

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING

June 6, 2023 10:30 a.m. Evans Prairie Restaurant

OPENING - A regular meeting at Evans Prairie CC Restaurant was called to order at 10:30 by President Laura McLaughlin who welcomed everyone and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, then led us in the Civitan Creed.

Guests were welcomed and the Happy Box was passed with \$14 collected.

June Birthdays were acknowledged: Diane Seymour, Judi Higbee, Rebecca Randall

PROGRAM: Diane Seymour introduced the program speakers from Our Moment Café - Dick Boyden and Joan Bender. They were the recipients of the Villages Homeowners Advocates (VHA) Volunteer award in 2021.

Our Moment Café provides a place for Early-stage Alzheimer patients and their caregivers to participate in an activity together. There are two cafés', one at Chula Vista Recreation Center and one at Bacall Recreation Center. A caregiver and patient group together is very unique.

The groups meet for two hours with interactive activities and opportunities to socialize. Group sizes are limited to 20 – 25 couples (patient and caregiver). There are no fees for participants, organizers are all volunteers, and there are no paid staff. They have 35 trained volunteers to help with the Cafés.

How could we help? They are seeking volunteers with specific skills. A list has been provided and attached to minutes. It will also be listed on their web site www.ourmomentcafe.org. They are also seeking funding to help with an Alzheimer Symposium they are planning that could reach more people.

Joan and Dick answered lots of questions and handed out a brochure for the Café and a booklet Understanding Alzheimer's Disease.

BUSINESS MEETING

Old Business: None

New Business:

Laura stressed the need for members to step up and volunteer to take leadership positions in the club.

Election of Officers is coming up, a slate of officers will be presented at the August 1st meeting. Further discussion at the June board meeting to develop a slate of officers.

September 5th meeting will be the awarding of grants to the chosen 501(c)(3) charities.

The Hand In Hand/Ruth House Purses of Purpose Tea fundraiser in Eustis will be September 16. Mark your calendars as this is lots of fun and a really special social event for club members to participate in.

There will be an opportunity for club members to participate in the Beacon College Parents Day this October. Lana will have details in August.

Ilene Hyams agreed to take responsibility for the Hometown Civitan Tee Shirts.

If you have items for the Newsletter they need to be submitted to Diane Seymour by June 20th.

Next Club Meeting: There is no club meeting in July as the first Tuesday is on the 4th. An email announcement will be sent on July 18th about the August 1st club meeting and program.

Next Board Meeting: June 21st. 9AM at the Gardenia Café @ the Fruitland Park Library. No Board Meeting in July

Have a relaxing summer!

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 11:18 ~ LUNCH followed.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Dando, Filling in for Judi Higbee

Attendees: Mary Anderson, Maureen Anderson, Margie Brower, Kay Dando, Doris Field, Sharlene Floam, Ilene Hyams, Arlene Kaplan, Laura McLaughlin, Betty Rohan, Lana Rosenberg, Karen Schwering, Diane Seymour, Kris Tygrett. **Guests:** George Odom, Joan Bender, Dick Boyden

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