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OF THE CIVITAN HEARTLAND DISTRICT

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THIRD QUARTER 2016

GREETINGS CIVITANS!

As we head into the final month of this 3rd quarter of the Civitan year, I would like to stop a minute and say a heartfelt "Thank you" to all the wonderful Civitans I have met and had the pleasure of working with over the past 8 months. Your Heartland Board & Leadership Team are a phenomenal group of Civitans dedicated and committed to the Heartland District that I truly have had the pleasure of working with this year to lead this great Heartland District.

I have had the great fortune of traveling from my home base in Topeka, KS to attend 5 of our 7 Area Meetings. (I truly apologize to those Civitans in Area 5 & Area 6 for being unable to join you in early February!) Each of our 7 Area Directors worked diligently to provide wonderful opportunities for Civitans in their local areas to network and come together to share ideas for fundraising and special projects. Thank you to each of the Area Directors and to each of the 151 Civitans who participated in the Area Meetings. And, Thank you, to all the Civitan members who have shared their projects and fundraising ideas, sent me photos & stories for the Parks....project, attended the Spring Meeting (wasn't that a great meeting? Thank you, Harold and the Bartlesville Civitans!), participated in local club activities and most of all, for the wonderful hospitality and camaraderie you have shown. I truly appreciate all of your support!!!

As we prepare for the final quarter, we still have a lot of work to do. Looking ahead, membership will be a "KEY" focus as we continue to work on growth in our District. Many clubs have held Membership meetings this Spring and I encourage each club to continue to focus on adding new members to their rosters. We definitely want each club to achieve Honor Club as well as have their Club President achieve Distinguished President by recruiting at least one new member during their term.

We continue to focus on building new clubs in our Heartland District - with club building teams working on 2 new Senior clubs in process in Lawrence, KS and Jonesboro, AR. We also plan to charter 2 new Campus clubs - in Topeka, KS and Muskogee, OK - in September. It's not too late to continue to build more clubs - if you know of a community looking for a great organization to join - please let us know!!

Our Heartland District Junior Civitans have elected their new officers and a number of the new officers, their school advisors and our current Heartland District Junior Chair Carolyn Edwards are excited to attend and represent the Heartland District at the Junior Civitan International Con-

Governor's Update

By Civitan Heartland Governor Marcia Dechand



vention in Atlanta, GA later this month. We look forward to all our Juniors will achieve during this upcoming year as they pursue International Board positions, Sno-Do and Dance-A-Thon

fundraising goals as well as the multitude of activities they will participate in to benefit their local schools & communities.

I hope many Heartland Civitans are making plans to attend the Civitan International Convention in Norfolk, VA July 13-16. We currently are the "keeper" of the Big Fish Award Trophy and it would be great if we could bring it back home to the Heartland this year. There are a number of us participating in the Civitan International Golf Tournament and the Putt-N-Chip to benefit the Civitan International Research Center and we truly appreciate all the sup-

port you have shown us in our fundraising efforts!

One "KEY" program of Civitan International that I have been focusing on this year is the VIP Award Program for new Civitan members. Each month, I receive a report from Civitan International with the names and addresses of all new members who have joined a Heartland District Civitan Club. Each new member then receives a Welcome to Civitan letter along with the VIP Award Program brochure encouraging them to pursue this award during their first year as a new Civitan. As club members, please encourage your new club member(s) to participate and be recognized!

Looking ahead to August, we are planning a wonderful opportunity for all Heartland District Civitans to gather for our 2016 Heartland District Convention in Wichita, KS. Please make plans to join us as we celebrate this year's successes, meet & greet fellow Civitans, learn new strategies for fundraising, membership recruitment and projects, and elect our new 2016-2017 Heartland District officers. We will also be showcasing an updated version of our Parks, Playgrounds & Facilities presentation - so please continue to send me photos & stories of Civitan Club sponsored entities.

As July 1 fast approaches and we head in to the final quarter of this Civitan year, please pull out our 2015-2016 Heartland District Goal cards and help us finish this year strong!!

Adding new members and new clubs to the Heartland District will be "KEY" as we make that final turn and come down the final stretch. Thank you for putting Heartland at the "head of the pack"!

There is a key for every lock!

Yours in Civitan, Marcia

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2016 CALENDAR

JULY

July 1	Deadline Report 2015-2016 Club Officer Report
July 11	International Board of Directors Meeting
July 13-16	Civitan International Convention - Norfolk, VA
July 20	July Dues Billing Delinquent after this date
July 24	New Club in a Box Webinar
July 30	Geographical Presidents/Pres-elect Training, Little Rock, AR

AUGUST

Aug 25	Heartland Board Meeting in Wichita
Aug 25-26	Heartland District Convention - Wichita, KS
Aug 26	2016-2017 Leadership Team Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Sept 24	Deadline Adds/Deletes for Oct Dues Billing
Sept 30	Club Officer Training Should be Complete
Sept 30	Area Director/Lt. Governor Year End Report

OCTOBER

Oct 1	2016-2017 Year Begins
Oct 4	Deadline 2015-2016 Add/Deletes due
Oct 20	October Dues Billing delinquent after this date
Oct 21	Muskogee Civitan Club 60th year celebration

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GOVERNOR-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Hello Heartland Civitans!

Are you going to be in Norfolk in July, specifically July 13 -16; for our annual International Convention? It is going to be Awesome! Civitan International Headquarters staff are planning so many great workshops, excellent entertainment, and so many more activities that you do NOT want to miss. It is also a time to renew old friendships and to make new friends. Never been to an International Convention? Well, now is your chance. Go to civitan.org and register now!

Club Presidents: Have you held your elections and reported your results to Civitan International as well as to Governor Marcia and I? If not, it is very important to do so immediately. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding elections. President-Elects: Start planning now to attend our Heartland District Convention in Wichita during August 26-28. I need you and your club to come to Wichita! We are planning a special Presidents and President Elects only Leadership reception that you will not want to miss! Please plan on being in Wichita to enjoy great fellowship, gain more knowledge about Civitan, see clubs and Civitans receive recognition for their awesome achievements, and to conduct the business of the District. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

We will be electing a Governor-Elect, Past Governor Director, Certified Club Builder Director, and Area Directors for Areas 1, 3, and 7 at the upcoming District Convention. If you are interested in running for any of

these offices, you should contact our Judge Advocate, Bill Buscher, to advise him of your interest and he will tell you what your next steps are. Once that is all done, you will need to prepare a speech that you will present to the delegation on why they should vote for you!

Have you retired recently from a sales or marketing career? Do you know someone else who has retired and



enjoys networking and interacting with people socially? Yes, then we need to get together to have a conversation about becoming a Civitan Field Director. Field Directors are Civitans who contract with Civitan International to build new Civitan Clubs. This can be a very satisfying experience for someone who has free time, loves meeting people, and wants to make a long term difference. If you are interested or know someone who might be well suited for this position, please have them contact/ email me for more information.

I am looking for Civitans who are interested in being a part of a phenomenal new club building concept. I am looking for Civitans who are excited about being a Civitan and would like to take their enthusiasm to the next level or higher! If my request has piqued your curiosity, then let me know of your interest by sending me an email. I will get with you to provide you with more details.

Thank you for what you do for Civitan, every day!
You are The Key to Our Success.

See you soon, Frank



NEW CLUB IN A BOX WEBINAR, SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 24, 2016

We have scheduled a New Club in a Box Webinar for Sunday evening, July 24th, beginning at 7:00 PM EST (6:00 CST, 5:00 MST, 4:00 PST).

The session will last around two hours. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Louis Stephens so we can sign you up. Click this link for his email: louis@civitan.org

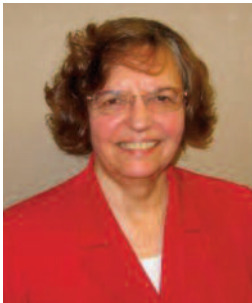
Hello Fellow Civitans!

Make sure you plan to cool off by coming by the sea to the Norfolk, Virginia International Conference. I Look forward to seeing everyone and voting for our new leadership.

TRAINING, TRAINING, TRAINING is so important for you and your clubs. Get knowledge on leadership, make new contacts, get money-making ideas for your club and also use this information in your work environment. Build your good leadership skills, you won't regret it. (See below)

I'd like to run a story on how our members first joined Civitan, but so far, I only have a couple of stories on how people became members of Civitan, or how they recruit. If you have one please send it to me. Your story may be encouragement to many others.

Looks like the Jr. Civitans and Area Meetings were a hit! See stories on pages 5 and 6.



If your club has a newsletter, please send me a copy so I can pass some of your stories along. Please remember and acknowledge those who bravely fought for our freedom we now enjoy.

*Yours in Civitan,
Ann Livingston
Heartland District Newsletter*

Geographical Leadership Training

PRESIDENTS & PRESIDENTS-ELECT

Be sure you are trained for your leadership role for the coming year.

July 30, 2016: Little Rock, Arkansas
Registration deadline July 25



Who's the man this issue?



**Fred Norman,
Heartland
Leadership
Training**

and member of the North Little Rock Club. Be sure to talk with Fred and ask him about his new restaurant. Have your club take a trip there for Lunch!

His Goal: To develop a viable leadership and mentorship program in the Heartland District.

What would it take: Continued active participation like we had at the "Leadership Breakout Session" in Grapevine. We need everyone to share their ideas that may have worked in other settings. I would like to have a breakout session at both of the District wide meetings this coming year.

Metro Tulsa Golf Tournament Makes \$29,000!

Here's an idea! Metro Tulsa Civitan Club had a 4 Par Golf Tournament and made \$2,900 net with 10 teams of 4. The tourney was on Tuesday, June 14 at the LaFortune Golf Course in Tulsa. Cost was \$75 per person, including greens fees, 1/2 cart, and dinner before golfing. A Company could sponsor a hole for \$150 and a sign could be displayed with the Company name.



Proceeds to benefit Tulsa Area Activities for Special Needs Individuals (including trips to sporting events, summer camp assistance and horseback riding for local area special needs children) and Mental Disability Research (including Alzheimers, Autism, and Epilepsy) at the Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

Area 1 Meeting - October 24, 2015 Hutchinson, Kansas

The Hutchinson Fire Dept was called to “assist a Civitan in escaping from the vehicle seatbelt” and Civi-Bear was showed up, looking for a pic-a-nic basket.



Area 7 Meeting - June 4, 2016 Hope, Arkansas

A lively and informative meeting was spiced up with a delicious mexican dinner at Dos Locos Gringos.



Civitan International Junior Convention in Atlanta

by 2015-2016 Junior Civitan District Chair Carolyn Edwards.



The Junior Civitan International Convention was held in Atlanta, Georgia, from June 23th to June 25th. It was educational and enjoyable. The Heartland District was represented by four outstanding Junior Civitans. All were Heartland District officers. They were Avery Elliott, Governor, and Blake Mitchell, Deputy Governor from Cabot, Arkansas and Kayla Benson, PR Coordinator, and Jordan Hefner, Treasurer from Topeka, Kansas. They were accompanied by Advisors, Martha Marshall and Renee Dexter.

Thursday's Opening Ceremony with motivational speaker, Shane Feldman, was followed by a "Welcome to the Jungle" party. All the teens enjoyed dancing, meeting new friends and socializing.

Friday morning we heard Dr. Aundrea Bartly explain her job as a research scientist with the International Research Center. This interesting presentation was followed by many informative workshops and training sessions. Next we attended a "Meet the Candidates" luncheon. Avery was in the running for an International Director Position! After lunch, the Juniors spent an afternoon of service, focusing on the environment. This year's theme was "Rooted in Service". They volunteered at Kennesaw Mountain National Park, digging a trench and cleaning up in the park.

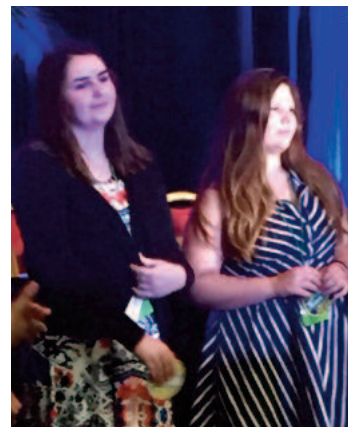
The International Convention business meeting was held Friday morning. Shawnee Heights High School received an Honor Club Award! That evening, after an elegant closing Banquet and Awards Ceremony, the Convention ended with a Farewell Dance.

We all learned a lot and made many good friends! We are enthused to start the Junior Civitan year with new ideas for fund raising, organization, recruitment, and service!

If you have never attended one of these conventions, I highly recommend it! It was a worthwhile conference for teens and adults alike! If you have a Junior Club near you, get involved! Support them and encourage them to turn in dues and reports. These clubs are our future!



Shawnee Heights High School Junior Civitan Club in Topeka, KS getting fierce for the Jungle Dance.



Kayla Benson received the patch for honor club! I believe this is the first for Shawnee Heights High School Jr Civitans! Way to go! We are proud of you! Thanks to Dr. Dexter & the 2015-16 officers & members of the club for making this honor possible.

Our current Heartland District Junior Civitan Governor Avery Elliott - campaign speech to the convention delegates.



Kayla Benson & Jordan Hefner - Junior Civitans from the Shawnee Heights High School Junior Civitan Club in Topeka, KS



CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

This July, Civitans will decide who will serve as your next International President-Elect. The following Civitans are asking for your vote this year to become the next Civitan International President-Elect. The election will be held at this year's Civitan International Convention in Norfolk, Virginia, July 13-16. For more info on the convention, see page 9.



JOHN FOURNIER

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

Book of Dreams ... the Story Continues

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.

Prepared and written by John C. "Jack" Fournier, candidate for Civitan International President-Elect, 2016-2017.



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.



Heartland District Convention

August 26-28, 2016

Wichita, Kansas

Dear Civitan friends,

Were you disappointed last August 27 when you found out that what you had been planning on since 2003 turned out to be a hoax?

What was that event? Mars was to have appeared as big as the moon on that evening. Mars is never close enough to earth to appear as large as a full moon, astronomers tell us. It's true than an event kinda-sorta similar to this occurred 13 years ago in 2003.

I assure you that you WILL NOT be disappointed this August 27, if you attend the Heartland District Convention in Wichita.

The host Civitan Club of Wichita is busy now planning the details to make your visit an enjoyable and memorable one. on the following page is the registration form and hotel information. I have already received early bird registrations and my mail box is awaiting yours!

Looking for your registration,

Harold

Harold Connell, Coordinator of

Heartland District Convention/Meeting

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 26th

Leadership Luncheon a.m.	11:45
Board Meeting	2-5 p.m.
Dinner on your own	
Host Event	7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27th

Past Governors' Breakfast	8 a.m.
Parade of Banners and Business Session a.m.	9-11:45
Awards Luncheon 1:30 p.m.	Noon-
Workshops	2-4 p.m.
Area Directors Training	2-4 p.m.
Socializing	6 p.m.
Installation Banquet	6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 28th

Non-denominational Worship and Memorial Service	8 a.m.
2016-17 District Leadership Meeting	9-10:30 a.m.
Safe Travels Home!	



REGISTRATION FORM

Revised 6/1/2016

Heartland District Civitan Convention

August 26, 27, 28, 2016

The Best Western North Wichita Hotel & Suites
915 E 53rd St. North (& I-135N), Wichita, KS 67219

Reservations must be made directly with the hotel by calling: 1-316-832-9387

When calling, ask for the Heartland District of Civitan International rate. Group Rate is \$79.99 per night for Single or Double. Which includes a full, hot breakfast buffet (\$92.58 including taxes.)

Please make hotel reservations before August 11, 2016 to receive group rate.

Name _____ Nickname _____ (Circle) Member or Guest
Club Name _____ Club Position _____
Street Address _____ City, State, Zip _____
Contact Phone _____ E-mail Address _____
Please check (✓) if you are a voting delegate for your club This is my first District Convention

	Price	#	Total
Full Registration (Includes meeting, Friday Citizenship lunch, Friday evening host event and Saturday lunch and banquet)	\$115.00		
Saturday Only (Includes meeting, Saturday lunch and banquet only)	\$ 75.00		
<i>Extra or Ala Carte Activities</i>			
Friday Citizenship Award Luncheon (Guest)	\$30.00		
Friday Evening Host Event at Hotel	\$15.00		
Saturday Lunch only (Guest)	\$20.00		
Saturday Banquet only (Guest)	\$28.00		
TOTAL			\$
Less Early Bird 10% Discount			\$ _____
Grand Total Enclosed			\$

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 20, 2016. Make checks payable to: **"Heartland Dist. of Civitan Int'l."**

EARLY BIRD reservations received by Aug. 13 may take a 10% discount off total amount

Questions, Registration Form and Payment should be mailed to :

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2016 Civitan International Convention Norfolk, Virginia July 13-16, 2016



Convention Registration Now Open!

*Planning is progressing quickly for this year's convention activities.
The Chesapeake District is looking forward to your arrival.*

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

The 2016 international convention headquarters is the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel with contracted Civitan Special Rates of \$114.00 single/double nightly per guest room. As a AAA Diamond Award winner, it boasts an enviable location in downtown Norfolk: it is the only waterfront hotel in the city. The hotel is near MacArthur Center, Norfolk Tides Harbor Park and many other attractions. The property sets the standard for luxury with lovely guest rooms and a lounge offering free printing and Wi-Fi. A seasonal outdoor pool and casual seafood restaurant capture serene views of the water.

To make your reservation, call 1-800-325-3535. If making reservations by telephone, be sure to request a room under the Civitan International Group Block.



Youth Program Returns Again

With the success of last year's Youth Program in St. Louis, we are bringing it back! A trip to Colonial Williamsburg and the fabulous Norfolk Zoo are just two of the activities planned. Additional information will be coming with specific activities for our 2016 Youth Program.

Look for more information regarding this summer's celebration in Norfolk! We look forward to seeing you in July! For more information about this summer's Civitan International Convention, visit www.civitan.org/convention or contact Mary M. Luck, Vice President of Conventions at MaryLuck@civitan.org or 800.CIVITAN x 121.