

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB

Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023 Evans Prairie Restaurant

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 by Laura McLaughlin, she led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and reading the Civitan Creed. Laura welcomed everyone and introduced guests and new members. We wished happy birthday to the members with birthdays in October. They are: 1st - Lana Rosenberg, 4th - Betty Rohan, 7th - Sharlene Floam, Claire Gore, Beth Halstead, 22nd - Jackie Harris. The happy box was passed with \$41. collected.

We welcomed our new member Jayne Fossler into the club, Sharlene Floam presented her with her member pin.

Program/Speakers:

Tim Tebow Foundation's Night to Shine event on February 9 - Speakers Brenda Barton representing the Tim Tebow foundation, Kristy Sullivan leading the team that is organizing the Night to Shine in The Villages next February 9th, Melissa Janicke participant in last year's Night to Shine and Lyndy Deverux Best Buddy for Melissa.

The Night to Shine event is held annually around the world for people with special needs. It is a prom-like experience with everything from gowns to tiaras, dinner, dancing, a red-carpet reception. For the first time The Villages will host a Night to Shine on February 9th. Kristy has 30 different committees with over 500 volunteers working to make this night special for the participants. They are planning on 100 guests, each with a buddy, plus parents of the participants. The event will be held at New Covenant United Methodist Church.

Melissa Janicke was dressed in her prom gown and tiara, she talked about the great experience she had at this event last year. Look for pictures on our web site.

At this time they have all the volunteers they need to run the event, if anyone would like to help financially, the information is listed on the attached flyer.

Business Meeting:

Laura led discussion on the following topics:

1. Dues in the amount of \$150. for the new fiscal year are payable. Please give your check to treasurer Ilene. The deadline for payment is November 7th.
2. Some of us are volunteering at the Beacon College Parents Weekend 10/6 and 7.
3. October 21 we are hosting the Civitan Southeastern Regional meeting at Laurel Manor. Both installation of officers and training will be offered. Many Florida, Georgia and

South Carolina clubs will attend. Everyone is invited to come to learn what is happening in Civitan clubs outside of The Villages.

4. October 28 we will have a table/booth at the Giving Clubs Showcase - 10a to 2p at Ezell Rec. Center. A great opportunity to find out about other charitable clubs as well as showing them what we do.
5. November 7th meeting program will be about Operation Shoebox
6. December 5th will be our holiday party and \$10 gift exchange
7. December 7th - Special Olympics Festival of Trees at Waterfront Inn
8. Arlene Kaplan read thank you letters from the recipients of our 2023 Charitable Grants'.

Adjournment: The Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 ~ Lunch was served.

Attendance: 18 members and 4 guests attended.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Dando, Secretary.

www.HometownCivitanClub.org - Every event/meeting is listed under Take Part - Events Calendar. See what we did this past year in Club History under Who We Are.