



THE HEARTLAND EXPRESS

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Heartland Civitan Clubs

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Living It Up On Tulsa Time

Heartland District Fall Convention

**AUGUST 5-7, 2011
MARRIOTT TULSA
SOUTHERN HILLS**

Like that old Don Williams song, we'll be *living on Tulsa time* for our 2011 Heartland Convention—in fact, we'll be living it UP at the beautiful Marriott Tulsa Southern Hills! Located in South Tulsa, minutes away from River Spirit Casino, fine dining and great shopping areas, our host hotel offers the perfect venue for our business and pleasure with fine accommodations, great dining and the top rated Southern Hills Spa and Ross Edward Hair salon. And it's convenient to all the charms of Tulsa, whether touring the Philbrook Museum of Art, the Tulsa Air and Space Museum or wilder attractions such as the Tulsa Zoo and the Oklahoma Aquarium.



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MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW – CALL 1-866-530-3760!

Specify that you are with the Heartland District Civitans and that want to reserve a room with the \$89.00 convention rate, up to two persons per room. This rate will be extended 3 days prior and 3 days post convention if you want to say longer.



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1st Delegate's Name _____ Club Name _____

I will be a club voting delegate. This will be my 1st time to attend a District Convention.

I am a past District Governor. (If yes, which District) _____

I am my club's President 2010-2011 2011-2012

E-mail Address _____ Phone # _____

2nd Delegate's Name _____ Club Name _____

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I am a past District Governor. (If yes, which District) _____

I am my club's President 2010-2011 2011-2012

E-mail Address _____ Phone # _____

Guest's Name _____ Relationship to Delegate _____

Please list any special dietary restrictions _____

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEE IF RECEIVED BY JULY 1, 2011

Early Bird Reg. Fee @ \$92.50* = \$ _____.

Regular Reg. Fee @ \$102.50* = \$ _____.

***Registration includes Saturday breakfast, lunch, & banquet.**

Optional events **Friday Noon Leadership Luncheon @ \$25.00** = \$ _____.

Friday Evening Host Event @ \$5.00 = \$ _____.

Guest Options **Saturday Lunch only @ \$17.50** = \$ _____.

Saturday Dinner only @ \$38.00 = \$ _____.

Total Enclosed \$ _____.

FRIDAY'S LUNCH will consist of grilled marinated chicken breast with applewood bacon, avocado, greens and tomatoes, muenster cheese and pesto aioli on sourdough bread; served with homemade chips, cookies, brownies, and a drink.

SATURDAY'S LUNCH will consist of choice of turkey, ham, or roast beef on fresh Tuscan bread stacked with lettuce, tomato and Swiss cheese; served with homemade chips, cookies, brownies, and a drink.

SATURDAY'S BANQUET will consist of a 9 oz. grilled center cut sirloin steak, served with a light cabernet clemi, garlic mashed potatoes and French beans; plus a salad, dessert, and drinks.

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 15, PERIOD!

Make checks payable to: Heartland District of Civitan International.

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For office use only: Date Received _____ Check # _____

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** Voting Members of the Heartland District Board of Directors

Planning Ahead

CALENDAR OF EVENTS *For Third Quarter 2010-2011*

J U N E

- 1 Junior Civitan chair appointed to serve July 1 – June 30 (Junior Civitan year)
- 1 All officer elections should be complete
- 15 Report of officers for 2011-2012 due to Civitan Int'l and to Governor-Elect
- 23-26 Junior Civitan International Convention, Birmingham, AL
- 20 3rd Quarter District Newsletter Deadline

J U L Y

- 1 Deadline to submit Awards nominations to Awards Chair
- 1 Deadline to report officers for 2011-2012
- 6-9 Civitan International Convention Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, LA
- 15 Agenda items for August District Convention Board Meeting due to Governor

A U G U S T

- 5-7 Heartland District Convention Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills, Tulsa, OK
- Area Director International Report due for final quarter
- 20 4th Quarter District Newsletter Deadline

**HEARTLAND EXPRESS**

is the newsletter for the Heartland District of Civitan International. It is published quarterly for sharing news, activities, events and other items of interest for all the Civitan Clubs of the Heartland District. It is also hoped that it may serve as a tool for showing non-Civitan and prospective members what it is to

be a Civitan. Past issues are also available for download online in PDF format at

<http://www.civitan.org/~heartland/newsletter.html>

Please e-mail articles and photos for publication to David Overton, david@overtondesign.net or by mail* to David Overton, 3616 Regent Drive, Dallas, Texas 75229

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Fourth Quarter Issue June 20, 2011

**Regrettably photos submitted by mail cannot be returned, so please be sure to send duplicates. No negatives, please.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



As we have now passed the half way mark in our year for Civitan, we need to be looking forward to the next five months. We all know that we have officer elections which need to be completed with the information forwarded to the appropriate offices, training has to be scheduled and completed in order for your clubs to be certified, and every club needs to be working toward Honor Club status.

There have been several new Junior Civitan clubs and one Campus club built this Civitan year, but we are still awaiting news of our first new senior club in the District. Word has been received that the Topeka club in Kansas is working to charter a new club in their area shortly, but no other club has indicated their work toward a new club. Please consider being a sponsoring club and build a new club in your area!

I encourage all of you to support our current Governor-Elect, Jo West Taylor as she works to set up her leadership team for next year. *[See proposed leadership team below.]* If you are approached to assist her as a member of her team, please consider accepting that challenge and becoming a real asset to the district. We are also looking for qualified personnel to become the Area 2, Area 4, and Area 5/6 Directors. If interested, please contact our Immediate Past Governor Debbie Bruce-Juhlke to let her know. Elections will

be held during our District Convention August 5-7 at the Marriott Southern Hills Hotel in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Registrations will start very shortly. Hope to see all of you there.

Plans are being made to have a souvenir commemorative coin for the district minted for this Civitan year which will be provided to all who attend the convention. Extra coins will be available for sale during the convention for those who wish extra ones and for those unable to attend who desire a coin. If approved for distribution, information on the appearance, cost, of the commemorative coin, etc will be forwarded to all clubs.

I again would like to thank all you Civitans who work so diligently to make life more meaningful for those around you. It is of course the premise of Civitan to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Keep up the good work.

Ken Ellis

2010-2011 Governor, Civitan Heartland District

PROPOSED LEADERSHIP TEAM 2011-2012

CIVITAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM

- New Club Building Chair
Debbie Juhlke heartlandgovernor5@yahoo.com
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- Existing Club Retention Chairs Sharon Conley lrl9@juno.com
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- Training Coordinator Debbie Juhlke

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Announcing Our Newest Club

TULSA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS CIVITAN CLUB

Charter number 3972, Charter date April 30, 2011
Sponsored by the Owasso Civitan Club. Club builders are Diane Potts, Susan Teague and Shirley Stone.

STILL ROCKIN' YOUR HONOR

Immediate Past Governor Debbie Juhlke is proud to announce that for the 2009-10 year, the Heartland District had 7 Honor Clubs, 2 Honor Club of Excellence and 5 Honor Club of Distinction. These outstanding clubs will be recognized at the District convention for having ROCKED their Community and all of Civitan.

Honor Clubs:

Cabot AR
Hope AR
Metro Tulsa Inc OK
Searcy AR
West Little Rock AR
White River Valley
Batesville AR
Wichita KS

Honor Clubs of Excellence:

Jefferson County Pine Bluff AR
North Little Rock AR

Honor Clubs of Distinction:

Bootheel Ladies Hayti MO
El Dorado Inc AR
Heart of the Rock
Round Rock TX
Hot Springs AR
Paragould Inc AR

FOUR OF A KIND WIN!

Heartland Clubs Win in Four Categories of the 2009-2010 Competitive Awards

The Heartland District garnered four Competitive International Awards for the 2009-2010 Civitan year. The winning clubs will be honored during the Awards and Recognitions Luncheon on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at the Civitan International Convention in New Orleans (see back page for more information on the convention). And the winners are

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| Outstanding New Club | North Little Rock |
| Outstanding Awareness Project | Little Rock |
| Outstanding Service to Persons with Disabilities | North Little Rock |
| Outstanding Club Newsletter | Little Rock |



Civitan Club of Topeka Honors Jr Civitan Club Shawnee Heights High School Seniors



On April 28, 2011, the seniors from the Shawnee Heights Jr Civitan Club were honored, at the Civitan Club of Topeka's noon luncheon. Each senior was presented with a Community Service Award for their involvement in supporting special needs students and citizens in the Topeka area. Also attending the luncheon was the Jr Civitan Club's sponsor, Dr. Renee Dexter, school psychologist and cheerleader coach.

The Shawnee Heights Jr Civitan Club has about 40 members and is involved in several activities and projects. One unique yearly project is having a simulation seminar on the challenges disabled people have on a daily basis. During the seminar the club members simulate many different types of disability. This helps club members understand and appreciate the challenges of special needs citizens.

Another unique project was, using the money they earned from various projects, to provide a limousine to transport students from their school to a Prom for special needs students.

The Jr Civitan Club also was involved in Special Olympics Bowling and raising around \$2,000 during the Polar Plunge fundraiser which helps special needs citizens at Topeka's Sheltered Living.

At top: Jr Civitan Club's Co-Presidents Dylan Allen (left) and Cody Lawson (right) addressing the Civitan Club of Topeka's membership at the awards luncheon. Below: The seniors who attended the luncheon. From left to right are Dylan Allen, Cody Lawson, Kortney Sleep, & Erin White.



A WORD FROM THE PR CHAIR OF PROCLAMATIONS AND COINS

If you haven't already done so, check out the many wonderful official proclamations of Civitan awareness by states and municipalities—even one from former Hot Springs Junior Civitan, President Bill Clinton: Civitan Awareness

And don't forget the commemorative coins we are planning to have struck for this year's convention. These high-quality coins feature the Civitan logo in deep emboss on the front and on the obverse show the District's "Pay It Forward" logo in full color. They are to be distributed to all attendees, but will also be available to those unable to attend for a modest price.



Keith Dover
Public Relations Chairman
Heartland District Civitan



GONE BUT NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

The Corpus Christi Civitan Club has lost two Special People.



IMOGENE BAKER

November 28, 1918-January 25, 2011

Imogene Baker passed away at the age of 92. She was the wife of Founding Member Coley Baker. Imogene was born on the family farm in Florence, Texas, where she and her 7 siblings worked alongside their parents planting crops, picking cotton and tending the livestock. In 1942, she married Coley Baker who had joined the Army Air Corps. After his discharge in 1945, they located in Austin, Texas, where was a member of the Austin Civitan Club before they moved to Corpus Christi and started building a club there which Chartered on December 5, 1953. Imogene belonged to the Ladies of Civitan Club.

They opened the highly successful Roosevelt-Baker Photo Co. Her skill at photo restoration was recognized throughout the United States. After Coley passed away in 2000, Imogene continued to operate the business until failing health caused her to retire and close the business in December 2007.

Imogene is survived by one daughter, one son, a sister and a brother and five grand children and five great-grandchildren. The Corpus Civitans are grateful to Imogene and Coley for their legacy in Civitan.



REV. ERNEST F. BENNETT

August 21, 1921-February 12, 2011

Reverend Ernest Bennett was nicknamed a modern day Matthew, for working as a city tax appraiser while serving as chaplain of the Corpus Christi club for over 30 years. E.F., as he was known, was pastor of at least six churches during his life, a columnist for the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, a community leader and a chaplain for the police department. Before entering the ministry, he served in WWII and was a professional saxophonist.

He was influential and inspiration to the city council and school board. Bennett's most lasting legacy may be in education; he taught in Robstown and West Oso and served as educational director for the local NAACP. Bennett's name is on the cornerstone of the education building at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in Refugio.

His name is also on a scholarship fund administered by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation, which Bennett established with proceeds from the sale of his book, "Character Counts: Do You Agree?" His columns always ended with the same three words, part admonition, part challenge, always an invitation to learning: "Do you agree?"

Bennett's life was celebrated in a memorial service with over 400 in attendance, including an honor guard from the Corpus Christi Police Department and the American Legion who gave a gun salute. He was further honored by a resolution in the Texas Senate. He is survived by wife of 48 years, Ikoza Marie, two sons, 23 grandchildren and many great-grand children, nieces, nephews, and cousins. (I'd say that was a life well lived-do you agree?)

OF COINS AND CANDY

Candy Boxes Report

23 clubs participating to date this year
Total gross amount \$11,356.07
(\$233.30 increase over this time last year)

LEADING CLUBS

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| Civitan Club of Wichita (KS) | \$2,609.41 |
| El Dorado (AR) | \$1,372.70 |
| Houston Clear Lake | \$1,136.00 |

Candy Boxes Report

14 clubs participating thus far this year
Total gross funds \$2,482.24
(169.6% increase over this time last year)

LEADING CLUBS

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| Civitan Club of Wichita | \$694.29 |
| Bartlesville Uptown Civitan Club | \$523.13 |

Special congratulations to the Owasso Civitan Club for submitting funds the second month in a row since they started. This is the way it is done, sending funds in every month, even if it appears to be small.

Candy Box Project Needs Your Help

Civitan International Candy Box Manager Debra Smith has had to issue "nasty grams" to some of our clubs who are failing to comply with the Candy Box Agreement. Some of the clubs, including several in our district, are making candy purchases with the Sam's Club credit card provided by Civitan International, but are not turning in funds on a monthly basis as required—in a few cases, they are not sending in any money at all. Currently, less than 45% of the 22 clubs that have remitted some monies are doing so monthly. The big problem is clubs who only send in funds when they build up to \$100 to \$200. If you want to know if your club falls into this category, ask your Club President, Candy Box Chair, and Treasurer how they handle this.



SPRING DISTRICT-WIDE MEETING WELL RECEIVED

BY HAROLD L. CONNELL, *Meetings & Conventions Chair, 2010-2011*

The Siloam Springs (AR) Civitan Club deserves a great big THANK YOU for their efforts and accomplishments while serving as the host club of the District-Wide Meeting held April 1, 2, & 3 in West Siloam Spring. They staffed the registration desk, provided "goodie" bags with some real "goodies" such as a can of shoestring potatoes processed at the local Allen Cannery. They also served some great food in the hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evenings following the days' activities. They set the tone of the meeting by producing "The Not-So Newly Wed" game which was Emceed by the Mayor of Siloam



Above: (L) Emcee David Allen (Mayor of Siloam Springs) and (R) one of the judges, Jerry Cavness (Siloam Springs Club member) during The Not So Newly-wed Game • At Left: Several of the contestants.



Jack Fournier (West & North Little Rock Clubs) reporting during general session

Springs. The 60 plus delegates who arrived in time for the Friday night game show were thoroughly entertained and learned some new things about the five Civitan couples who were the contestants.

The following morning, following a buffet breakfast, our traditional Parade of Club Banners took place under the direction of the Sgt.-at-Arms, Abe Davenport, member of the Yes We Can Civitan Club. Governor Ken Ellis then officially opened the general session. The delegates were then introduced to the West Siloam Springs, OK Mayor, Elaine Carr, who presented a proclamation from the City of West Siloam Springs. Also during the session, the Governor presented an overview of the district, followed with remarks by Gov.-Elect, Jo West Taylor.

A video presentation about the upcoming Civitan International Convention to be held July 6-9 in New Orleans was shared with the

delegates. Immediate Past-Gov. Debbie Juhlke encouraged potential candidates for the positions of Gov.-Elect and Area Directors for Areas 2 & 4 to gather their endorsements and proper registration with the District Secretary for the elections to be held during the annual convention to be held in Tulsa August 5-7. District Board Member Jack Fournier presented an inspiring challenge to members to go home and share Civitan with others to increase growth in their local clubs.

The morning session also included clubs providing reports on their activities during the current Civitan Year. District Secretary Jeannetta Edwards also provided a workshop on the computer basics for reporting club officers to the District and International.

Following the lunch break, delegates reported to various locations where Area Meetings were then conducted by the respective Area Directors or their representatives. Door prizes were awarded to many of the attendees throughout the weekend.

During the banquet Saturday evening delegates were treated to an interesting life story of Mayor of Siloam Springs,

David Allen, who presented the Heartland District with a proclamation from the city. The meeting was concluded on Sunday morning with a memorial service for Heartland Civitans who have died during the past six months.

Given that 84 persons were registered, one

could say that having a spring meeting after a two year absence was well received. Another indicator is the fact that less than 12% in attendance were there because of required responsibilities such as board members or other meeting responsibilities for the weekend.

Twenty-nine of the thirty-nine (74.4%) of the clubs in the Heartland District were represented by one or more attendees, including a representative from one of the newest clubs, Maumelle, which was chartered during the 4th quarter of last year. Even more impressive, we had a charter member of the brand new campus club, The Tulsa Community College Virtual Campus Club, which had not even officially chartered at the time of the meeting. (See more Meeting Photos on next page.)



SPRING DISTRICT-WIDE MEETING



Topeka delegates planning their strategy for the day.



Delegates during general session



Jack Fournier (West & North Little Rock Clubs) reporting during general session



Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms, David Eck, pitching the values of the Fine Insurance Policy



Ron Matthews (Uptown Bartlesville Club) in yellow shirt and other general meeting attendees



Immed. Past Gov. Debbie Juhlke (L) presenting Delsa Adams with Certified Club Building Certificate for helping to build the Maumelle Club. Betsy Barnes standing to the right is another of the Maumelle Club Builders.

4/02/2011



Diane Potts (Ovasso Club) receives her membership pin to the President's Council from Debbie Juhlke

Half a Century Holmes

On January 30, 2011 the Corpus Christi Civitan Club presented Lloyd Holmes with a 50 Year Civitan Membership plaque and made him a Fellow in the Civitan International Research Center, presenting that Plaque as well. Lloyd is also holder of the club Honor Key and the District Honor Key. The Corpus club can be proud to count such a dedicated Civitan as one of their own.



Wichita's Foodie Fundraising Pays Off



The Wichita Club is just raking in the dough with their food-related fundraising. Their Fall and Spring Fruit Sales netted the club a total of \$2,593. They also held a Sausage with Biscuit & Gravy

Breakfast jointly with the Downtown Senior Center which provided both organizations with approximately \$500 each. Then there's their Chili Feed to benefit one of the local Special Olympics teams. Although profits were lower than anticipated, the event provided the team with a grant of \$700 to help offset a portion of their expenses incurred when traveling outside the area for various events.

Plus they continue to deliver food commodities to two low-income housing units once a month in cooperation with the Salvation Army.

Little Rock Civitans Root, Root, Root for the Home Team

Recent 60-degree temperatures provided an absolutely perfect setting for members of the Little Rock Civitan Club as they enjoyed a "night-at-the-park" at the Arkansas Travelers Baseball Game. There was plenty of good ballpark food as well as entertainment for everyone.

The Travelers experienced a loss to Tulsa 10-8 even after a late rally and big cheers of support as Tom and Judy Adam "lifted their voices loud and long." Tom and Judy's son, Tommy, is the In-Game Entertainment/IT Guru, and he even had the Little Rock Civitan Club information posted on the Travelers electronic scoreboard throughout the evening!

The team is part of the Texas League, the Double-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of the Anaheim Major League club. Named the Little Rock Travelers at the team's inception in 1895 (from an

old folk song, The Arkansas Traveler) since 2007 the Travelers have played at Dickey-Stephens Park in North Little Rock. As of this writing their record this year is 19-20.

Special thanks go out to social chairman Lisa Harney for a great evening of Civitan fellowship and America's pastime.

(Photos by Keith Dover)



Starlight Club Puts Civitas Into Practice

As Civitans, most of us know our name is derived from the latin word, *civitas*, meaning citizenship. On March 31st, the Starlight Civitans showed their citizenship, hosting a public forum for the runoff election between two candidates for the Broken Arrow School Board, Zone 1. Neither of the candidates, Steve Allen and Richard Parker, received the requisite 50% majority necessary to win the election, so a runoff was mandatory. The club was asked to moderate and facilitate the public's attendance and participation at the Park Lane Elementary School.

Part of Starlight's mission is to be a "partner in education," so this was right up their alley. It's good to remember that, as Thomas Jefferson said, an informed electorate is essential to a democracy. Participating in such grass roots level democracy is what keeps our freedoms intact. Thanks Starlight.



Paragould Prepares a Good Lunch for Special Olympians

The Paragould Civitans turned out for their local Special Olympics on a beautiful sunny day to make sure that the special athletes were well fed for their special day. Although attendance was down slightly for this year, there were still hundreds of hungry people and kids to be served and as usual, the Paragould Club members did a fantastic job of preparing and distributing lunches for the participants, coaches and volunteers – everything went very smoothly.

Big thanks to McDonald's and Dan Quinn for donating hamburgers, David Kellums with 7-Up/RC for providing drinks, Ben Trout for the Wonder Bread and Josh Agee from Little Debbie for the dessert cakes.

A Vintage Club DALLAS TOWN NORTH CIVITAN CLUB CELEBRATES 90TH YEAR

In February 1921, Dallas Town North Civitan Club became the 14th club ever chartered in the history of the Civitan movement.

Ninety years later, they still meet to identify community needs and plan activities to address those needs. In addition, they plan frequent club activities with no purpose other than having a good time – in other words, they play just as hard as they work.

A wine-tasting dinner is in the works to commemorate their 90th Anniversary.



Special Service for the Special Olympics

Eight Bartlesville Uptown Civitan club members and two RSU Campus Civitan club members gathered at Bulldogger Stadium in Dewey on April 9 at 9:00 o'clock to assist with the Annual Special Olympics. The day was beautiful, as hundreds of participants from all around Green Country gathered to demonstrate their skills in the softball toss, the 50-meter walk, the 50-meter wheelchair race, the standing broad jump, and many other special events.



Civitans staffed an awards table, and acted as huggers, encouragers, ribbon-pinner, and other tasks as needed. It was a fantastic

experience both for the participants and for each person who assisted. Thanks to Eugene Carney, Remona Colson, Ken and Mary Ellis, Frank Longley, Ron Matthews, Bob Shell, and Terry Spears from the Bartlesville club and to Jessica Crabtree and Terry Woods from the RSU club.



Arkansas Civitans Leap at the Chance to Serve

Arkansas Civitans carried the torch again this year in support of the Annual Special Olympics Summer Games held at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. Volunteers from the Bryant, Cabot, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Maumelle, North Little Rock, Searcy, West Little Rock, and White River Valley Civitan Clubs all participated with “hands-on” at this year’s three-day Summer Games event, May 26-28. Arkansas Civitans have been sponsors of this event annually since the mid-1980s when they began the “Our Fair Share” program. This program began when the Civitan clubs in Arkansas joined together to purchase the medals for the Summer Games with each club contributing a pro-rata portion toward the medals based on each club’s membership. In the 1970s, Civitan volunteers also presented the medals to the athletes; but with the growth of the Law Enforcement Torch run, this duty was passed on to them, where the athletes can see men and women in uniform presenting the medals.

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