

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING Minutes

April 2, 2024

Evans Prairie Restaurant

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order at 10:35. Judi Higbee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirteen members and two guest speakers were in attendance.

PROGRAM:

Betty Rohan introduced the guest speakers from Kids Central Inc., Maureen Quinlan, Development Manager and Kim McGlothorn, Acting Community Affairs Manager.

Maureen and Kim gave us a great overview of the services provided by Kids Central Inc. and ways that we might be able to support them.

Kids Central, Inc provides several services to Marion, Lake, Sumter, Hernando and Citrus Counties. The services are Foster Care, Independent Living, Adoption and Prevention.

The primary goal is reunification, bringing biological families back together if possible. They currently have over 1600 children that they support in all 5 counties, with Marion County having over 600 children.

They handle approximately 200 adoptions annually.

The club will discuss how we may help Kids Central in the future, also if you as an individual want to help check out their website: kidscentralconnect.org.

MEETING:

- Judi led the group in the reading of the Civitan Creed.
- April Birthday: Carole Savage of PACE on the 22nd. The Happy Box was passed and collected \$29.
- Judi walked us through everything about Civitan that can be found on our website – from links to Civitan International, to Hometown’s history and club minutes, to scheduled events, to the charities we support, to pictures and videos of past events.

www.HometownCivitanClub.org – In the Photo Gallery you can view great pictures of our special Valentine’s Day party at PACE including the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the Calming Center that our grant and the girls’ ideas made possible.

- BUNCO fundraising Party – March 8, 2024 - Everyone enjoyed the event and we raised over \$800 for the club.
- Adopt-A-Precinct, working the polls for the Presidential Preference Primary. Seventeen volunteers worked on 3/19. We expect to earn over \$4000 for each of the 3 days that we work with the money going into our Charity funds.
- History Tour of Royal on March 20. Five of our members attended. Sharlene gave us an overview of the visit, it was very educational and something everyone should try to do.
- April 27 – Best Buddies Walk around Lake Eola in Orlando. Judi will resend the email so you can register to walk with us or donate \$10 to support the IDD community.

Next Club Meeting: May 7, Calinda Strayhorn, student, & Chrystal Ingram of Beacon College;
9th club anniversary celebration.

Next Board meeting: April 17, 9:00 a.m. at Fruitland Park Library. Review of the first half.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:45. Lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Dando, Secretary