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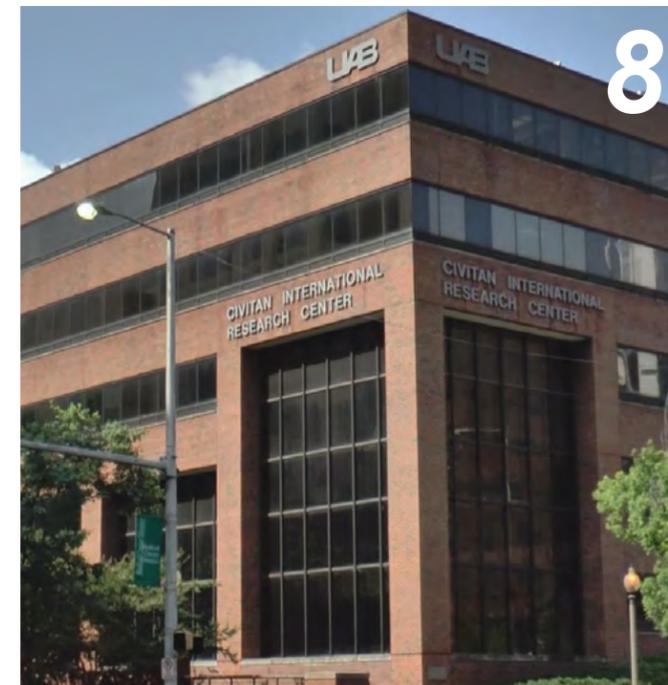
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Fellow Civitans,

We are now in the second month of 2023. Many of us made resolutions coming into the year, and hopefully you are still in the process of making the changes you desire. I made some resolutions at the beginning of this Civitan year and I'm happy to report that many of those pledges are being completed due to the efforts of volunteers and our Civitan staff.

By now, you are aware of the Civitan International theme for the year is "Dreamers." The tag line, "I dream of a better world where all needs are met," is so impactful. The work that we do as Civitan members in our clubs and communities is already helping, but how can we increase that help? By increasing membership! More members mean there are more available hands to help with our service and fundraising projects.

To help us recruit members, this year's Civitan International Growth and Retention committee and Civitan staff have been busy! One of their areas of concentration was the club building training program. It has been a while since this program was updated, so we reviewed and revised the materials and resources for building a new Civitan club. The biggest gift is that we have made the training available to every Civitan member, online, through Civitan University. I'm so proud of the work our team has done to update this training and associated resources. I would encourage you to take this training even if you are not building club. There are many tips from the experts on recruiting and finding new members.

I'm super excited to be part of a club build in Region 4 District. We are just laying the groundwork, but the initial participants are ready to get started! Their enthusiasm for the work of Civitan was evident at our first meeting. There were so many ideas and plans shared by this group, and my husband, Joe and I shared Civitan with them. Seeing the enthusiasm of new members will reignite your passion for Civitan.

To help share that word, Civitan International has been working with a Birmingham based PR group to help renew our resources and club collateral. Please visit our website at civitan.org, find the Member Center under the Resources tab and take time to look through the new tools under the Marketing and Communications icon. One of the tools, the Civitan Core Messaging Guide, gives members a lot of information on how to introduce Civitan to future members. We have needed updated tools for a while and it is great that the staff and our volunteers have been able to devote the much needed time to these projects.

Now it is up to us – the members! We have asked for the tools; Civitan International has delivered. Through the new club awards program, a new club building training program, new tools and resources that are readily available on the website, branded club websites, and much more, we have been given an opportunity to DREAM of a better world where all needs are met. Let's go!

In Civitan,

Jo Ann O'Toole



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**JUNIOR CIVITAN
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Arianna Womack, Topeka, KS

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INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

From the desk of Executive Vice President Scarlet Thompson

For decades, Civitan clubs have marketed mints for miracles through the Civitan International Candy Box program. The effort started off by singlehandedly supporting the Civitan International Research Center and has seen many challenges as of late, namely the pandemic and societal changes. Clubs that once did the candy box program have now moved to utilizing coin boxes. Based on the decrease in popularity as well as recent challenges for clubs, Civitan International is transitioning the candy box program from an international fundraiser to a club based one.

What does that mean? Clubs can still carry out the candy box program, but it's no longer necessary to send in donations to Civitan International. In turn, clubs will now order candy on their own. And, any club choosing to send in their donations from candy box will now be recognized as Civitans at the Helm donations. These changes begin on October 1, 2023. For more information, reach out to our philanthropy staff at international headquarters.

Besides the transition of the candy box program, the Civitan International Board has made several other decisions since the new Civitan year started in October. Three board meetings have been held. The following updates come from the most recent gatherings:

- A values statement was adopted, including service, inclusion, respect, fellowship, courage and leadership.
- A future planning committee was appointed.
- Financials for the full fiscal year 2022 were reviewed.
- Two new club platform pilots were approved and launched.
- New membership incentives were approved and are now listed at www.civitan.org/recognition.

The board also received updates on the strategic plan, specifically the marketing efforts and goals set to be accomplished this year.

An all-member webinar will be held on Saturday, February 25 at 10 a.m. central. A Zoom link will be published closer to time. Be sure to join us!

ACCORD REMINDER

Civitan clubs do so many good things. Our united purpose is to make a difference, and sometimes we lose sight of the special obligations placed upon us because we are who we are – entities that are not for profit. Civitan International's annual Compliance Initiative helps strengthen the organization on all levels.

Club leaders were contacted in January regarding this year's submission. The request has been streamlined in 2023 requesting clubs to answer a few questions about governance documents, IRS filing, etc. A new requirement is a licensing agreement for any entity (club) using the Civitan brand. **The deadline for your club's submission is February 28, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact clubcompliance@civitan.org.**



Our vision is to be a global community where people of all abilities and talents make the world a better place.

INTRODUCING OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR ALL IN SUMMIT

Chris Singleton is a former professional athlete drafted by the Chicago Cubs in 2017. Following the loss of his mother in a racially motivated mass shooting, Chris has now become an inspirational speaker and best-selling author who has shared his message of unity and racial

reconciliation with NFL and NBA teams as well as multiple Fortune 500 companies across the country. He shares with over 100 organizations and over 30,000 students annually and resides with his spouse Mariana and his sons CJ and Caden in Charleston, SC.



FRIDAY, MARCH 24

- “Team Captain Tailgate” Opening Session
- Welcome Dinner, Tailgate Style with the Civitan International Board of Directors
- Featured Guest Speaker: Greg Sankey, Southeastern Conference Commissioner
- Fun and games

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

- Service Showcase
- Keynote Speaker: Chris Singleton
- Team Building Activities Based on Event Track
- Service Project for The Well House
- Kick It For Junior Civitan Live Demo
- Fundraising Banquet
- Movie Night

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

- UAB Civitan International Research Center Interactive Experiences
- Lunch at Vulcan, Birmingham’s Iron Man
- Campfire and Smores Party

READ ABOUT THE LEAD

Introducing Junior Civitan International’s President

By Cambron Bice

Meet Arianna Womack, the 2022-2023 Junior Civitan International President. Arianna attends Shawnee Heights High School where she is a member of the Shawnee Heights High School Junior Civitan Club. She has enjoyed being a Junior Civitan since 2019, not only because of the positive impact she is able to make on her community, but also because of the impact the organization has made on her personally. Prior to serving as International President, Arianna has served as an International Director, District Director, Lieutenant Governor, and Club President.

Arianna considers being a member of Junior Civitan a blessing as she has “had the opportunity to provide services and make memories with the community.” Some of Arianna’s favorite memories with her club are volunteering with their annual Christmas event, Festival of Trees, as well as hosting the track event for Special Olympics. She was hopeful to create more memories with Junior Civitan by attending the 2022 All in Summit but sadly was not able to attend due to inclement weather.

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Upon graduation, Arianna plans to attend the University of Kansas where she enrolled in their honors college program. She will be double majoring in Computer Science and Political Science while pursuing a minor in Spanish. She hopes to stay involved in her school and community through Civitan, Leadership Greater Topeka, League of Women Voters, and other organizations while in college. Once obtaining her undergraduate degree, Arianna plans on attending law school to become a civil rights attorney.

Despite not being able to attend last year, Arianna says, “I still had a fun time going to the airport with [her] chaperones at 4 am and getting Starbucks with them!” She recalls that they were “super supportive and getting to spend time with them was enough for [her].” Luckily, Arianna will be attending the 2023 All in Summit event.



Arianna Womack, Junior Civitan International President

All In Summit is an event for Junior Civitan leaders across the country to come together for fellowship, education, and service as they meet in the birthplace of Civitan; Birmingham, Alabama. During the event this year, participants will tour the Civitan International Research Center, hear from inspirational keynote speakers, as well as participate in a service project. For students to be eligible to attend, they must fundraise for the Civitan International Research Center. Attendees who participate in the Advanced Track have a minimum of \$1,500 while Basic Track participants are asked to raise \$750. These young leaders’ donations go to support the CIRC and its mission to improve the well-being and the quality of life of individuals and families affected by



Womack speaking at district meeting

intellectual and developmental disabilities. Arianna has been an incredible fundraiser for the Civitan International Research Center and raised just over \$3,800 within the past two years. This year just shy of 20 Junior Civitan leaders will be attending All In Summit.

If you would like to support their fundraising and this incredible event, you can donate using [this link](#). You can either give a general donation to the event or donate specifically to a student and support their fundraising efforts. If you would like to donate to a Junior Civitan who is still shy of their fundraising minimum, feel free to contact Cambron Bice at cambron@civitan.org, and he can advise you where your donation will be the most impactful.

STUDIES BEGIN AT THE CIVITAN AUTISM CORE

By Dr. Cassandra Newsom, Civitan International Research Center

Two new studies opened to enrollment at the Civitan Autism and Neurodevelopment Research Core (CANDR) at the Civitan International Research Center last month. In addition, four more studies are being supported by the core, and several new projects are in development. In 2021, a team of researchers at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of Alabama were awarded a 7.1 million dollar grant over 5 years and selected to join a 25-site national consortium to conduct a comprehensive study of risk and protective factors for healthy brain development, called the HEALthy Brain and Child Development (HBCD) Study. The Civitan International Research Center is playing a key role in this project.

Dr. Cassandra Newsom, the Director of the CANDR Core, is one of the principal investigators for this study. The study enrolled their first pilot participants in January and will begin recruiting a diverse group of 150 pregnant women this spring for the larger project. Across all sites, the study will enroll 7500 pregnant women and follow them and their children for up to ten years.

The study supported the purchase, installation, and staff training on a Geodesic EEG System. Electroencephalography (EEG) is a non-invasive, direct measure of brain electrical activity and will be used to measure neural correlates of cognitive and social development in infants and young children in the study. Children enrolled in the HBCD study will come to the CIRC for multiple visits over 10 years and their development will be tracked using EEGs,



Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham, AL

MRIs, neurodevelopmental testing, parent child interaction tasks, biosensors, bio samples, and parent questionnaires. All child visits will occur in the CANDR lab, which was renovated in 2020 to provide a comfortable, family-friendly environment. Infant MRIs are being conducted at the Civitan International Neuroimaging Lab at UAB Highlands Hospital. This is the first time the CINL has imaged infants, and this study is allowing the lab to expand their expertise to a pediatric population.

The CANDR core is also part of a Phase Two clinical drug trial for a rare genetic disorder, called Pitt Hopkins syndrome (PTHS). PTHS is caused by the loss of one copy or a mutation of the TCF4 gene on chromosome 18. Children with PTHS have developmental delay with moderate-to-severe intellectual disability and behavioral differences, hyperventilation and/or breath-holding while awake, seizures, gastrointestinal issues, lack of speech, sleep disturbance, stereotypic hand movements and distinctive facial features. Some individuals with PTHS are also diagnosed with autism.

The purpose of the study is to look at the safety, tolerability, and efficacy of an experimental medication NNZ-2591 in the treatment of children with PTHS. NNZ-2591 was tested in a mouse model. In the mice with a disrupted gene, treatment with NNZ-2591 for 6 weeks normalized the deficits in all the tests of hyperactivity, daily living, learning and memory, sociability, motor performance and stereotypy. The current trial is sponsored by Neuren Pharmaceuticals and represents the first clinical trial of this type for PTHS. Families are traveling to the Civitan International Research Center from across the world to participate in this important trial. The study lasts 19 weeks, with a combination of in-clinic, remote, and telehealth visits. Twenty children ages 3 to 17 will be enrolled across 5 sites. UAB was the first site to screen and enroll a family in this trial. The UAB study team includes geneticists, eye specialists, psychologists, and clinical trial specialists. In addition to these two trials, CANDR continues its mission to build a database and biorepository for children



Neuroimaging Lab at the Civitan International Research Center

with neurodevelopmental disorders. There are 140 children currently enrolled who received comprehensive diagnostic testing. Sixty percent of those are male and 30% are from underrepresented minority groups.

The CANDR core is currently providing neurodevelopmental consultation and assessment services to several studies across campus including projects tracking neurodevelopmental outcomes of children exposed to antibiotics during cesarian section, children whose mothers had cytomegalovirus during pregnancy, children with spina bifida, and children with sleep apnea. The CANDR core is also collaborating with the Department of Environmental Health Sciences to test for heavy metal exposures in children with ASD and validate new, less invasive methods of blood sampling to monitor exposures over time. Dr. Newsom has also begun discussions with the UAB Precision Medicine Institute to measure how individual children with rare diseases respond to medications identified through a combination of clinical information, genetics, and machine learning.

With the expansion of clinical research at CIRC, the CANDR core staff has grown from Dr. Newsom alone to include three research coordinators, two family navigators, two doctoral students in clinical and developmental psychology, and three undergraduate neuroscience students. The CANDR core plans to hire two post-doctoral fellows in the fall to support continued growth.

NEW CIVITAN GRANT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Civitan International Research Center presented four awards to up and coming scientists during a reception with the Civitan International Board of Directors in the fall. Receiving the Emerging Scholar Awards were Prathibha Sekar and Dr. Nathaniel Robinson. Sekar is a graduate student in CIRC Director Dr. Craig Powell's lab. Her research is focusing on understanding the function of a high-risk autism gene in a mouse model. Dr. Robinson is a postdoctoral fellow in the lab of Dr. Jeremy Day. His research seeks to identify the molecular mechanisms by which addictive drugs alter regions of the brain to give rise to certain behaviors.

Receiving the Whit Mallory Research Fellow was Dr. Carmen Munoz Ballester. She is an expert in astrocyte biology. She will use the research she's doing now to establish the contribution of these astrocytes in the development of autism. Doctors still don't understand how this disorder originates, but with Dr. Munoz-Ballester's work, it may solve some remaining questions.

The McNulty Civitan Scientist Award went to Dr. Summer Thyme. She is studying zebrafish models of neurodevelopmental disorders. Her long-term goal is to use these fish to discover drug treatments for these disorders.



Grant winners at the Civitan International Research Center

This specific award is sponsored by the Foundation of Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

JOIN US FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL WALK & ROLL FOR RESEARCH

Connect with your club, other clubs or walk on your own for research! This great event brings together Civitans from across our membership to make strides for the important work at the CIRC. Make plans now to join us during the convention in Indianapolis at White River State Park or rally your friends, family, and club members to host your own Walk and Roll in your community!

Learn more and register today at www.CivitanWalkandRoll.com



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Parc Civitan Club FLORIDA

The Parc Civitan Club took part in the 70th anniversary gala for the Parc Center for Disabilities. Members sang a few songs as part of the festivities, which honored sponsoring club St. Petersburg Civitan Club with a Community Service Award. In March, the Parc Civitan Club will begin a gardening project and take the lead on a new recycling program at the Parc Center. Members are also planning on participating in beach cleanup.



Arab Civitan Club ALABAMA

The Arab Civitan Club put more than sixty sensory kits together to disperse to the Marshall County Sheriff's Department and the Arab Police Department. Each kit included sunglasses, noise blocking headphones, magnetic etch-a-sketches, a communication card, fidget toy and various other items. The kits are expected to help law enforcement support children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in case of an emergency. This project is one of 22 planned for this year, for the club.



Pasadena Civitan Club CALIFORNIA

Pasadena Civitans held its annual Hire Up! Employer Recognition Event in the fall, honoring five different employers in the community for hiring people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The club also was in attendance for the mayoral proclamation in Pasadena of National Disability Employment Awareness Month and recently volunteered at the Club 21 Together is Better Walk. Club 21 is an organization that provides the educational tools and resources that enable individuals with Down syndrome to be fully included.



Bannock Civitan Club IDAHO

The Bannock Civitan Club is gearing up for its annual indoor golf tournament, but started the calendar year with a "decades" holiday party for a little fun and fellowship. Members have lots of projects and fundraisers to keep them busy. They have worked the gates at home Idaho State University football games, made goody bags for veterans, and held a winter wear drive for the community. The club's work also continues with Pocatello Junior Civitans, as members supported a Stone Soup fundraiser and collaborated on an event that provided more than 400 toys for the community.

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The Civitan Club of Dayton OHIO

The Civitan Club of Dayton received an official proclamation in November from the Montgomery County Commissioner's Office commemorating 100 years of service to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Members were also recognized for the partnerships the club has formed with other service organizations in that area of Ohio.



Idaho Falls Civitan Club IDAHO

Idaho Falls Civitan Club members are continuing their work at the Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen this season. As usual, they decorated the Civitan Plaza in town for the holidays. The group even decorated a Christmas tree for resale at the Festival of Trees, an event benefiting Development Workshop where services are provided for individuals with disabilities. The Idaho Falls Civitan Club is also currently reviving the Junior Civitan Club in town, Shining Stars.



Triangle YP Civitan Club NORTH CAROLINA

The Triangle YP Civitan Club took part in the Day of Service that happens nationally during Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Members spruced up the outdoors of the Alliance Medical Ministry and Creech Road Elementary in their community. Members plan future projects with the local food bank and a local organization that helps clothe those in need.

Hearts of Horizons Civitan Club ALABAMA

The Hearts of Horizons Civitan Club had the honor of hosting Dr. Anjali Forber Pratt. She is the Director of the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR). Dr. Forber-Pratt shared experiences as a disability advocate, university faculty member, investigator, agency administrator, and mentor. All were impressed with her bronze medal earned for wheelchair racing with Team USA. Hearts of Horizons Civitan Club officers also welcomed eight new members in the fall. These young adults with disabilities are enthused about engaging in community service activities like the club's annual canned food drive benefiting the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama.



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Birmingham Civitan Club

ALABAMA

The Birmingham Civitan Club collected hygiene and other personal items for the women of the Lovelady Center. That organization houses women who need help rebuilding their lives after incarceration. The club collaborated with Hearts of Horizons Civitan Club to provide the needed items. Birmingham members also recently decorated the Christmas tree at the Civitan Sparks Clinic, which is connected with the Civitan International Research Center. A Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser was also carried out by the club, to help support various charities into the new year.

Hope Civitan Club

ARKANSAS

The Hope Civitan Club, along with Civitans worldwide, observed Clergy Appreciation Week, January 29-February 4. Hope Arkansas Mayor Don Still met with local Civitans and signed a proclamation, designating that week as Clergy Appreciation Week in Hope. The club also recently presented gifts to special education instructors at a local school.



Auburn Civitan Club

ALABAMA

The Auburn Civitan Club recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. Members gathered at a local restaurant to present honor keys to two members, celebrate successes and review a history scrapbook put together by one of its members. Civitan International President-Elect Dee Hutsler and Civitan International Executive Vice President Scarlet Thompson attended the occasion. The mayor of Auburn also submitted a proclamation honoring the club, which was presented that night.



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Decatur Civitan Club

ALABAMA

The Decatur Civitan Club purchased groceries for 9 families and delivered the items. The boxes included everything from aluminum foil, pans, vegetables, cake mixes, flour, meal and a ham. Holaways Foodland grocery store assisted by allowing us to shop as a group, get in line and pay with one check, plus providing assistance with the cost of the canned goods. Foodland's manager and the store itself are new members of the club. They along with 5 other businesses have taken advantage of the club's Facebook page that will feature business members and their services.



First Coast Civitan Club

FLORIDA

The First Coast Civitan Club in Jacksonville made scarves for the homeless last month. Members bought yards of "no sew" fleece to make the accessories, as that part of the state has seen some chilly temperatures recently. More than 150 scarves were completed and donated to a local community center. The First Coast Civitan Club also donated thirty pounds of soda can tabs to their local Ronald McDonald House.



Hometown Civitan Club

FLORIDA

Down in the Villages of Florida, the Hometown Civitan Club has been especially busy. The club created Christmas for the Center Hill Children's Mission. Each child at the mission received a gift presented by Santa himself. A Christmas cookie celebration followed. The club has previously helped the children at the mission with homework, reading times, and conducted creative play activities.



The Hometown Civitan Club also recently awarded its "Civitan Businesswoman of the Year" to a general manager of a local women's clothing store. Diane Hintzen has partnered with the club in collecting toiletries, gently used purses and money to distribute to charities throughout the year. U.S. Congressman Daniel Webster attended the presentation of the award. In addition to service and recognition, the Hometown Civitan Club also took part in a fundraiser. The club's third annual Bunco party sold out with 85 people in attendance and raised \$900 for its projects.

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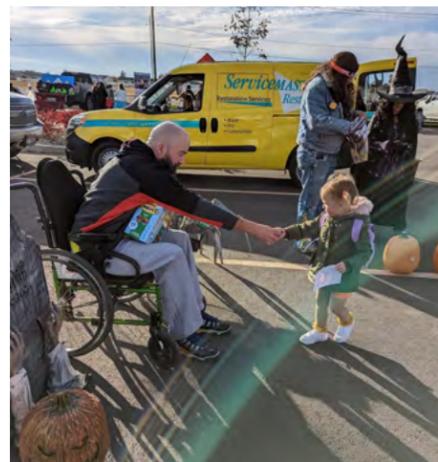
Siloam Springs Civitan Club ARKANSAS

Every year during the holiday season the Siloam Springs Civitan Club makes sure local children and adults with developmental disabilities enjoy gifts & a holiday meal. The club's Christmas projects include three local organizations. The Adult Development Center received \$400 to enjoy a wonderful holiday meal with ham & turkey, sides and desserts. The Elizabeth Richardson Center is a non-profit daycare which specializes in caring for children with disabilities. The club sponsored Santa & Mrs. Claus and distributed a check to the ERC for \$400 so every child received a gift. Friendship Community Care Pediatrics was also a beneficiary of the club. FCC also provides daycare for children with special needs. Meantime the Siloam Springs Civitan Club also held its first community wide Soup Sampler since the pandemic. It was held Veterans Day and all veterans were given a free meal.



Lovely Ladies Civitan Club NEVADA

The Lovely Ladies Civitan Club volunteered at the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation Gala at the Bellagio. Members served in capacities like checking in guests to the occasion. The club also recently held its annual Christmas brunch and ornament exchange at a member's home. Raffles held during the event benefitted the Civitans at the Helm program.



Hearts and Hands Civitan Club IDAHO

The Hearts and Hands Civitan Club put their hands to work by cleaning up their local zoo. One of members' favorite activities was teaming up with the Idaho Falls Civitan Club to pass out treats at the Camp Hayden Trunk or Treat in October. Recently, the Hearts and Hands Civitan Club decorated treat bags for doctors, nurses and others in the healthcare industry.



Civitan Club of Columbia SOUTH CAROLINA

The Civitan Club of Columbia is gearing up for its annual staff appreciation cookout for the Epworth Children's Center. It happens every May and continues a tradition of support from the club. In the last year, members donated money to help purchase hearing aides for children in Epworth's early intervention center. The club also recently supported the Greater Blythewood Civitan Club's first cornhole tournament fundraiser. The Civitan Club of Columbia sponsored Greater Blythewood's creation.

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Sunset Civitan Club FLORIDA

The Sunset Civitan Club in Daytona Beach hosted Civitan district leadership at a recent meeting. Members also marked the holiday season by serving the Salvation Army as bellringers at local businesses. Sunset Civitan also took part in marking Clergy Appreciation Week and is planning a Chili Cookoff.

Friends Civitan Club IDAHO

The Friends Civitan Club gathered up canned goods and other non-perishable items during a food drive for the group Aid for Friends in November. This drive followed a few weeks after a Halloween party for members that included bobbing for apples and a cupcake walk, among other activities. This month the Friends Civitan Club delivered Valentine's Day cards they made for a local assisted living center.



LOOK WHO'S GROWING!

Each Civitan Magazine will congratulate the top five clubs in the United States for its net growth as of publication time. Congratulations to the clubs putting the extra effort into searching for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan!

1. Lake Martin Civitan Club (Alabama) 36% growth
2. Kensington Valley Civitan Club (Michigan) 35% growth
3. Naples Civitan Club (Florida) 28% growth
4. Nettleton County Line Civitan Club (Mississippi) 27% growth
5. Decatur Civitan Club (Alabama) 26% growth



Lake Martin Civitans on radio show



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

AUGUST 17-20, 2023
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

READY FOR CIVITAN FULL THROTTLE?

Join us at Civitan International Convention 2023

Start your engines and race to Indianapolis for the 103rd Civitan International Convention!

While best known for its iconic motor speedway and 500-mile race, Indianapolis has a surprise waiting around every turn. A safe, clean, and walkable urban center with 300+ restaurants, retailers, and cultural attractions. Downtown Indy has six thriving cultural districts, each offering a distinct mix of shopping, dining, and entertainment. From Mass Ave to Fountain Square, the internationally acclaimed Cultural Trail connects visitors with these unique neighborhoods.

Indianapolis is sophisticated but not pretentious. It's so welcoming there's a name for it - Hoosier Hospitality. In fact, it's too friendly to be called Indianapolis - just call it Indy. Convention Registration is now open for in-person attendance. There is no virtual attendance option for 2023. Visit www.civitan.org/convention for more details. Don't miss life in the fast lane as we celebrate the Grand Prix of all things Civitan in Indy this summer!

SAVE THE DATE



Join us for the 103rd Civitan International Convention
August 17-20
Hyatt Regency Downtown
Indianapolis, Indiana

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 17	Friday, Aug. 18	Saturday, Aug. 19	Sunday, Aug. 20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakthru Golf Benefit (AM) Opening Ceremony (PM) Welcome Party (PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Business Session (AM) Workshops (AM & PM) Elections & Voting (AM & PM) Membership Extravaganza (PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philanthropy Session (AM) Workshops (AM) Second Business Session (PM) President's Council Reception (PM) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk & Roll for Research (AM) Workshops (PM) International Service Project (PM) Closing Ceremony & Banquet (PM)

CELEBRATE THREE DECADES OF BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE LAB AND ON THE COURSE!

Grab your clubs and register for the 30th Annual Breakthru Golf Tournament!

Plum Creek Golf Club
Indianapolis, IN
Prior to the 2023 Civitan International Convention

Be a part of the millions of dollars raised for the CIRC by registering today at www.CivitanBreakthru.com.



REMEMBERING BOBBIE WALDEN

Past International President

Civitan International and members alike are mourning the death of Past International President Dr. Bobbie Walden. The Alabama native passed away January 12th at her home in Rainbow City. Dr. Walden served in the organization's top volunteer spot during 2003-2004. She was an educator, even being inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame.

Dr. Walden was a member of the Gadsden Civitan Club. She was a master club builder and assisted in building seven clubs and recruiting more than 200 members. She was awarded two Civitan International Honor keys and held multiple Fellow awards. Dr. Walden is survived by her husband Bob, who is also a distinguished Civitan, two adult children, two granddaughters and a great granddaughter.



I AM CIVITAN: as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.

MY HANDS do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.

MY EARS hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress, and unity.

MY EYES search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan.

MY MOUTH utters the call to daily duty and speaks prayers in every tongue.

MY MIND teaches me respect for law and the flag of my country.

MY HEART beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity, and throbs with joy at every triumph of truth.

MY SOUL knows no fear but its own unworthiness.

MY HOPE is for a better world through Civitan.

MY MOTTO: builders of good citizenship.

MY BELIEF: do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

MY PLEDGE: to practice the Golden Rule and to build upon it a better and nobler citizenship.

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