



Canadian District West

Beaver Tales



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GOVERNOR DEBBIE'S MESSAGE

Civitans Pay it Forward

Spring is coming....finally!

I have said so often that if **we do not grow, we will cease to exist**...and I am happy to see that the Don Mills, Midland, London-Middlesex, Dundas and Halton clubs have taken that saying to heart and have added new members to their clubs. Congratulations and remember to take advantage of the “New Members” draw (more info inside). If your club has not had an Information night yet, please plan to do so soon.

We are also looking at Woodbridge and Bradford as possible sites for new clubs, if you know someone who lives in or near these towns please let us know!

Our modified weekend convention in February was cancelled due to low registration, so your District Board decided to try again and our next convention (registration form inside) will be Saturday April 30 staying overnight to May 01 in Brampton. This will be a full day including lunch, dinner, evening entertainment and a hospitality room. This is the weekend for fellowship that the membership asked for, so please plan on attending.

This is the convention for electing next year's leaders....we have 1 person who is willing to serve, there are 4 positions open, we seem to have a shortage. The positions open are Governor-Elect, Past Governor Director, and 2 Area Directors. Please consider stepping forward to serve your district!!

2010/2011 Board

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District Governor's message Continued:

The change of format for the Beaver Tales caused a stir! The District is saving almost \$3000.00 a year by not having the Beaver Tales professionally printed. The Board has decided to continue to produce the Beaver Tales electronically but print and mail a copy to anyone that does not have email. Hopefully we can make everyone happy!

I just returned from the Governors update where we talked about our problems, our successes and planned for the remaining year, and I thank you for that opportunity.

See you on April 30th.

Debbie

Dates and events going on in "CIVITAN" to remember:

April 2011 Civitan Awareness Month

April 2011 Grants and Scholarships Committee Judging

April 1ST and 2ND, 2011 (Fri.-Sat.) International Board of Directors Meeting Birmingham

April 3RD, 2011 - Brampton Civitan Clubs 46TH Anniversary

April 10TH, 2011 - Canadian Foundation Meeting - Belleville

April 22ND, 2011 – Good Friday

April 24TH, 2011 – Easter Monday

April 30TH, 2011 - CDW Convention in Brampton "**ELECTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS**"

May 2011 (TBA) Growth & Retention Committee Meeting – Birmingham AL

May 1ST, 2011 Civitan International Honour Key Nomination Deadline

May 13TH to May 15TH, 2011 – CDE Spring Convention Greater Pettawawa / Pembroke

May 17TH, 2011 – Burlington Civitan Clubs 43RD Anniversary

May 28TH – 29TH, 2011 – CDW Junior Civitan District Convention (London Club House)

June 6TH, 2011 – London Middlesex Civitan Clubs 36TH Anniversary

June 10TH, 2011 – Kawartha Lakes Civitan Clubs 29TH Anniversary

June 11TH, 2011 – Elected Club Officers Training – Dundas Learning Centre - Dundas

June 17TH, 2011 – Oakville Civitan Clubs 51ST Anniversary

June 18TH, 2011 – CDW Board Meeting – Brampton Caledon Community Living.

June 20TH, 2011 – Kitchener-Waterloo Civitan Clubs 47TH Anniversary

June 23RD to 26TH, 2011 (Thurs.-Sun.) Junior Civitan International Convention - Birmingham, AL

July 5TH, 2011 (Tues.) International Board of Directors Meeting New Orleans, Louisiana, Sheraton Hotel , 500 Canal St.)

July 6TH to 9TH 2011 (Wed.-Sat.) 91ST Annual Civitan International Convention - New Orleans, Louisiana, Sheraton Hotel , 500 Canal St.)

July 9TH, 2011 – Halton Civitan Clubs 12TH Anniversary

July 16TH, 2011 – Oakville's 4TH Annual Golf Benefit

July 28TH, 2011 – Midland Civitan Clubs 44TH Anniversary

NEW MEMBER DRAW

Win a new iPad OR 2 registrations to the Civitan International Convention of your choice.

For every 3 new members you sponsor, your name will be entered into the draw.

OR

Partner with other members of your club, for every 3 new members your club has added your club can enter the draw and if your club wins you can then use the prize to raise funds for your own club!



Draw will be held at the Region 5 Convention September 2011 during the Saturday morning business meeting.

Eligibility for the draw will be taken from the Civitan International - Focus Report - Additions pages from October 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011.

[Spring Convention – Monte Carlo Inn – April 30- May 1, 2010](#)

I hope many members are planning on attending this convention and staying overnight for fellowship - as requested by the membership. The Brampton and Barrie clubs are working hard to ensure you have a great time. Please support their efforts.

I have been asked for a price for attending only the meeting (includes lunch) it will be \$35.00 and extra tickets for dinner will be \$40.00.



Along with the business of Civitan we will have a demonstration by the Peel Regional Police K-9 unit (this unit is on call, so hopefully the bad guys will take the morning off).

We will also have a report from the Immediate Past Jr. Civitan Governor Ayliah Mohammed on her experiences at the Youth Leadership and Diversity Conference.

2010 – 2011 Sponsor-a-Member Competition

The membership department of Civitan International are once again offering a challenge to the leadership of the clubs and district officers offering the “Sponsor-a-Member Competition” to encourage the leaders to lead by example and get the ball rolling in sponsoring new members into the clubs of the district. The leaders identified in the competition at the club level are the president, president-elect, secretary and treasurer. The leadership at the district level are the governor, governor-elect, secretary, treasurer, bulletin editor, judge advocate, awards chair, fruit cake chair, candy box chair, junior chair, and four area directors. The following have made the competition

Susan GIBSON – London Middlesex – District Treasurer - 1 member
Wally WOLF – Kitchener-Waterloo – President Elect – 1 member
Anthony FRANCIS – Brampton – President – 2 members
Marlyne VAN EXAN – Halton – President – 1 member

For the two quarters we are at a very low rating of 7.41% for 54 leaders!

As leaders of the clubs and district let’s work together and try to win this growth competition award for the betterment of all of our clubs! We all know that adding members to our clubs will not only bring in new energy, additional ideas and take the strain off of members having to work on every project or special event the club takes on.

The following members of the district are leading the way in membership. Sponsors involved in the “Sponsor-a-Member Competition” will be highlighted in BLUE.

Let’s welcome the new members to Canadian District West and their sponsors.

Patricia Freedman has joined the Halton Club and sponsored by Marlyne Van Exan
Ross Anderson has joined the Don Mills Club and sponsored by ???
Brandt Morris has joined the Don Mills Club and sponsored by Lyle Armstrong
Carrie Marchand has joined the Midland Club and sponsored by Dawn Lock
Lacy Wehrle has joined the Kitchener-Waterloo Club sponsored by Wally Wolf
Christine Correa has joined the Brampton Club sponsored by Anthony Francis
Sheila Wilson has joined the Brampton Club sponsored by Anthony Francis

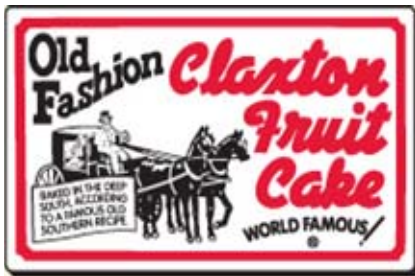
Are You A Golden Circle Club?

Golden Circle Club having an active membership of 30 members are as follows: Our District has two clubs as of the March “Focus Report” in that category.

Dundas District Civitan Club with 45 members
Midland Civitan Club with 36 members

Congratulations to all two clubs for reaching this goal. Being a Golden Circle Club gets your club small discounts from Civitan International in the area of the supply house and international convention registration.

Civitan Enterprises



Civitan Enterprises was formed quite a number of years ago under Cake Chairperson Ralph Hogge to market Claxton Fruitcake to commercial companies in Canada which would sell the cake at multiple sites extending beyond club and district boundaries. In a meeting with President Dale Parker of the Claxton Bakery who agreed to give us the exclusive right to distribute their cake in Canada from coast to coast and as a result the Bakery transferred their non-Civitan clients to us. (This has recently changed).

Civitan Enterprises employed a commercial food broker, Bert Mackett, to market the product for us. With his assistance, we distributed cake to Loblaws, The Title Group, and G.A. Love. Sales were high.

Eventually, Loblaws decided they could make their own cake which would be as good as Claxton so they dropped Claxton Fruitcake. Their own cake, "Southern Pride" which lacked the Claxton name, was not a big seller. The Title Group which supplied stores such as Herbies Drug Stores and Economy Fair discontinued selling fruitcake in their stores. G.A. Love which supplied stores such as The Barn was closed down.

Bert Mackett retired from his wholesale business and Bob Evans (Cake Chair) took on Civitan Enterprises as an unpaid representative.

Many of the clients have been retained and a couple of new ones added.

In the past cake season, we sold cake to 10 clients in Ontario and 2 in Quebec. The list of clients include 3 churches, 1 Kiwanis Clubs, 1 gift shop, 1 drug store, 1 flower shop, 1 restaurant, 1 bakery, 1 fruit market, 1 manufacturing plant and 1 individual who previously had a business but continues to buy.

Other churches and service clubs in areas where Civitan Clubs do not exist have been approached in an effort to increase sales.

Canadian District West sells cake to Civitan Enterprises on the same basis as to clubs. Civitan Enterprises pays the same price per pound, and the same warehouse fees as the clubs are charged. Any profits earned by Civitan Enterprises are split between Canadian District West and Canadian District East on the ratio of poundage purchased from Claxton.

Canadian District West distributes its share of the profit to clubs on the ratio of poundage purchased from the district.

Bob Emo Cake Chair
Joyce Evans Cake Co Chair

Memorials

Civitan Ron Holt, Treasurer - Don Mills Civitan Club

Civitan Brian McDowell, Past President - Don Mills Civitan Club

(Further information with regards to these members dedicated service to Canadian District West can be found in the submission from the Don Mills Civitan Club.)

Walter Kawiecki, former member of the Credit Valley Civitan Club, Mississauga Ontario

Illness

Civitan Jim Christon – Agincourt Civitan Club, we wish Civitan Jim a speedy recovery.

Civitan Val Dorey - London Middlesex Civitan Club, we wish Civitan Val a speedy recovery

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Serious Illness and Death Notifications may be forwarded to:

Civitan Lyle Armstrong

Residence: 1-416-447-3071 E-mail: wekndr@rogers.com

CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The Foundation is working on increasing the membership and increasing the sources of income. One idea that came forward is for the Foundation to search for a Canadian entity that would create interest in both Districts of the Region. If you have any suggestions please contact your District Representative on the Foundation:

Robert McCannell, 3021 Silverthorn Drive, Oakville, ON L6L 5N4, (905) 847-6269
Email: bmccannell@cogeco.ca

At our next meeting, April 10, 2011, we will be judging the applications for the Bursaries and will announce the winners at the upcoming conventions.

As another way of increasing the awareness of the Foundation, it was decided to create a Canadian Foundation page on Face book. It was felt that this would be a good venue to use for our scrapbook and other items of interest. Thanks to Trustee Bryan Wibltsie for setting this up.

Respectfully submitted Lyle Armstrong, Chairperson

What's going on in the clubs in the district!

Agincourt Civitan Club

I start this write up with Sad News: Civitan Jim Christon is still at St. Michaels Hospital in Isolation, he is having physio but recovery is slow. Hopefully he will be allowed visitors soon. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Cake Sale time again, all our members were busy working hard on sales, and it seems to have gone well for us. We wish to thank Civitan Bob Emo for the great job he did for our Club and District, also Civitan Wilf, he keeps the Sales running smooth and as usual he once more was our outstanding Sales Person. We had a great Christmas Party for our Gliders Skating Club and the Scarborough Marlins Swim Team. The Gliders were really excited with the Hoodies Pres. Patrick presented to them. They are Royal Blue with Civitan name and Glider Logo in Yellow. President Patrick was able to book a new D.J. for us and he was great. He really kept every one moving and had all the Athletes and Parents up on the Floor. He gave an interesting introduction for Santa's arrival. Thanks to Santa for taking time out to be there and to Civitan Norma for organizing the 'Kitchen', the food as usual was great. Thanks for the assistance from our members.

Our Gliders Skating program is a great success and is really growing. We had a most successful Seniors evening on the 8th Dec. for the Residents at Cedarbrook Lodge. Our Club Christmas gathering was at the Famous Peoples Players, we started with a lovely Dinner then on to a great Christmas Show, some of our members in the front seats got 'Involved' in the fun as the actors stepped off stage and included the audience. Then it was back to finish off the evening with coffee and cake. It is a great way to have some fun and assist a most worthy group at the same time.

For Valentines Day a group of us held a Special Formal afternoon tea with 'Scones, Strawberry Jam and Cream' and an assortment of Sandwiches and cakes. Our entertainment was a lovely Pianist Patricia Duffy, We all dressed up in Black Slacks, Ladies wore Red Blouses and the men had White Shirts with fancy Red Bow Ties, it really looked neat.

The Residents of Livingston Lodge really enjoyed the entertainment and the refreshments. We are planning a work session for our March meeting, hoping to get some ideas discussed on interesting projects to assist with the growth of our club.

Then of course we have our 45th Anniversary Celebration at the 'Class Act' on the 10th April 2011.

Barrie Civitan Club

The Barrie Club is preparing for an information night on March 23rd.

Sno Do 2011 is in the history books and once again as usual was a great success thanks to everyone working together under the leadership of Civitan Reg.



Welcome to Lauren Turriglio



Welcome to President Gay Aaron



The club is planning on a Yard Sale in May and hopes to have the same great location as last year renting a spot from the Barrie Legion.

In April the club is planning a dinner out at a local restaurant favoured by many the Urban Dish date not confirmed at time of this writing.

The club continues to do Bingo and we all sincerely appreciate the dedication of the members who work at it. Members of the Barrie Club are looking forward to working with the Brampton Civitan's hosting the Convention in April.

We are all looking forward to “Spring” and wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Brampton Civitan Club

Recent “snow alerts” seemed to have favoured Tuesdays evenings, thereby wiping out 2 of our meeting nights. Now we are back to business, with our planned projects taking on a life of their own.

Our Games Evenings program is now held weekly on Tuesday nights under the direction of a newly appointed Games Night Coordinator. Open from 6.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m., we offer Table Tennis, Pool, Table hockey, and we have just added Choral singing. On our monthly Dinner night, we also have a Guest Speaker, and include more games, such as Dominoes and cards. In January we had 16 attend, and as interest spreads, we hope to grow to a full house quite soon.

On the last Friday of February we will participate in our second project. It entails volunteering our services at the Brampton & Caledon Community Living (BCCL) monthly VIBE dance. Stalwarts from the London club will also attend to show us the way. We will provide the music and the snacks. If all goes well, this should develop into a monthly activity for our club. It will realize a cherished goal of working more closely with BCCL.

An idea floated a while back, to form a choral group to entertain at local seniors/retirement homes, is now off the planning board and coming to fruition. We are on the verge of forming our very own Brampton Civitan Choral group. We see much interest in this project, and it could also bode well for future membership growth. So bring out the tuning forks and start to work on the vocals!

“Membership growth” and “fund-raising” are ever-present challenges to most clubs, and ours is no exception. We hope to stay motivated to tackle these too, in the months ahead.

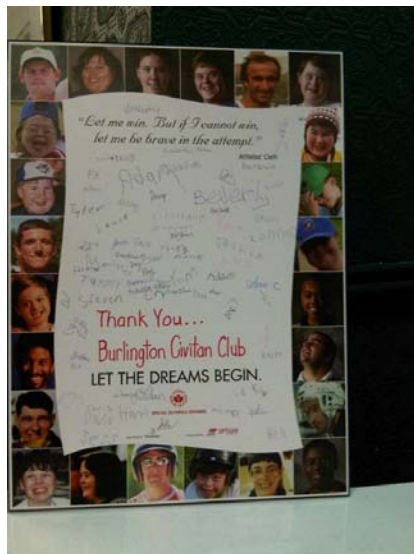
Submitted by:

Tony Francis, President
Brampton Civitan Club

Burlington Civitan Club

WinterFest For Special Olympics:

On December 10, 2010 the club hosted our 3rd annual Winterfest banquet and dance for Special Olympians and their families. Over 180 participants enjoyed a special evening of dining and socializing free of any charge courtesy of the Burlington Club. A very special part of the evening was the presentation to the club by the athletes of a hand made plaque signed by all the Olympians. We were touched and honoured at the effort and thought that went into this.



Christmas Fellowship

The club held its Christmas social at Canyon Creek in Burlington and it was indeed a wonderful evening of fellowship.

Swim Meet

On January 31ST the Club worked with the Special Olympics Swim team in Burlington to host a regional swim meet. As well as financially assisting with the event club members serve as timers.



Library Display

Again this year we set up a display about Civitan and the Burlington Club in the local public library. We had very positive feedback as well as a number of Christmas cake orders



Festival of lights

On December 5 2010 following the Santa Claus Parade members of our club served hot chocolate at Spencer Smith Park in Burlington just before the lighting of the displays and tree in the park.

Don Mills Civitan Club

It is with a heavy heart that we at Don Mills Civitan said goodbye to 2 long-standing Club Members in early January. Not only did we lose our good friends Civitan Ron Holt and Civitan Brian McDowell, we also lost a young 12 year old boy that was at one time a participant within the Don Mills Civitan Hockey League all within 1 week.

Most of you are quite familiar with both Club Members.



Ron was a big imposing figure that enjoyed Golf, Travel, Family, all things British but most of all, boasting about and spending time with his grandchildren. Never one to back down from a good “discussion” Ron was the type of individual that always seemed to analyze the issue rationally and suggest a route of action that would incorporate the appropriate rules of governance.

A Club Member for well over 30 years, it was Ron that sponsored the writer into joining the

Ron was a dedicated member of the community and often spoke with pride of Civitan and its projects. His fondest memory (or so I am given to believe) was when the Don Mills Civitan Club amassed a small army of volunteers 2 years ago and turned Nathan Phillips Square into a Hockey Rink for the Winter Classic Tournament (Special needs Hockey) for this 1-day event. This event remains today the 1 and only time that Ice Hockey has been allowed to be played at Toronto City Hall.

Ron held pretty well every Capacity at Don Mills Civitan throughout his association with the Club and his wisdom and guidance will be sorely missed by all.

It was only 4 days after Ron’s passing that we were further saddened by the loss of dear friend and Club member Brian McDowell.



Brian was the type of individual that you couldn’t help but befriend. Always smiling and prepared to “do lunch” at a moment’s notice, Brian maintained a positive outlook on life that if anyone that has ever attended a Convention can attest to.

Brian and his wife Barb had just returned from a Caribbean cruise and were looking forward to a 2-week vacation to their newly purchased time-share in Florida at the time of his passing.

Brian joined Don Mills Civitan at the same time as the writer and has been President on 3 different occasions.

The Don Mills Civitan Hockey League observed a minute of silence in all House League games on both weekends and plan on incorporating the initials “RDH” and “BFM” into all of our House League Jerseys next season in recognition of both Ron and Brian’s dedication to Civitan and the community of Don Mills.

Additional plans include the planting of trees in “Mike Bela” park in the spring.

Don Mills Civitan held a New Members night on Tuesday February 15th at the Goose and Firkin in Don Mills.

We had a great time, good turnout and met some great people. Anita Pereira from Brampton Civitan Club joined us and gave a nice talk about her Club, Civitan, and Junior Civitan. We had several new members join that night and hope to have more join in the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone for coming out and supporting the Don Mills Civitan.

Don Mills Civitan is proud to announce that we are holding our 12th Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction Friday, April 08, 2011 at 6:30pm. This promises to be another great evening for a great cause. We sold out early last year and hope to do so again this year. Don't be disappointed - get your tickets early online at www.dmchl.com



Dundas District Civitan Club

We were delighted to welcome International President Gay Aaron to Dundas in January.

Accompanied by Governor Debbie, she took time out from Sno-Do activities to come down and visit the Dundas Learning Centre at Civitan Place. Ms Aaron toured the centre, and talked with participants and staff.

Even as the snow has swirled and the winds howled, plans have been well underway for both the upcoming Spring Fashion Show and Annual Golf Tournament.

The Charity Wine and Cheese Fashion Show has become quite a spring tradition in Dundas, with local merchants participating enthusiastically. Civitan Jean Genereaux chairs this year's show.

The event takes place on Thursday April 14, and the cost is still \$18 for advance ticket sales only.

Our Annual Golf Tournament will again be hosted by Flamborough Hills Golf Club in Cope-town, just west of Dundas. It takes place on Sunday June 5. We hope this time we won't have to re-schedule due to weather. Civitan Peter Stone is again the tournament chair.

Looking a little further on the horizon, we plan to participate, for a second year, in the "Big Bike Ride" event, a fund raiser for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, on June 23. In the mean-time, many of us will be practicing intense pedaling for that one.

Our customary dinner meeting site, the Dundas Golf Club, will be closing temporarily for renovations. As a result, we'll be trying out some other venues over the next few months. For instance, our March 28 dinner meeting, featuring a speaker from Hamilton's Ronald McDonald House, will be held at the University Club of McMaster.

To help brighten up the long winter, we've held two social gatherings. On an evening in January, 21 of us came together at the Learning Centre to enjoy pot luck food, followed by various games such as Texas hold-em, rumoli, euchre and scrabble.

Then in February, club members, family and friends tested their darts skills during an evening of fellowship at the Winchester Arms restaurant and pub.

Halton Civitan Club

Halton Civitan Club is looking forward to an exciting 2011. Our club is starting out the year with a fun social night - games night.

We are planning an information day at Oakville Place on May 14th. Getting the word out there about Civitan and looking for new members. We will be doing a spring clean up in the gardens for the Community Living Oakville homes – once spring arrives which we hope is just around the corner.

The weekend of April 2nd is Daffodil Day for the Cancer Society and some of our members will be out there selling flowers at Hopedale Mall.

Sales of Chocolate Almonds are brisk and going well. We are supporting MOM's camp this year – this camp is for mom's who have disabled children at home and the moms need a break which they get by going away for a weekend.

So 2011 will be a busy year for the Halton Civitan Club and we are looking forward to getting some new members into our club.

Jadzia Weir

Kitchener-Waterloo Civitan Club

I think most Ontarians are looking forward to Spring with the cold Winter we have had! Our participation in the "Waterloo Wonders of Winter" (Christmas lights in Waterloo Park) went well. Both donations and attendance was up this year. The club Christmas get together was held at the Metro Restaurant in Kitchener, where we enjoyed their specialty schnitzel. We were able; in conjunction with Shoppers Drug Mart give a \$1,000.00 donation of needed items to St Monica House. Our Claxton Fruit Cake sales were favourable. We had a fundraiser for Hospice of Waterloo Region on February 13, 2011 at First United Church in Waterloo. Two wonderful Chorus Groups, The Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus and The Gloryland Chorus put on a marvelous afternoon of "Songs From The Heart" Which enabled us to give Hospice a donation of \$6,000.00 for their valuable support to the terminally ill in our community. Many thanks to club member Wally Wolff for planning this worthwhile event. We continue to work hard at increasing our membership. May we wish all Civitans good luck in your present and future projects for 2011.

London-Middlesex Civitan Club

December 2010:

Civitan Christmas Dance for CLL. 110 dancers enjoyed pop hits intermixed with Christmas tunes.

Civitan Christmas for Seniors of Mount Hope. 7 senior club members and 3 Jr. Club members made the rounds playing Santa's helpers. 19 Seniors of Mount Hope were gifted with their hearts desired present. Also each were given a gift bag of toiletries. Claxton Fruit cake was left for their evening snack rounds!

January 2011:

2nd Annual Civitan Pool Tournament for YMCA Children's Safety Village. @ Stroker Pool Hall. This year was a success again. Thanks to all who made it out. A special thanks to CSI Accounting for the donation of lunch and picking up the drinks tab!



Jan. 26th We had our postponed Tackey Gift Exchange Christmas Dinner. You just never know what people have in their basement until this dinner! Our Senior We were also fortunate once again to have some of our Junior Civitan Club members join us on that evening as well as our tiny Civitans.



February 2011:

Feb. 11 a Civitan Valentines Dance was held for CLL. 100+ Dancers in their finery boogied the evening away with their sweethearts, and snacked on pizza.

Feb.23rd, Club Bowling/Dinner Night.



Jack's not happy because he not only bowled for himself, but for his wife Julie. (No matter what, he still left one pin standing)



Really Jack you might want to take a lesson or two from Jessica. After all, "she is on a crutch"!!



Yup!!! I can do that- sounds good!



Oh!Oh! The Gate was still down! You want me to pick this up???



Julie trying to gain some points since Jack can't!!!!

London-Middlesex Civitan Club-Bowling Evening-Great Time was had by all.

April 2011:

April 9-Possible-Junior/Senior Fundraiser-Rummage , Craft and Bake Sale

April 29-Spring Fling Dance for CLL-Princess Elizabeth School. 7-10p.m.

May 2011:

May 14th-2nd Annual Civitan Rocks Music Fest Fundraiser-@London Music Club 9pm. 4 great acts will perform. Singer Abbey Yeremma, Singer -song writer James Hummel, New Blues Band-Blind Luck and Rockabilly band- Panic on Pluto. \$10 per person.

May 28/29-London Juniors will host the May Convention. A camp over in our club house will start with a district meeting and guest speaker. A possible project workshop will be held while dinner is prepared. A BBQ dinner cooked by the senior members will be followed by a Glow in the dark theme dance? The sleep over will also have a Bad movie night for those who aren't sleepy! Breakfast will be again served by the senior members with the Juniors departing for their prospective homes afterwards.

May-25th Anniversary Dinner meeting for our London Club.

June 2011:

June 5th-Civitan MiniGolf Classic for CLL@East Park Golf Gardens. (8am setup),9am-12pm-followed by a BBQ lunch and awards ceremony.

June 6th-CHILD ID program-YMCA Children's Safety Village-Fanshawe Park. 11-4p.m.

June TBA -\$1000 Junior Bursary Contest-A new in house Judged Bursary Contest for the London Juniors. An Environmental Fashion Show, a Talent or no Talent Contest and a new Junior Project or Fundraiser proposal.

June 18 - Outdoor BBQ and Dance for the CLL@ The CLL Building on Adelaide @Thompson Rd. 6-10p.m.

Midland Civitan Club

The Midland Civitan Club was busy time over the Christmas season. We held our 33rd annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday December 4th, 2010. Despite the cold day, we had around 55 entries in the parade. Our judges did a fantastic job in judging the floats. Club members worked very hard prior to the day and also on the day of the parade. Special thanks go out to Civitans June Burtch (costumes), Dick Story, Murray McConnell, Jim Burtch (floats).

Claxton Fruit Cake sales were again a success this year. We sold cakes in the local mall during the months of November and December. Our cake chairperson, Civitan Sandra Baxter put a lot

of hours into the cake sales.

We held our annual Curling Jitney on Saturday January 22nd, 2011. All in attendance had a great time. For those who did not want to curl their were cards. Prizes were given out for the winners of both the curling and the card game.

In January we sponsored an SOO curling team to travel to Thunder Bay to participate in the Regional Curling Bonspiel. We purchased their uniforms. When they returned, proud to have received silver medals, the participants came out to our business meeting and thanked us for the support the club gave them.

Two members of our club, Civitans Mary Anne and John, attended the annual Junior Civitan Sno-Do in Barrie. They also coordinated Governor Debbie's reception for our International President, Gay Aaron, following the banquet on Saturday night.

The club is in the final phases of preparing for the Junior Civitan Dance-A-Thon being held the weekend of March 11th – 13th, 2011. As of date of writing this report, we have received confirmation that there will be 16 Junior Civitans traveling from the USA to participate in the event. There are also Junior Civitans from Canadian District East and Canadian District West coming to the Dance-A-Thon.

We will again be assisting with the SOO floor hockey tournament on Saturday March 26th, 2011. Members of our club assist with the timing on the floor, while other club members are busy in the kitchen preparing the lunch.

Oakville Civitan Club

The Club launched 2011 with several special events and announcements:

New Member & Fellowship Night

On Robbie Burns Day (Jan. 25th), the Club held a Scotch nosing to commemorate The Bard's birthday. A tour of Scotland's best nectars, hosted by the Club at *Hampton's Restaurant* (managed by Civitan **Mike Paralovos**), was led for the second year by 'friend of Civitan' **Alex Morgan**. Alex introduced each featured whiskey with its history, the distillery's location and followed up with some wonderful stories and a few good jokes.

The remaining partial bottles of scotch were auctioned off for the good of Civitan – most being purchased by the six attending guests/prospective members. It was a great night of fellowship and discovery; the Club will be sure to plan others (perhaps a cognac and spirits nosing).

Club Dinner – Featuring Inspiring Speaker Melissa Vassallo

Hampton's hosted a superb dinner co-chaired by Club members **Bob McCannell** and **Dick Pearsall** on February 22nd.

Attended by two dozen Civitans and their spouses, the evening featured the articulate **Melissa Vassallo**. Dick Pearsall, who invited Melissa to speak, introduced the evening's dynamic guest. Melissa recounted her journey of challenges from one day being a 22-year old Queen's University student traveling to Florida to participate in a sailing programme to becoming the sudden victim of a tragic car accident en route that claimed the lives of two of her traveling companions and then her grappling with two years of uninterrupted hospitalization to treat almost fatal injuries and begin the process of recovery.

The accident profoundly affected Melissa's mobility but her courage to comeback is now inspiring others. She uses the experience positively, promoting the need for better accessibility for those with personal mobility challenges in Halton Region.

Melissa spoke about the growing needs for increasing accessibility and she outlined the accessible sailing program that she launched in Oakville, hosting many clients of Community Living and others with mobility challenges to experience Oakville's proximity to the lake by sailing on Lake Ontario's waters.

Her accessible sailing program acts as a pilot project to determine the accessible sailing needs of the Oakville community. If successful, the Oakville Yacht Squadron will ensure an accessible sailing program is up and running as part of the OYS Sailing School for the 2011 sailing season for both children and adults alike. Melissa also reviewed her leadership in the **Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion** event in Oakville and concluded her passionate talk by challenging the Civitan Club of Oakville to broaden its early support of fostering accessibility (through donating wheelchairs) to exploring new local accessibility projects.

Civitans are encouraged to visit Melissa's web site for more information:
www.melissavassallo.ca

New Civitan Club of Oakville Web Site Launched

The Club is excited to invite other District West Clubs to visit our new web site:
www.melissavassallo.ca

Creatively designed by Junior Civitan **Rob Venema**, the web site is intended to be refreshed each month with a new photograph and home page as well as a 'living' calendar that highlights upcoming events. While it's a work in progress, the new site will help introduce the Club to web-surfing guests and serve as an accurate and updated calendar of events for Club members and their spouses.

Golf Tournament Committee Convenes First 2011 Tournament Meeting

Last year, the Civitan Club of Oakville's golf tournament raised almost \$30,000. This year, the fourth annual **Civitan Club of Oakville Charity Golf Classic** will once again be held at the Glen Abbey Golf Club. Hold Saturday, July 16th for this special event and book early as last year we sold out of the 120 golf tee positions and 160 guests at the post tournament dinner.

The inaugural Golf Committee meeting was convened by Tournament Chair (and President-Elect) **Chris Smith**. Meeting every two weeks (before a weekly schedule is adopted in April), Chris enthusiastically welcomed back all of the members of last year's Tournament Committee who made it a smashing success including friend of Civitan **Jane Chen** (winner of last year's Club **Appreciation Award** for her contribution) and new friend **Pete Norris**. Civitan Clubs are invited to participate in our Tournament and if anyone has silent auction prizes or hole sponsorships to donate, the Club would be grateful for.

Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club

The Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club has been busy supporting the Toronto Lung Transplant Support Group with their efforts to raise money for a new paging system for transplant patients at Toronto General Hospital. With this system, patients will no longer have to just sit and wait (sometimes for a few hours) for their transplant clinic appointments. Now they will be able to do their physio rehab, for example, and know they will not miss their appointment. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. A special thanks to the Midland Civitan Club for their very generous donation

In addition to helping the Transplant Support Group, TLTC is also financially assisting four transplant patients with their housing while they're on the waiting list. Many people cannot afford to move to Toronto (this is a requirement if they live more than two hours from Toronto) to be on the wait list for their Lung transplant. Financial assistance from TLTC makes it possible for some of these people with financial difficulties to have their life-saving transplant.

Presently, TLTC is organizing an organ donation awareness campaign at Toronto General Hospital during national Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week on Monday April 18TH and Wednesday April 20TH. Trillium Gift of Life Network will be there with us. We will be selling our fundraising merchandise that consists of sweatshirts, t-shirts, polo shirts, hats and magnetic ribbons. Money raised will go towards helping transplant patients who need financial assistance.

If you haven't already done so, please register your consent to be a donor at www.giftolife.on.ca or visit your local Service Ontario Health Card Services OHIP office or Outreach site.

CIVITAN MISSION STATEMENT

**To build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs
Dedicated to serving individual and community need with an emphasis on helping
people with developmental disabilities**



Junior Chair Report



On February 26th, 2011, the Rick Hansen Juniors along with the Junior District Board worked together with the Mississauga Civitan Club on their PAHA (Peel Association of Handicap Adults) Luncheon. The juniors helped serve food, helped those that needed assisted for various tasks and played bingo. After the event, the junior board had their meeting.

On April 2nd, 2011, the juniors will be having their VEG OUT ECO LAUNCH WEEK. In order to help the environment, the juniors decided to have a vegetation week, the challenge is to all juniors and advisors to try to be vegetation for 1 week. The launch is April 2nd. We will be having a vegetation pot luck and watch movies from 4-8pm at the Dundas Learning Centre.

The Junior District Convention will be on May 28th, 2011 hosted by the London Juniors. It is going to be a fun day full of events and the juniors will stay overnight in London's clubhouse watching "bad" movies.

The Junior International Convention is from June 23rd – 26th, 2011 in Birmingham, Alabama.

Anita Pereira
Junior Chair
2010-2011

Youth Leadership Diversity Conference Report

The application has been send through Lyle (communications) for the YLDC. The conference will be from July 11 to July 16th, 2011.

Please find attached copy in the Beaver Tales.

Please consider sponsoring an applicant, if your club is unable to find one but would like to sponsor an applicant, please contact me as I may have some applicants without sponsoring clubs.

NOTE: There is a two page application form located on the CDW web site. The application is also available through Communications—Lyle Armstrong or YLDC Chairperson Anita Pereira

Anita Pereira
YLDC Chair
2010-2011

Editors Comments

Please note the deadline for the next edition of the Beaver Tales will be **May 24th, 2011**.

Please make every effort to have your article reach us by this deadline, by email as we want to ensure that no club is missed and the edition is sent out as soon as possible to all members. Unfortunately submissions cannot be accepted by mail due to timing and personal commitments of the editors. We would also like to receive the contact information for your club, as to who is responsible for submitting your articles for the issues. This will allow us to contact them should we not have received the submission as we feel it is important that it be included if in fact it was sent.

In this edition we have 11 out of the 14 clubs submissions within District West. It would be great if we could reach the point that all clubs send in information on what they have done and/or may be doing in the future so others may be able to get some ideas for their own club or just be informed of what you are doing.

Clubs are encouraged to send in photos of events that have taken place, some words of wisdom to be shared, as well as some humor.

Note: On March 1st, Governor Debbie sent out the following email to all clubs.

Good Evening:

The Beaver Tales will continue to be sent electronically for those that have email, for those that do not have access to a computer we will print and mail a copy.

The Beaver Tale editors will need a list of your club members email/ mailing addresses as soon as possible. Please send a copy to me as well.

Thank you, Governor Debbie Hiscott— 2010/2011

Editors Note:

As of March 8th, we have received only two club list as requested. Would you please forward the information at your earliest convenience that Civitan Debbie requested.

Thank you in advance, Civitan Val Dorey & Civitan Val Marchant Bulletin Editors, 2010/11

Please submit you information by email as a word document attachment prior to the deadline to:

Valwayne.dorey@sympatico.ca (Res: 1-519-453-3957) or

Civitan.val.m@gmail.com (Res: 1-519-284-1779)

(Note: There is a . after civitan and a . after val)



Governor-Elect Owen's Message

Owen Marchant
Governor Elect, 2010/11

Well, we are back from the Governor-Elects training and I had a great time meeting all the new Governor-Elects from across the states (and of course my counter part, Governor-Elect, John Carr from District East.) Each day we would start at 8.30 and went until 5:30/6:00 at night. Then we would all go out to dinner and though we would discuss our days meeting we would return to the hotel and once back, would then talk some more. The Research Centre is a MUST SEE for those that have not had that opportunity.

I am looking forward to next year to work with the clubs and our District. We are unique in that, although we may not have the equivalency in membership status that clubs in the states have, Canadian District West does equally, if not more, to fulfill our obligations to our Civitan Creed. However, making that statement, we have to build our district up. I believe the writing is on the wall which most should have already realized. International could force a merger between District East and District West if membership/clubs do not increase.

I believe that we all know, that we need new members and the need to bring in younger members is important as well. Several members have been in Civitan for numerous years and due to either family commitment, work and/or health are getting burnt out. Not to say that they are not committed to Civitan, but just can't continue to do hold the same positions or volunteer as they have on a regular basis.

As you all know, the February convention was cancelled. If you should ask why, it was due to the lack of members interest. Whether it was do to the location, we do not know. None has come forward to the best of my knowledge to give the reason why. The membership asked for a weekend away. Not only for a Convention Meeting, but as was stated at previous meetings, for fellowship. Your District Board took your advice and planned the event. What did we do wrong! I would like the membership to please tell me so we can fix it.

As spring approaches, it is once again that time to hold our elections. Nominations are needed for the positions of: Governor-Elect, Past Governor-Director and Area Directors. I would ask that all members seriously consider having their names put forward. Please forward your intent to run for these positions to Past-Governor

Paul Scudds. As well, there are positions for District Chairs .If you feel you would like hold one of these positions please contact me. If you should have any questions with regards to any of these positions please contact Past Governor-Paul for the elected positions and myself for the non-elected positions.

Owen Marchant - Governor Elect 2010/11

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