

THE Heartland Express

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Heartland Civitan District

2018 Heartland District Convention August 24-26, 2018

The District Convention is right upon us.

At this writing, it appears that we will have about half of our clubs represented by around 10% of our district membership. Hotel and event registration begin at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, followed by the Citizenship Dinner at 6:30 p.m.



The Hi-Fi Hillbillies

At the Citizenship Dinner, we will reveal the Citizen of the Year award. The band for the dinner is the **Hi-Fi Hillbillies**

from Tulsa, OK. (Note that this is a separately-ticketed event.) The Hospitality Room will open immediately after the dinner and will be open until 11:00 p.m. Refreshments for the Hospitality Room are generously provided by the Bluebonnet Club.

Saturday morning, we will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. with the parade of banners. (Remember to bring your banner and banner stand!). We will then open the meeting with prayer, pledge to the flag, and the Civitan Creed. Next, Mayor Sandy Sanders will welcome us to the city of Fort Smith. After a few house-keeping notes and introductions, we will load into vans to travel to four different areas of Fort Smith to perform service to the community. The



Fort Smith, Arkansas DoubleTree Hotel



Service Projects



Mulching around trees and power-washing buildings



Staining fences and shelter



Clearing brush

main tasks will be outdoors, staining fences and clearing brush. The limited inside projects include painting and moving boxes. Van transportation will be provided by BOST and by the Civitan Orchids.

Be sure to wear your work clothes and bring your GLOVES and HAT to the morning session.

We will return to the hotel about 11:30 to give everyone time to clean up and change clothes before our noon lunch. The business session will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. Dress is casual. Elections will be held

for the new governor-elect, and for directors of Areas 1, 3, and 7. We will get to hear from our Civitan International Membership Specialist Meredith Binkley. For many of you, this will be your first opportunity to meet Meredith. Please be sure to give her a true Heartland welcome! Toward the end of the business session, we will present International awards for the 2016-2017 year and District awards for the 2017-2018 year.

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Bring work clothes, hats and gloves

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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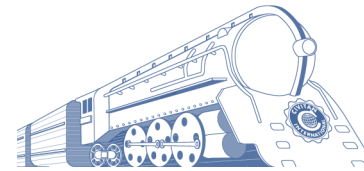
24-26 District Convention in Fort Smith, AR – DoubleTree Hotel

SEPTEMBER

15 Club Membership Plan due to Governor-Elect
30 Deadline for Adds/Deletes for October billing

OCTOBER

1 2018-2019 Civitan Year begins



THE Heartland Express

The Heartland Express is a publication of the Heartland District of Civitan International, published quarterly to communicate with the members of all the Civitan clubs in the Heartland District and to officers of Civitan International.

Articles are welcomed. If you want your club to appear in the newsletter, please send an article to Ann Livingston, alivpif01@aol.com. In a separate email, please send photos to accompany the article, preferably in jpg format.

Please send email address changes to: Mary Henthorn, mhenthorn3@sbcglobal.net. The Heartland Express is available only in a downloadable PDF version. If you know a of club member who does not have email, please print the district newsletter and mail it to them or give it to them at your next club meeting.
Bob Shell, Governor; David Overton, Newsletter Design;
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Is your club's Facebook page listed on our website?

Click here to be sure all your info is correct and if we don't have you listed, contact the webmaster here.

And if you don't have a Facebook page... get one! It's a great way to keep connected with all your fellow Civitans and show prospective members all the fun and service that is Civitan.

If you need help, contact Mary Henthorn, Heartland District PR/Virtual Communications, mhenthorn3@sbcglobal.net, 501 680-2397



2018 Heartland District Convention (contd from page 1)

Throughout the day, we will have drawings for door prizes provided by Bob & Mary Shell. We will also have an auction at the Installation Banquet to benefit a cause identified by the District Board at their August 24 meeting. Last year, the money was given to Houston hurricane relief. In most years, the money is given to the CIRC. **We are asking each club to provide one auction item.** Money will also be raised by selling Stay Out of Jail cards. The District Sergeant-at-Arms, Billy Henderson, can "put someone in jail" for any number of infractions—as he will explain at the opening session.

Beginning at 3:00 p.m., we will have workshops: two at 3:00-3:45 and two at 3:45-4:30. Meredith will be leading a workshop at each session, one on Increasing Membership and one on Reaching Post-Millennials. The other 3:00 workshop will be "Maximizing Your Facebook Presence," co-led by Fort Smith Club President John Shriner and District Virtual Communications Coordinator Mary Henthorn. The other 3:45 workshop will be a panel discussion of the pros and cons of being a 501(c)(3) club or a 501(c)(4) club, and whether or not to set up a club foundation.

Panel leaders for this workshop include District Judge Advocate Bill Buscher, Governor Bob Shell, and Terra Morehead. This workshop is essential for Club Presidents and Club Treasurers. Following the business ses-



Membership Specialist Meredith Brinkley will be conducting two workshops



sion and before the Installation Banquet, the Hospitality Room will be open. It will also be open following the Banquet until 11:00 p.m. The Installation Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the dress will be business casual. Club banners may be removed following the Banquet. In addition to installing the officers and holding the fund-raising auction, this is the event where CiviBear finds a new home. CiviBear has been traveling with the Happy Trails Club since the 2017 District Convention and now she needs a new home.

For those looking for club fund-raising ideas—particularly ones to replace fruitcake sales—we will also have two vendors present: Dale Rogers training Center and Juanita's Candy Kitchen. Be sure to visit their booths; both have provided successful fundraisers for Heartland District clubs. These booths will be set up just inside the main meeting room (Little Rock room). Sunday morning, the worship service will start promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will be led by Convention Chaplain Bill Ester. Our District Chaplain Cecil Johnson is hospitalized and unable to attend. Please remain in prayer for Cecil's recovery and for strength for his wife Lexie. If you know of club members who have passed away since the 2017 District Convention, please provide that information to Petrice McKey-Reese when you register.



New fundraising ideas from Dale Rogers Center and Juanita's Country Kitchen



Where will CiviBear live next?



SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

3:00 p.m. **Increasing Membership**

Civitan International Membership Specialist Meredith Binkley

Maximizing Your Facebook Presence

Fort Smith Club President John Shriner
District Virtual Communications Coordinator Mary Henthorn.

3:45 p.m. **Reaching Post-Millennials**
The Pros and Cons of Being a 501(c)(3) Club or a 501(c)(4) Club: whether or not to set up a club foundation

Meredith Binkley
District Judge Advocate Bill Buscher,
Governor Bob Shell, and Terra Morehead

Governor's Message



The Civitan International Convention in Reno was a great experience! I can't tell you everything that went on because "what happens in Reno stays in Reno!" The governor picture at left was taken at the "Civitan Night Fever" party on opening night—where we dressed in 1970's attire.

Hopefully, your club had members attend and they brought back great ideas from the many informative workshops. Mary and I have been to six International Conventions and have attended at least 40 workshops. The workshops this year were the best I have ever attended.

Civitan International awards were handed out at the International Convention. A total of 21 club awards were recognized and out of all of the thousands of clubs in Civitan, the **Hot Springs Civitan Club** received

third place for Outstanding Awareness Project. In the district category, only six awards were given and the Heartland District won two! Thanks to the tireless efforts of our District Webmaster, **David Overton**, the district won second place in District Newsletter and first place in District Website—the home page of our district web-



site was shown on the big screen! The **Wichita Club** was once again honored for being one of the top Coin Box clubs. Gerald Yotter accepted the award for the **KC Ex-Men** having the third highest percentage increase in membership in 2016-17.

Due to the Heartland's exemplary participation in the President's Council, we were recognized as one of five Leadership Districts. **Frank Kelley** was recognized both for being a Distinguished Governor and for being a Master Club Builder.

The Light the Way campaign was introduced and four presenters who had already contributed to the campaign were asked to speak to the assembly. The Heartland District board voted in its July meeting to give \$2,500 to the



Light the Way campaign, so I was privileged to speak to the assembly and to present the check. You will learn more about the Light the Way campaign at the District Convention and in future newsletters.

The annual Philanthropy message about the CIRC was wonderful. We were honored to hear from both the new director, Craig Powell, who will begin as CIRC Director on September 1 and from interim Director Alan Percy.

Patsy Perkal, from our own Region 7, was elected as President-Elect for 2018-19. A by-laws change approved at the International Convention in Birmingham in 2017 allows for the International President and the International President-Elect to be from the same Region (but not the same District). Before this Civitan year, that was not possible. This allows the 2019-2020 President-Elect to be from the Heartland District (see important announcement on page 6).

As we indicated in the Spring newsletter, delegates voted whether or not to change International Board member terms to three years instead of two. The motion passed, so from now on, Regional Directors will serve three-year terms. Our current Director, Fred Matthies, will finish a two-year term, ending October 1, 2019. Fred's replacement—elected at the International Convention in Greenville, SC in 2019—will serve a three-year term.

Several great videos were shown at the International Convention. To watch them, click on the Civitan International Facebook page and then click **Videos** (on the left column). **More convention photos are on page 10.**

I look forward to the District Convention in Fort Smith. Hope to see you there!

-Bob Shell, Heartland Governor



GOVERNOR-ELECT'S MESSAGE



To all Heartland Civitan Members

This is my last article as your Governor Elect and it has been a learning experience for me.

October 1st I will take over as your Governor for the 2018-2019 year. I want to thank Bob Shell for the wonderful job he has done in leading the

district. He has been great and a great resource for me as the Governor Elect. I look forward to meeting many more of you as I begin my journey. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have as I hope for another great year in Civitan. See you in Fort Smith.

*Grace Farmer
Governor Elect, 2018-2019*

HONOR CLUB APPLICATIONS



If you have not already done so, now is the time to start filling out your club's application for Honor Club. Three levels of Honor Club are available.

Honor Club: For any club with a net gain of 1-5 members for the year. Currently, this includes the following clubs with net gain in membership: El Dorado (1), Enid (5), Hutchinson (1),

Hope (4), and River Park (4).

Honor Club of Excellence: For any club with a net gain of 6-14 members for the year. Currently, this includes the Happy Trails and Lancaster-Melton Peace Keepers clubs. (Note: the Enid club is one member away and the River Park and Hope clubs are two members away.)

Honor Club of Distinction: For any club with a net gain of 15 members for the year OR a net gain AND sponsored a new Junior, Campus, or adult club during the year. Currently, this includes the Bartlesville Club.

For a Club President to be recognized as a Distinguished President, his or her club must be an Honor Club AND the President must have recruited at least one member. Current Club Presidents qualifying at this point for the Distinguished President award include: Richard Shepherd (Enid), Susan Lagal (Bartlesville), Lillian MacPhee (River Park), Kristin Bowles (Happy Trails), and Zeta Bates (Lancaster-Melton Peace Keepers).

To print off the Honor Club application, click [here](#).

On another note: **Congratulations** to clubs who have achieved Golden Circle status during this Civitan year: Happy Trails (Kristin Bowles, President), Bartlesville (Susan Lagal, President), and Fort Smith (John Shriner, President).

Need to find information about Civitan members in the district?

In the event you need to know whether someone is a current member of a local club, where do you go?

If it is your own club, then your club secretary should have the answer. Each quarter, when Civitan International sends out the quarterly dues notices, they send along a "Members of Record" report as of the first day of the quarter. This report is intended to be passed on to the club secretary for their files. If your club has a member listed, who is no longer a club member, the club is still obligated to pay dues for that quarter. If a member leaves the club, then it is important to send a deletions report to Civitan International prior to the last week of the quarter, to prevent having to pay additional quarterly dues for that person.

If you want to find out something about someone in another club, you have two options. First, you may contact the District Treasurer, Harold Connell (brookiowa@aol.com). He receives a list of all current members each month. That report only provides names and mailing addresses. Sorry, no phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

The second option is to contact our membership specialist, Meredith Binkley, at Civitan International (Meredith@civitan.org). Her phone number is 1-800-CIVITAN ext 108. She can help with most any question or problem.

DEATHS AND BIRTHS

Lewis Paul Starling, 96 of Little Rock passed away on May 7th, 2018. He was born March 9th, 1922 in Imboden Arkansas. He was a member of the Little Rock Civitan Club, held many offices and sponsored 37 members. Lewis had 42 years of Civitan Club perfect attendance. He was also very active with Special Olympics and an elder at Pleasant Valley Church of Christ. Lewis was a veteran of the U. S. Navy and U. S. Marine Corps. He served in both WWII and Korean War. Memorial Contributions can be made to Southern Christian Homes in Morrilton, Arkansas or to the Special Olympics through the Little Rock Civitan Club.

Hugh Monroe Farmer, 91, of Bartlesville, passed away July 31 in Bartlesville, OK. Hugh was the father of Scott Farmer (Bartlesville Club) and the father-in-law of District Governor-Elect Grace Farmer.

Edith Georgette Shafer deReign, mother of Area 2 Director Dale deReign and mother-in-law of Linda deReign (Starlight Club) passed away on

On June 1, Ron Matthews, age 83, charter member of the Bartlesville Civitan Club and former Oklahoma-Kansas District governor passed away.

The granddaughter of KC Ex-Men President mentor Dymon Dawson gave birth to an 8-pound, 21 inch boy August 3.



Sponsor a Member Competition Heartland District currently in first place

Each year, Civitan International recognizes the district that has the most members of their Leadership Team who have sponsored a member in their local club. This makes sense—if we are leaders, we should be setting the example for other club members. For purposes of this competition, the District Leaders are considered the four officers of each club (President, President-Elect, Treasurer, and Secretary) and the District Leadership Team which is comprised of elected and appointed positions (22 people).

With less than two months to go in the Civitan year, the Heartland District is in first place among all districts for the numbers of leaders who have sponsored a member this year! A big Thank You to the following club officers and district leaders who have sponsored a member so far this year. If you are a club officer or member of the District Leadership Team, you have sponsored a new member this year, and your name is NOT on this list, let Bob Shell (918-766-3449) know immediately! (Note: it's certainly not too late to sponsor a member if your name is NOT on this list!)

Delsa Adams (Little Rock)
Zeta Bates (Lancaster-Melton Peace Keepers)
John Bates (Lancaster-Melton Peace Keepers)
Kristin Bowles (Happy Trails)
Debbie Bruce Juhlke (Heart of the Rock)
Tolice Claybourne (Jonesboro)
Jo West Davis (Hot Springs)
Dymon Dawson (KC Ex-Men)
Peggy Doyle (Cabot & DLT)
Cheryl Ford (DLT)
LeQuita Foster (Twin Lakes)
Heather Hancock (Happy Trails)
Toni Harjo (Bartlesville)
Mary Henthorn (West Little Rock & DLT)
Betty Jean Honea (Muskogee)
Diana Jones (Civitan Orchids)

Kym Jones (Hot Springs)
Lacey Klemm (Fort Smith)
Susan Lagal (Bartlesville)
Liliana MacPhee (River Park)
Petrice McKey-Reese (Muskogee & DLT)
Terra Morehead (Civitan Orchids)
Nancy Pichler (Bartlesville)
Gary Pinkerton (Rose City)
Diane Potts (DLT)
Amy Price (Fort Smith)
Eddie Reese, Sr (Muskogee)
Alesia Sexton (Fort Smith)
Theresa Sharp (Enid)
Bob Shell (DLT)
Richard Shepherd (Enid)
John Shriner (Fort Smith)
Elaine Strickland (El Dorado)
Jack Truesdell (DLT)

Frank Kelley announces for Civitan International President-Elect



At the District Convention in Fort Smith, Immediate Past Governor Frank Kelley intends to officially announce his candidacy for International President-Elect in 2019-2020. This position will be voted on at the International Convention in Greenville, South Carolina, July 3-6, 2019. To be a voting delegate at that convention; your club must be certified (officers trained THIS YEAR) and in good standing (dues paid), you must have been designated by your club President as a voting member, and you must be present at the convention.

Frank Kelley joined Junior Civitan in 1971. Upon graduation from high school in 1973, Frank joined an adult Civitan Club before embarking on his Air Force career. Before becoming Governor of the Florida District in 2009, Frank was active in Civitan for over 30 years, receiving the recognition of Outstanding Club President three times as President of the Clearwater (FL) Club. He also served as District Chaplain, District Candy/Coin Box Chair, and numerous other positions. In 2008, Frank Kelley was elected as District Governor-Elect of the Florida District. Following his year as Governor, Frank was recognized as a Distinguished Governor.

Frank's work took him to Texas, where he helped form the Ranger Civitan club in Grand Prairie, TX and was the charter President of that club. Again, Frank was recognized as an Outstanding Club President. The following year, as part of the Ranger Leadership Team, Civitan International recognized the Ranger Club as Outstanding New Club of the Year. In 2013-15, Frank served as the Civitan International Director from Region 7.

Upon completing his term as International Director, Frank was elected as Governor-Elect of the Heartland District. As Immediate Past Governor of the Heartland District, Frank was recognized at the International Convention in Reno as a Distinguished Governor yet again. At that same convention, Frank was recognized as a Master Club Builder. Frank holds a District Junior Civitan Honor Key, two Club Honor Keys, and two District Honor Keys.

During the two months preceding his Heartland District Governorship, combined with his year as Governor, and including his first month as Immediate Past Governor, the Heartland District started seven new adult clubs and three new Junior Civitan clubs in a fifteen-month span.

Currently, Frank is leading a team to develop an online Civitan Leadership Academy to help grow the next wave of Civitan leaders throughout our clubs.

Heartland Golfers Participate in 25th Annual Civitan Breakthru Golf Benefit

Raising a Combined Total of \$21,345 to Benefit Civitan International Research Center

Four Heartland golfers participated in Civitan's annual Breakthru golf tournament at the Somerset Golf and Country Club in Reno during the Civitan International Convention. The golfers were Scott Farmer, Bartlesville; Don Schultz, Topeka; Bill Buscher, Topeka; and Harold Connell, Wichita. Combined, a total of \$21,345 was raised by the four, which accounted for nearly 10 % of the total \$220,437 raised by all participations.

Connell and Buscher were ranked 3rd and 4th respectively for total amount raised by individuals. Connell was also acknowledged as having raised the most non-Civitan related funds and having the most non-Civitan donors. Net proceeds raised by this tournament will directly benefit our Civitan International Research Center. Dr. Timothy Juhlke and Debbie Bruce-Juhlke secured the primary sponsorship of the tournament from Dr. Juhlke's company Exflur.



Don Schultz Scott Farmer Harold Connell Bill Buscher



Debbie and Dr. Timothy Juhlke sponsored the golf event



Harold Connell receiving Breakthru fundraising award

Breaking News! 2018 Miss Amazing

On August 6, Heather Hancock-Blackburn, President-Elect of the Happy Trails Civitan Club was named the 2018 Miss Amazing Senior Miss Queen at the annual competition in Chicago, IL. Heather was selected out of the 130 participants to be the representative for Miss Amazing for the next year. Check out Heather's coronation at approximately the 1:38-minute mark of the Facebook Live video. Heather was a charter member of the Happy Trails Club and served as Club Secretary before being elected President-Elect.

If you are not familiar with the Miss Amazing Pageant, you need to be! To participate in the national competition, Heather had to be named Miss Amazing Oklahoma. The TCC Campus Civitan Club often helps with the Miss Amazing competition. You can check out more about Miss Amazing and donate to the organization at their website.



PR/VIRTUAL COMMUNICATIONS Why Didn't I Get the Message?

Heartland occasionally sends email messages to Civitans in the District to announce a new publication of the Heartland Express Newsletter, Area meetings, or the District Convention. Some of you have asked why you didn't get the email.

Because these mailings are sent to so many people, they may be seen by your email system as bulk mail, junk, or spam. Check those folders and let your system know that email from Heartland is not spam. If you use Gmail, the Heartland messages will show up under the Promotions tab. If you see "new" on this tab, click and see if you've received something from Heartland.

Heartland gets the list of email addresses from Civitan International. If you don't have an email address on record with International, or if it's out-of-date or mistyped, you won't get Heartland email. If your email address needs to be added or updated, your club secretary can take care of it.

Contact me with questions or concerns any time. Mary Henthorn, Heartland District PR/Virtual Communications,
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Lancaster-Melton Peace Keepers' Tasks of Honor



The Lancaster-Melton Peace Keepers Civitan Club was busy this quarter, first by honoring our namesakes – KCKPD Detective Brad Lancaster and KCKPD Captain Dave Melton – during police memorial events in May. President Zeta Bates spoke during the KCKPD memorial service, and we passed out 500 memorial ribbons in their honor. We also raised nearly \$4,000 during the 4th Annual Dotte Spot Charity Golf Tournament held on June 2nd, which will help fund our projects. In addition to raising funds for Wreaths Across America, which honors fallen veterans, the club also adopted a new project – The 100 Salutes Project – which we launched in May to honor newly fallen law enforcement officers (right now in Kansas and Missouri, with hopes of expanding nationwide). Through this project, the club will send 100 "Never Forgotten" ribbons, displaying the fallen officer's badge number, to their family. It is with sadness that one of our first recipients is one of our very own charter members, Wyandotte County Sheriff's Deputy Theresa "T.K." King, who was murdered in the line of duty on June 15th, along with Deputy Patrick Rohrer. We will be presenting 100 ribbons to each of their families, and will pass out an additional 800 ribbons at memorial and funeral services. As a result of this simple project, the media has done numerous stories about our club – our Facebook friends have more than quadrupled, and we have already had lots of interest from individuals wanting to join our club. Like Brad and Dave, we will make sure that T.K. and Patrick are NEVER FORGOTTEN.

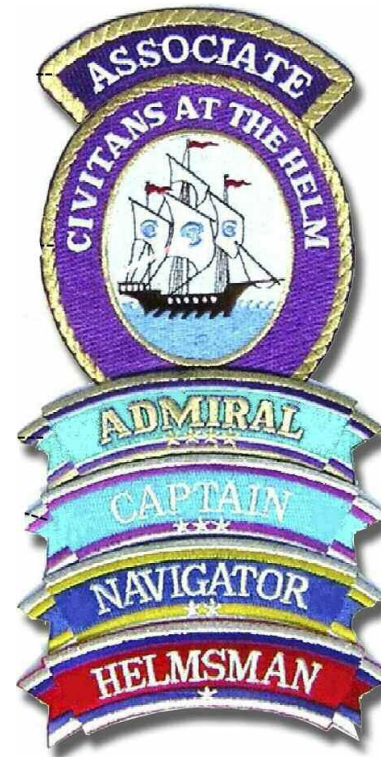


<http://www.kctv5.com/story/38443461/nonprofit-making-special-ribbons-to-remember-lives-of-fallen-deputies>



Summer Cereal Drive

The Arkansas Foodbank collects and distributes food to over 450 partner agencies in 33-county service area, feeding about 280,000 people. This year the West Little Rock Civitan Club participated as a team in the Summer Cereal drive sponsored by the Arkansas Foodbank and THV11, contributing cereal and cash for an equivalent of 136 boxes of cereal to the drive total of 344,639 boxes. As a first-time team, the West Little Rock Civitans learned a lot and plan to bring in more for the drive next summer.



Civitans at the Helm Sailing Ahead Is your club on board?

Congratulations to the Heart of the Rock club for reaching Admiral status in Civitans at the Helm and to the Hutchinson club for moving from Helmsman status to Captain status. We still have eight weeks for clubs to achieve recognition and a banner batch for CIRC donations.

Giving Levels:

Helmsman: \$10 per member average
 Navigator: \$25 per member average
 Captain: \$50 per member average
 Commodore: \$75 per member average
 Admiral: \$100 per member average
 Admiral of the Fleet: \$200 per member average

For more info, visit:

http://www.civitan.org/CATH_Brochure.pdf

NEWS FROM AREA VII

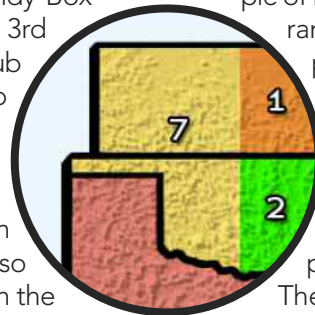
By Harold Connell, Area Director

Club visits by Area Director Harold Connell have been made to the following clubs:

Hutchison on July 13. The club is active with several projects. Their Flag Project is the biggest one. They place so many flags that a couple of other service clubs have joined in with them to help place them all each holiday. John Denney, President-Elect attended the Civitan International Convention. At least three members plan on attending the District Convention at .

Wichita (official visit) on July 16. The club members assisted with the Kansas Special Olympics Summer Games on

June 2. The club was recognized at the Civitan International Convention for placing 3rd place for Candy Box (small club category) and 3rd place for Coin Box. The club will be staffing a rest stop for bikers during a fundraiser for Heartspring, a local institution for helping persons with disabilities on August 25th . They will also be helping in October with the Buddy Walk for the local chapter of the Down Syndrome Society. They had four members at the Civitan International Convention. At least two plan on attending the District Convention.



Happy Trails on August 3. This club has several projects. They have a couple of fundraisers with local restaurants where a portion of the proceeds are given to the club on a certain day. A couple of their members have been to Washington DC and the OK state capitol to advocate for the passing of the STABLE bill. They had one member at the Civitan International Convention who also staffed a vendor's booth for the Dale Rogers Training Center. Nine members are register to attend the District Convention at Fort Smith.

Enid on August 10. This club has been active throughout the year. They did a great job in hosting our Area meeting this spring. They have been able to spread the word about Civitan through their local television station.

Yes We Can. Although I have not yet visited their club this fall, I have been in contact with the leadership. Their main project has been maintaining a Wall of Honor at their local airport. Nine members are registered to attend the District Convention at Fort Smith.



Civitan's AIM to SOAR

Since 1986 Arkansas Civitan Clubs have been contributing funds to purchase medals for athletes who participate in the Special Olympics Arkansas Summer Games. After Arkansas was merged into the five-state Heartland District in 2005, some individual clubs continued to contribute toward the medals but as District coordination decreased, funds fell extremely short of the medal cost.

This year John Fournier served as Chair of a new project, "Civitan's AIM to SOAR", which stands for Civitan's in Arkansas Indemnify Medals to Special Olympics Arkansas. The West Little Rock Civitan Club sent notifications to all the clubs in Arkansas outlining the history of the project and requested pledges for this year's medals. Several clubs contributed to total of \$1,660, and \$500 more has been pledged, which would bring the total contributions to \$2,160. The average cost of the medals for Arkansas Special Olympics is \$5,000. We are happy with this first year's contributions and we hope that with the establishment of this program, all Arkansas Civitan Clubs will include AIM to SOAR in next year's budget.



Would you like to get your club involved in the Special Olympics in your area? The link below will take you to their "locator" page to find the branch near you:

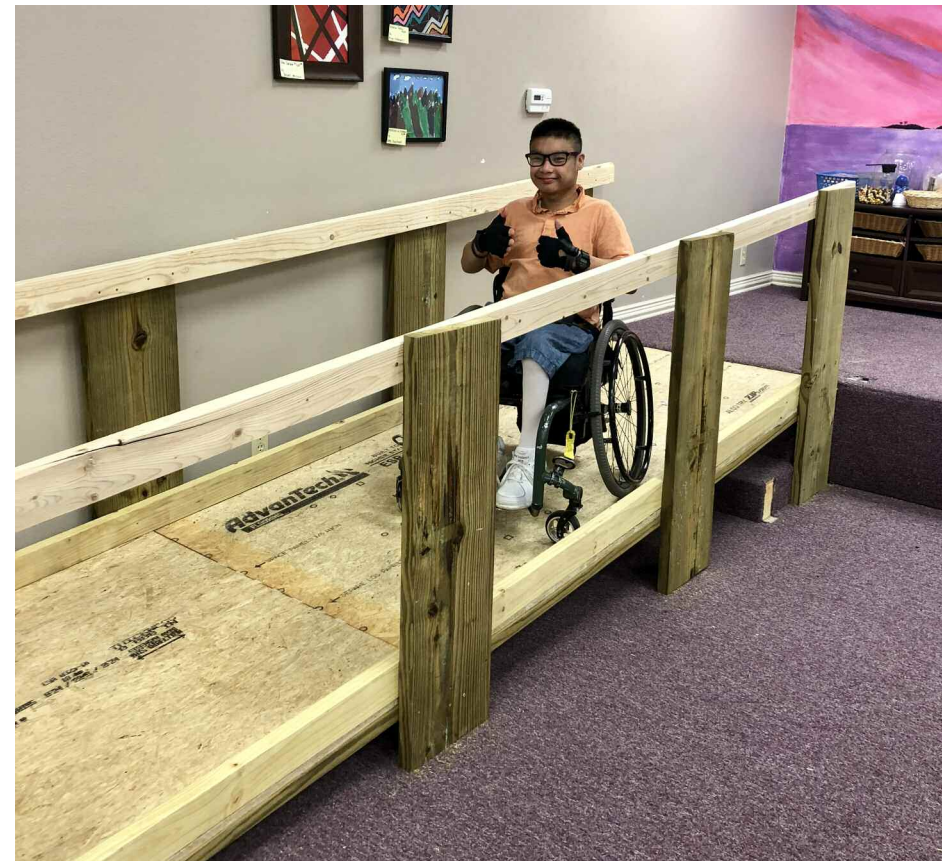
https://www.specialolympics.org/program_locator.aspx

Fort Smith Club Builds Ramp

Over the August 11-12 weekend, the Fort Smith club built a ramp for ARC for the River Valley. Micayla Cole, Director of ARC and a Fort Smith club member, approached the club with this request. Micayla indicated that ARC had clients who could not get on the stage for activities such as karaoke. The stage is 16" off the ground, so the ramp had to be 16' long to be ADA compliant.

The local Lowe's in Van Buren,

Arkansas donated most of the materials. Seven club members and three persons from the community worked together for two days to complete the project. Club members plan to return on another day and paint the ramp. Although they had participated in other community-based service projects, this was the first club-initiated service project in their 9-month existence. Way to go, Fort Smith!



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Bob lighting candle of Service at opening ceremony



Mary & Bob Shell at 70s party



Juhlke family at 70s party



Mary Henthorn & Jean Milner



Debbie Juhlke with Hadden Fulgham, Jr Civitan Intl President



Frank receiving Outstanding Website award



Kim & Frank Kelley



Light the Way speeches



Mary Shell with Linda and Dale deReign

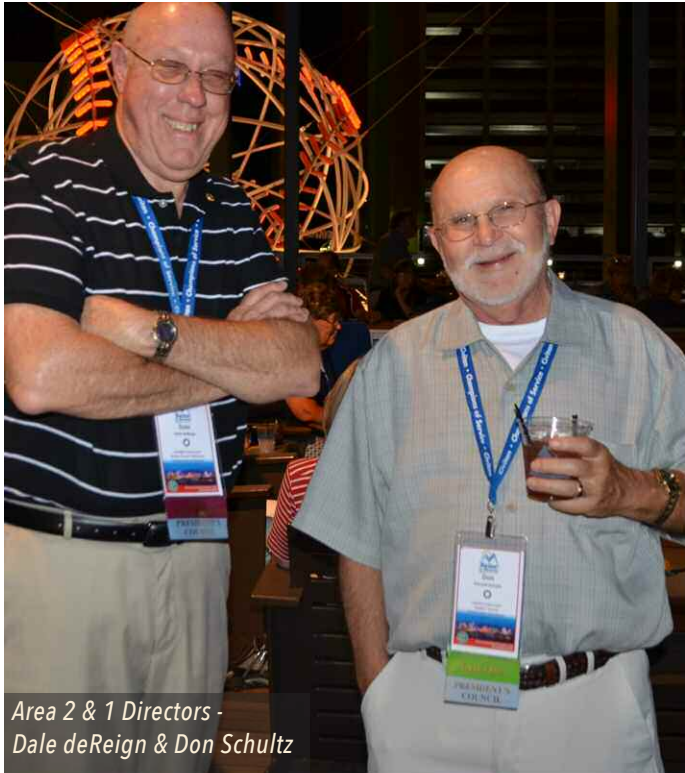


Grace and Scott Farmer

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Region 7 Director Fred Matthies & wife Sue



Gerald Yotter and Terra Morehead



Former Heartland Governor Ken Ellis and wife Mary



Petrice & Eddie Reese



Debbie and Dr. Tim Juhlke



Joe Zima & Don Schultz



Wichita club members

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KC Civitan Ex-Men - 83%

Highest percentage of new members

3rd Place

Hot Springs Civitan Club

Heartland District

Third place Awareness Project



Toni Harjo & Terra Morehead



Bill Buscher with the Don Schultz family



Susan Lagal and Toni Harjo



Eddie and Petrice Reese



CIRC Directors, Craig Powell and Alan Percy



Swearing in of 2018-2019 Governors

Standing District Website

1st Place

Heartland

First Place Website