for quicker delivery, greater flexibility in content and eliminate a costly budget item. As Civitan moves into the digital era, it is our duty to take advantage of the cost-saving benefits of our website and social media outlets. We ask for your support for this amendment, to better serve our membership.
Building Enthusiasm Among Club Members

By Wynester Sherrer
Uptown Civitan Immediate-Past President, 2014-2015

I am Civitan. The more I get involved, the greater my passion grows. I love the idea of enriching the lives of others through service. The following part of the International Civitan creed, “My hands do the work of the world and reach out in service to others”, is an essential part of my life. Very little can compare to the essence of truly being blessed to actually volunteer or give back to others unselfishly. Uptown Civitan, in addition to my church, has afforded me this amazing opportunity.

Unreservedly, I look forward to volunteering at Clara White Mission with my Uptown sisters, where 400 or more of the homeless are fed a hot breakfast daily. Also, going to the Ronald McDonald House to prepare dinner for the parents of children facing serious medical crisis moves my heart to beat for every friend, bleed for every injury to humanity and throb with joy at every triumph of truth. Going to Pine Castle School for the mentally and physically challenged adults is a humbling experience as I practice the Golden Rule and build upon it a better and nobler citizenship.

Foremost, I thank God for my life and the opportunity to serve my community and I am committed to do more. As Civitans, let’s all enjoy and cherish the moments we let our light shine with service, love, and purpose.

It is understandable for some newcomers of Civitan to be full of anticipation or somewhat apprehensive about what their future will hold in this awesome organization. The concerns arise, “What can I do?” or, “I love what we stand for, but my time is limited.” In Marianne Williamson’s book, A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of a Course in Miracles, she made an insightful observation: “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.”

For almost 100 years in the existence of Civitan International, our journey has had obstacles and roadblocks, and many achievements. This is to be expected as we contend in our quest to live our lives to the fullest and serve our community with honor and respect. Serving our community means giving back to your community. We know that living our abundant life includes giving back to your community.

As Civitans we do whatever we can, great or small, whenever we can, for as long as we can to enrich the lives of others through service. We are all meant to shine, as children do. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine in service, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. When it comes to volunteering and giving service to others, Civitans automatically raise the bar of expectation, we achieve the impossible, and simultaneously demonstrate to others that everything is possible with the determination to overcome any obstacle and accomplish our purpose in making this a better world through Civitan.

Health and fitness writer Leanne Beattie says, ‘Research has shown that the old adage, ‘it’s better to give than to receive’ is true after all.’ In her Gallup survey on volunteering in the U.S.A., she found that 52% of volunteers do it because they like doing something useful and helping others. Another 38% said they enjoy doing volunteer work and feeling good about themselves.

Unreservedly, I look forward to volunteering at Clara White Mission with my Uptown sisters, where 400 or more of the homeless are fed a hot breakfast daily. Also, going to the Ronald McDonald House to prepare dinner for the parents of children facing serious medical crisis moves my heart to beat for every friend, bleed for every injury to humanity and throb with joy at every triumph of truth. Going to Pine Castle School for the mentally and physically challenged adults is a humbling experience as I practice the Golden Rule and build upon it a better and nobler citizenship.

Leanne Beattie goes on to say that other studies have shown a relationship between volunteering and increased self-esteem, greater personal empowerment, and better health. Others have found that volunteering can help fight depression. Helping others can help take your mind off your own problems and enable you to see the bigger picture. Once you see the difference you can make in another person’s life, your own problems can seem smaller and more manageable.

Research has shown that the good feelings you experience when helping others may be just as important to your health as exercise and a healthy diet. But it’s the smile from a child or thankful person that shows you’re really making a difference in someone’s life.

And that’s the greatest feeling in the world.

“Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It’s what you do for others.” - Danny Thomas

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart” - Elizabeth Andrews
2014 – 2015 Financial Statement for Civitan International

This financial statement is a portion of our annual report prepared by the audit firm of Pearce, Bevill, Leesburg, Moore, P.C. which conforms to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Civitan International • Audited Condensed Statement of Activities for the Year Ended September 30, 2015

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Goal: $20,000,000

Civitan Contributions to the UAB Civitan International Research Center, 1989 to 2015

$17,850,000*

*Includes grants of $4,425,000 from the Foundation for Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Chesapeake District, Civitan International, Inc.
Have you ever thought about volunteering with Special Olympics? If you have thought about it then you probably have volunteered. If not, let me explain why you should get involved with Special Olympics.

Special Olympics is the world’s largest sports organization for people with intellectual disabilities. The mission of Special Olympics is, “to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.” The athletes have an oath they say before each event: “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” This oath says it all about the spirit of the games. Through sports, health, education and community programs, Special Olympics is tackling inactivity, intolerance, isolation and injustice that people with intellectual disabilities throughout the world face.

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the Special Olympics organization, and are vital to its success. Bill Richardson, former Governor for North Carolina District East, and who recently passed away, was the epitome of a Special Olympics volunteer. He gave 110% and then some when he volunteered for the North Carolina Special Olympics. He always said he got more out of it than he gave.

When I was NCDE Governor-Elect, I had the opportunity to walk in with a large group of athletes from Wake County Special Olympics at the opening ceremony of the North Carolina State games. I did not know any of the athletes, since I lived in another county, so I made sure I stayed near the Wake County sign. When it was time for our group to enter, there was a young girl with Down syndrome that came up next to me and put her arm around my elbow. As we walked in, she had the biggest smile on her face. Right then, I knew I had made her day without saying a word. But you know what? She made my day even more! I have had opportunities with Civitan clubs to present ribbons to athletes. To see their faces when presenting them with these awards is very precious. The athlete’s feelings are so genuine and they are so proud of what they have accomplished.

Many Civitans around the world volunteer through the Special Olympics in their communities. Are you one of them? If not, there are many ways you can volunteer. The best way to find out how is to contact the Special Olympics office nearest you. In my district, the Area IV Civitan Clubs work together to serve lunches to the aquatics athletes at the State Olympic Games.

Do you have the energy, enthusiasm and commitment to be a Special Olympics volunteer? Some of these programs require training, but it is well worth your time. Thousands of Civitans just like you have chosen to take a little time from their busy schedule to make a difference.
The Civitan International Headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama was opened in 1976. It was designed, built for, and fully owned by Civitan International as a center for learning, administrative offices, and to offer a much higher level of support for the member clubs. Nearly 40 years of Civitan leaders have crossed the threshold for tours, training, meetings, and more.

Civitan International has launched the one-year Restoration Fund campaign to pay for much-needed repairs to this building. It has been 25 years since the last major repairs, which are now direly needed. As in the past, Civitan International is calling upon its members to donate directly to this fund. Building repairs cannot be funded by membership dues. Every donation helps, but large donations are truly needed.

For more information about this new initiative, please visit the Support Programs section of the Civitan Website, under Fundraising in the Member Resource Center.

The following Civitans, clubs, and districts have made contributions to this program so far. Donors of $1,000 or more are listed below. We sincerely thank you for your support!

**Total received through May 11, 2016: $240,363.00**

**Office Sponsorships**
- Archives
  - North Carolina East District
- Cantina
  - Southeast Guilford Civitan Club
- Corporate Counsel Office
  - Chesapeake District Foundation for Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Development & Administrative Services Office
  - Sherry & Jimmy Garrett
  - Montgomery Civitan Club
- Downstairs Classroom
  - Dr. Gary N. & Leslie Ann Benmark
- Executive Vice President’s Office
  - Dr. Gary N. & Leslie Ann Benmark
- Flag Foyer
  - Florida District
  - Guilford College Community Civitan Club
- Fruitcake Revenue Office
  - Robert & Kathy Bolster

**International Board Room**
- Jay Albertia
- Gena Albertia
- Edward Baum
- Bill & Sharon Buscher
- Brian & Mary Connelly
- Randy & Sharron Eckhoff
- Francis & Mary Lou Essic
- Polly & Victor Forestier
- Markham & Gayle Howe
- Danny & Corine Jackson
- Fred & Betty Kletrovets
- Harold & Patricia Lannom
- W. Alvin & LaVerne Owens
- Bill & Eileen Pearson

**President’s Office**
- Dr. Timothy & Debbie Juhlke

**Roadside Marker**
- Heart of the West District

**Upstairs Classroom**
- Syd Fishman Memorial by Leslie S. Nielsen, Jeff Fishman & David Fishman

**Cornerstone Contributors**
- Alabama Central District
- Almonte Civitan Club
- Lyle Armstrong
- California District
- Capital City Civitan Club
- Civitan Club of Orlando
- Linda S. Colley
- Cottage Hill Civitan Club
- Dickson Civitan Club
- Durham Civitan Club
- Enid Civitan Club
- Farmer Civitan Club
- Heartland Civitan District
- Anita C. James
- Charles & Helen Leach
- Marietta Civitan Club, Ohio
- Terry Meek
- Meriden-Wallingford Civitan Club
- Merrillville Civitan Club
- Midwest Area of North Central District
- Montevallo Civitan Club
- New England District
- Norfolk Civitan Club
- North Central District
- Dr. William D. Rentz
- Richard A. Watson & Carol Kline
- Sanford Civitan Club
- Norman & Rose S. Shamberg Foundation, Inc.
- Tupelo Luncheon Civitan Club

To donate to the Civitan International Restoration Fund, please contact the Development Department at International Headquarters at 1-800-CIVITAN. To find out more about the Restoration Fund, visit the page on Civitan.org, under Fundraising in the Member Resource Center.
Sydney Young Golden Heart Award

Stuart, FL - Every March, members of the Treasure Coast Civitan Club are busy preparing for a special recognition event, which began in 2007. The Sydney Young Golden Heart Award recognizes someone who has gone above and beyond in their dedication to helping a sibling with special needs.

This year marked the tenth anniversary of the event. The accompanying picture shows past award winners around Sydney Young, the first recipient, and the young woman whom the award was named for. The Young family is a proud sponsor of the event.

This year’s recipient was Citrus Grove Elementary School Student Rene Baeza, selected for the care and devotion he shows for his sister Destiny. He received a framed certificate, a golden heart pin, a Civitan tote bag, and a gift card from Walmart. Refreshments and entertainment are provided before the award presentation.

This event is organized and hosted by the Treasure Coast Civitan Club. Everyone in attendance agrees that it’s a wonderful way for the community to come together around the often-unsung heroes, who give so much of themselves to help their siblings.

Civitan International recently joined the Amazon Smile program. For those of you who shop online, this is a simple and easy way for you to raise money for Civitan, at no cost to you! This is a charitable program run by Amazon.com, through which Amazon donates a small portion of your purchase to a nonprofit organization of your choosing.

From their FAQ:

What is AmazonSmile?
AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?
To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?
Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?
On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

To find out more, visit www.smile.amazon.com/about.
Wichita Civitan Club Helps Send Off Troops

Wichita, KS - "Soldiers On Ice" was the show of the day in February, when Wichita Civitans were on hand to provide well wishes to the American troops departing to serve overseas. When the 451st Expeditionary Sustainment Command, a local Army Reserve unit, held its farewell ceremony before overseas deployment, Wichita Civitans showed support and gave soldiers snack-packs for the 12-hour bus ride to their mobilization site.

The farewell ceremony was held at Intrust Arena, which is home to the Wichita Thunder hockey team. The Thunder had a game the night before, so the 260 deploying soldiers formed up on plywood puzzle pieces on top of the ice, in front of families, friends, and well-wishers. Civitan Paula Murphy said of the community show of support, “It was moving. When the fire trucks raised the giant flag it really choked me up.”

Even though the event was in an ice rink, the atmosphere was warm as it could be, as Civitans joined the community in bidding these soldiers a fond farewell and wishing them a speedy return. Congressman Mike Pompeo was in attendance, and stopped to visit with Murphy, Harold Connell, and soldiers before the ceremony, saying that he already knew “...Civitans were out doing good in the community.”

Durham Helps Kids Stand Up Against Bullying

Whitby, ON - Members of the Durham Civitan Club helped everyone see pink this February. They joined in an anti-bullying campaign across Canada, brought promoted by local school boards.

On February 24, students were all encouraged to wear pink on Pink Shirt Day. The campaign was started in 2007 by students at a Nova Schotia school. "We first got involved board-wide in 2011, and since then it has been within the board calendar and recommended that all schools participate," said Barry Bedford, education officer for equity and inclusive education at the Durham District School Board.

The campaign centers on themes of acceptance and inclusivity, making it a natural fit. Durham Civitans lent a hand, designing pink shirt to be purchased for the day. More than 250 shirts were sold, with proceeds going to Kinark Child and Family services.

"It so happens that a few of the members from the Durham Civitan Club are parents of Winchester Public School (students) and were able to speak not only with the administrators but the (school community council) as well," said Melissa Halparin, president of the Durham Civitan Club.
Sweet Survival Kits

The New Albany Civitan Club of New Albany, MS recently had a great time supporting their local law enforcement. The club assembled more than 80 “Survival Kits” to local state troopers and the New Albany Police Department.

Officers were given the kits filled with candy items, along with a short message of encouragement from the club, listed below.

LifeSaver, to remind you of the many times you have been one.
Starburst, for the burst of energy that you need.
Payday, since money is not why you do your job.
Hershey Kisses, to show our love for you.
Rum, to help everyone stick together.
Tootsie Roll, because you have to roll with the punches.
Peppermint Patty, helping to keep you cool.
Snickers, to help keep you humor.
Mounds, for the mounds of courage you show.

Team "Butt" Wins on Super Bowl Sunday

Wilmington, NC - On Super Bowl Sunday, the Wilmington Civitan Club raised $2,000 with a “Boston Butt” fundraiser! “Team Butt” used six cookers and braved the elements—cold, wind, and rain for the cookout and delivery. Proceeds will go to benefit the Civitan International Research Center, NC Boys and Girls Homes, The Salvation Army, and local Civitan scholarships.

Davidson County Teacher Appreciation Banquet

Davidson County, NC – This April, six Civitan clubs in North Carolina hosted their fifth annual Special Education Teacher Appreciation Banquet. The event was organized by the Central Carolina, Davidson County, Lexington, Silver Valley, Thomasville, and Welcome Civitan Clubs. The event is held each year to honor the hard work of special education teachers in the area.

Civitan International President-Elect Duane Capps was the featured speaker at the event, which had roughly 160 in attendance. The event also included live entertainment, as well as gifts for the teachers. More than half of the attendees were the honored guests.

Annette Cline of Oak Grove Middle School received the 14th annual Nancy Sink Frazier Distinguished Teacher in Special Education Award. Nominations were received from 15 schools representing all levels of education from the three county public school systems. The award was presented by Davidson County Civitan President Anna Louvet and Mentor Cindy Armfield. Cline received a plaque of recognition and a $200 gift for use at her school.

The clubs recruited sponsors and shared the remaining cost of event.

Left to Right: North Carolina District West Governor Mark Beymer, Judy Beymer, International President-Elect Duane Capps, Davidson County President Anna Louvet, Cindy Armfield, and Ed Armfield.
Happy Feet in Johns Creek

Johns Creek, GA – More than 160 people with developmental disabilities, from age 17 to 70, gathered together this April for a memorable evening of dinner and dancing. The Dream Big Dance is a prom-type event for people with developmental disabilities, sponsored by the Johns Creek Civitan Club and Mount Pisgah Special Needs Ministry.

“The Johns Creek Civitans are very appreciative of the Johns Creek Foundation’s generous donation to help make the ‘Dream Big’ Prom an unforgettable experience for the special needs community,” said Glenn Rudh, president of the Johns Creek Civitan Club.

Everyone was treated to a magical evening from the moment they entered Mount Pisgah through an arch of red and silver balloons, to dinner and dancing. It was a night to remember for all the guests and volunteers.

The dance had more than 70 volunteers to make sure the event went off without a hitch. The Mount Pisgah Special Needs Ministry also held a formal wear drive, collecting more than 175 donations of jackets and dresses so the attendees could look their finest.

Stars Shine Brightly in Naples

Naples, FL - The 6th Annual Civitan Shining Stars Show dinner-dance of the Naples Civitan Club took place on Saturday, March 12 at Artichoke & Company Banquet Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated thanks to the dedication and hard work of Chair Linda Spiegel, who ordered the nice double tablecloths and made the beautiful tables’ centerpieces. Thank you to members like her, we can achieve a lot more.

Club President and Florida District Area 5 Director, Bob Kircher opened the event talking to the attendees about the Naples Civitan Club projects and the Civitan International Research Center. He recognized one of the longest members and still at her 96 years young, she volunteers and participates in many of the projects and fundraisers, Carolyn Ferguson. She received a certificate from Claxton fruitcake for her hard work selling fruitcake.

Other guests included Janet Smargie, President of the Pittsfield Civitan Club in Massachusetts, and her husband Patrick Gable; a group from the Collier Challenger Little League. President Kircher also thanked singer Ray Livosi who was the Master of Ceremony and sang several Frank Sinatra songs. Eric and Linda Spiegel entertained the group with two of their musical compositions, one dedicated to Past International President and Naples Civitan Club founder Syd Fishman. Singer, harpist and guitarist D. L. Turner entertained the crowd with beautiful melodies, and closed the show singing some of well known songs.

A delicious dinner was served before the show.

The event culminated with the raffle drawing and the silent auction winner presentations, which raised funds to benefit the club’s charitable projects for people with developmental disabilities, and college scholarships.
Rose City Supports Students

Tyler, TX - This spring, the Rose City Civitan Club made a donation to the Promise Academy Christian Private School in Tyler, Texas. The club raised $1,700, which will be used to purchase 18 student desks and chairs for children in the first grade this fall. The presentation was made by International President Debbie Juhlke at their club meeting. Guest speakers Dr. Reginald Garrett, pastor of the New Days Community Church, and his associate, Pastor Reverend Rickie Garner, also spoke at the meeting. Dr. Garrett is co-founder of the school, and thanked the Civitans for their generous support.


The Civitan International 2014-2015 Annual Report is now available online. This includes recognition of donors through the President’s Council, Legacy Society, Fellows, Restoration Fund, Major Gifts Society, and other support programs. It also includes the Civitan International’s audited financial statement, as seen on page 12 of this magazine. This copy of the annual report is only available online, in order to avoid printing and mailing costs.

In order to access the annual report, go to the International Records page on the Civitan website, found in the Organizational Info section of the Member Resource Center. Or just visit this URL for a downloadable PDF: www.civitan.org/AnnualReport2014-2015.pdf.

Contact the PR and Communications Department at International Headquarters if you have any questions.

Civitan Magazine and You

Magazine Submissions

Civitan Magazine is published four times a year to club members around the world. So we need your news stories, events, and pictures! Is your club finishing an exciting project, organizing an event in your community, or approaching a special milestone? Just email magazine@civitan.org, call us, or mail your story to the address to the right, and your club could be in the next issue of Civitan Magazine. Please include as much information as you can – funds raised, how the event impacts your community and/or club, and any other important details. Pictures are always welcome, too - please send in jpeg format, sized 200k or larger. We hope to hear from you soon!

Address Updates / Removing Duplicate Deliveries

If you have moved recently or changed email addresses, you can update your information by contacting Beth Towns in the Membership-Leadership Department via email, telephone, or mail at the address to the right. Many Civitans have a spouse or partner who is also a member, but only wish to receive one issue of Civitan Magazine at a time. Beth Towns can also help you remove any unwanted duplicate deliveries.
Attention Civitan Golfers!

Registration for the 2016 Civitan International Golf Benefit is now open! On July 12, Civitan Golfers from around the world will come together for a round of world-class golf at the historic Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

This golf course has been featured among Golf Magazine’s “Top 500 Golf Holes in the World,” and Golfweek Magazine’s “Top 100 Resort Courses in America.” Designed in 1963 by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., one of the most famous golf course designers in history. The course was renovated in 1998, and was host to the NCAA Division I Men’s Championship in 2007.

This annual event is one of our most important fundraisers for the UAB Civitan International Research Center, and their research into developmental disabilities. Golfers, now is the time to get into the swing of fundraising and make a real impact for our core mission.

To participate, golfers must raise at least $1,500, but most of them don’t stop there! This can come from individual donations, club contributions, or even business sponsorships. There are prizes for the top fundraisers, top sponsoring clubs, and even a coveted spot on the Civitan International Trophy for the winning team!

Register as soon as possible, and you will receive periodic updates from the Development Department on this year’s course, fundraising materials, and other information.

To play
- Contact the Civitan Development Department at 1-800-CIVITAN, ext. 108 or 104
- Email donate@civitan.org
- Visit www.civitan.org/golf

To contribute
- Contact any player fundraising for the benefit
- Contact the Development Department at Civitan International Headquarters

We’ll See You on the Green!