



# BEAVER TALES

Canada District West  
Region 5

Winter  
2023-24



**2023-2024**

## C.D.W. Board

### Governor

Pat McKinney

### Governor Elect

t.b.d.

### Immediate Past Governor

Pauline Blackwell

### Past Governor Director

Norma Johnston

Agincourt, Barrie, Don Mills,  
Halton, Kawartha Lakes

### Area Directors

Marlyne Van Exan  
Dundas, Midland, Oakville,  
London

### District Secretary

Cathy Dunn

### District Treasurer

Sue Gibson

### Judge Advocate

Lyle Armstrong

People helping  
Clubs stay  
united!

## Governor's Message



Greeting Fellow Civitans,

It's hard to believe we are into the Christmas season. I'm not sure where the time has gone but your district board has been busy and a lot has been accomplished.

We held our first board meeting October 21 and we covered a lot ground. A special thank you to both Sue Gibson and Lyle Armstrong for all their hard work on the proposed new bylaws which have been mandated by the Government (ONCA) and must be submitted by October 2024. These proposed bylaws are now on the district website for review and will be voted on at the May 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Convention.

Now that we are all clubs at large we also need to rewrite our policies. The board will be starting to review and rewrite the policies in late January and will post on the website for review when completed.

One thing that has been a big disappointment is the lack of people stepping up to the plate and running for elections. At the "One Day Spring Convention" we need two Governor Elects, one for 2023-24 and one for 2024-25. Please consider putting your name forward. You are not on your own as Governor as you have your district board to assist in making decisions. We will also need a Past Governor Director and two Area Directors.

On a brighter note!

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

Pat McKinney  
2023-24 CDW Governor



# International Board of Directors-2023-24

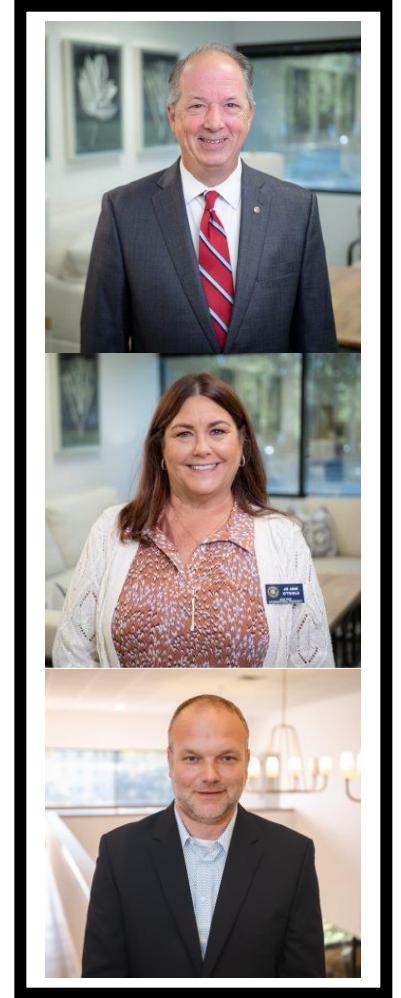
## THE WHOLE BOARD IS UNITED STATES ONLY

### International President: Kearney "Dee" Hutsler

Dee Hutsler was elected as the 2022-2023 International President-Elect at the 2022 Civitan International Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

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### International Immediate Past President: Jo-Ann O'Toole

Jo Ann O'Toole was elected as the 2021-2022 International President-Elect at the 2021 International Convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

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### International President-Elect:

Michael Morgan was elected as the 2023-2024 International President-Elect at the 2023 Civitan International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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### Executive Vice President

Mark Eisinger

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<p><b>Region One Senior Director</b> 2021-2024 Joel Hallman</p> <p><b>Region Two Director</b> 2021-2024 Bill Tolleson</p> <p><b>Region Three Director</b> 2023-2026 Chuck Bowman</p> <p><b>Region Four Director</b> 2023-2024 Carmen Gorby</p>	<p><b>Region Six Director</b> 2022-2025 Patti Belote</p> <p><b>Region Seven Director</b> 2022-2025 Grace Farmer</p> <p><b>Region Eight Director</b> 2021-2024 Lynda Wheeler</p> <p><b>Executive Vice President</b> Mark Eisinger</p>	
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**Mission Statement**  
The worldwide mission of Civitan International is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs, with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.

## JUNIOR CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL ALL IN SUMMIT SET FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Junior Civitan International's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual All In Summit will take place February 23-26, 2024 in Birmingham, Alabama. All Junior Civitan members are invited and encouraged to raise funds for the Civitan International Research Center to attend the 3-day leadership summit surrounded by fellow Junior Civitans. [7P] There is an important update that concerns all Civitan clubs and members who are interested in giving towards this event that all Civitans should be aware of: **Donations from a Civitan club will now be counted as a general event sponsorship, while donations from Civitan members, other individuals, etc. will count towards a student's individual fundraising efforts.** This change is an effort to attract more Junior Civitans to attend the event by utilizing sponsorship dollars to help offset direct costs as well as to encourage more gifts from Civitan members and those outside the organization. Your club's donation as an event sponsor will STILL receive credit for Civitans at the Helm and will also give clubs more recognition at the event for their gift.

### START PLANNING TO ATTEND

## The May 4th Spring Convention in Midland, ON Where we will be celebrating "ALL THINGS CANADIAN"

Those of you who plan on attending Friday evening will start off the celebration of "All Things Canadian" and this will carry over to Saturday.

Midland Civitan Club is already hard at work in their plans to make this a great convention.

Start planning to attend and brush up on your knowledge of Canada (Just saying)

Hotel: Hampton Inn by Hilton Midland ON

Phone: 705-540-9425

Room Rate: \$169.00 per night Be sure to mention Civitan to get this rate.



## WATER FIRST -Water Internship



Celebrating the next generation of Indigenous water treatment plant operators

Graduation often marks the end of a journey. For the Indigenous youth and community members of **Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council**, graduation is just the beginning.

In late September, Mamaweswen, The North Shore Tribal Council and Water First celebrated 11 interns on their **graduation from the Drinking Water Internship Program**. Throughout the program, the dedicated group of individuals gained 1,800 hours of hands-on experience in water treatment plants, pursued water operator certifications, and now join our Alumni Network for ongoing support and development.



"In the last 15 months, here with Water First, I've seen that we don't have to look too far for inspiration and that we each have the potential to make that inspiring contribution to others.

When you leave here today, celebrate what you've accomplished, but look forward with an eye towards how you too can be that inspiration to others."

**Nigel Debassige**, Valedictorian  
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

# THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMMM...

- Why do peanuts float in a regular coke and sink in a diet coke. Go ahead and try it...
- How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going? (taxes?)
- Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?
- What disease did cured ham actually have?
- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
- Why do doctors leave the room while you change??? They're going to see you naked anyway.



***You don't have to have been a Governor to join the Civitan International Foundation of Canada Governors Council.***

For only \$100.00 a year you can join the CIFOC Governors Council and receive a pin identifying you as a member of the ***CIFOC Governors Council.***



- **Service** – Selflessly serving individuals in our communities.
- **Inclusion** – Giving everyone a seat at the table.
- **Respect** – Treating all people with the dignity and respect they deserve.
- **Fellowship** – Providing a place of belonging and kinship to neighbors and strangers alike.
- **Courage** – Having the confidence and conviction to stand up for what we believe in.
- **Leadership** – Embracing our knowledge to step up and lead within our communities.

# CANADIAN CIVITAN REMINDERS

**"The best honour you can give to anyone is to show respect for their time."**

Why not honour someone in your club with either a Century Award or a Fellow

(A tax receipt will be given to the recipient)

Contact: AWARDS TRUSTEE (CIFOC)  
Darlene Lambert  
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Pembroke ON K8A 7S2  
(613) 735-6069  
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## Send Your New Member Info

name, address, phone number & email address to the District Treasurer and Communications so that District and Foundation lists are up to date and communications can keep you updated on District matters.

SUE GIBSON: [susan\\_gibson@rogers.com](mailto:susan_gibson@rogers.com)  
LYLE ARMSTRONG: [wekndr@rogers.com](mailto:wekndr@rogers.com)

Roster lists are to be sent to Civitan International in  
September and March

# Region 5 Friday Evening *FUN FUN FUN*



# Host Club London Middlesex



## The East Participants





Wow, Wow, Wow – wasn't that a party – Everyone was either a drunk or a bitch!



Maybe Darrell has done a bit too much sampling!! Not sure!!!!



A BIG BIG THANKS to London Middlesex Civitan Club for hosting a great convention. It was certainly a great time for all attending and I don't think anyone attending went home without a prize. I believe one of Midland members who was not there even won a prize. LOL. The whole weekend was filled with fun, laughter and most importantly FELLOWSHIP!



# Region 5 Business Meeting and Banquet



London Middlesex Civitan hosted the Region5 Convention September 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> at the Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn in London



Speaker was Stephanie Sams who is a member of the London Middlesex Club and is the Entertainment Co-Ordinator for Community Living.





Cheryl with the help of Pauline, Darrell and Marlyne awarded herself with the “Heel Award”. Maybe Cheryl will again award herself next year with the award and beat Norma for the most times receiving the award. *LOL*

**"Had to be me,  
someone else might  
have gotten it wrong."**



Governor Pauline presented her team with a token of her appreciation.



*The new and old board with Past International Director Bill Lawrence, who later installed the incoming officers.*



Banner Exchange



*Past Governor Darrell Blackwell presents Pauline with her Governors Honour Key.*





## **It's Never Too Late**

*Nothing can fill the emptiness that remains in a space vacated by a passion that we have tossed aside.*

There are times in life when we are committed to pursuing our passions. Every molecule in our body is focused on doing what we love. At other times, necessity and responsibility dictate that we put our dreams aside and do what needs to be done. It is during these moments that we may choose to forget what it is that we love to do. There are many other reasons for why we may leave our passions behind. A hobby may lose its appeal once we've realized it will never turn into our dream job. Someone important to us may keep telling us that our passions are childish and unsuitable — until we finally believe them.

Forgetting about what you love to do can be a form of self-sabotage. If you can forget about your dreams, then you never have to risk failure. But just because we've decided to ignore our passions doesn't mean they no longer exist. Nothing can fill the emptiness that remains in a space vacated by a passion that we have tossed aside. Besides, life is too short to stop doing what you love, and it is never too late to rediscover your favorite things. If you gave up playing an instrument, painting, drawing, spending time in nature, or any other activity or interest that you once loved to do, now may be the time to take up that passion again. If you don't remember what it is that you used to be passionate about, you may want to think about the activities or interests that you used to love or the dreams that you always wished you could pursue.

You don't have to neglect your responsibilities to pursue your passions, and you don't have to neglect your commitments to do what you love. When you make an effort to incorporate your interests into your life, the fire within you ignites. You feel excited, inspired, and fed by the flames that are sparked by living your life with passion for what you love.



# Getting Back to Holiday Basics

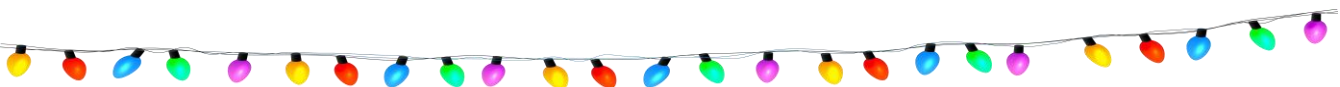
*There are many unique ways to celebrate the holidays without spending too much money or becoming exhausted in the process*



The true meaning of the holidays can easily get lost in the details. While many of the diverse festivals and feasts we celebrate are designed to be times for celebrating life, new beginnings, traditions, and landmark occasions, those sentiments can be swept away by the stress of overloaded to-do lists and seemingly never-ending holiday obligations. Yet there are many unique and satisfying ways to celebrate the holidays without spending too much money or becoming exhausted in the process. Whereas the media, and possibly even loved ones, may encourage you to do and buy more, concentrating on the spirit of faith, giving, love, and hope during the holidays can help you do more with less. You can create new holiday traditions that help you focus on what you find important.

Holidays can be a wonderful time for taking stock of what matters most to you. This can include family, community, helping those less fortunate, and loving the earth. If you feel driven to give the people in your life gifts, consider presents that encourage positive living or whose impact will continue to be felt long after the holidays. Think about donating your effort to making someone else's life better by hosting a party for seniors or volunteering at a homeless shelter. You can also make a charitable donation or plant a seedling tree in a loved one's name. Instead of giving your friends and family material goods, give them the gift of your time. Organize get-togethers that include relatives or acquaintances that you seldom see and emphasize togetherness, fun, and celebration. Time spent making homemade gifts can give you a chance to ruminate on what you treasure about your loved ones.

When exploring the true meaning of the holidays and getting back to the true spirit of the season, allow yourself to alter existing traditions. Even a blessing before a meal or a walk under the stars can help you reconnect with the holidays. Do what fulfills you and then stop before your celebration becomes more of a hassle than a happy occasion. Get back to the basics of generosity and goodwill, and your holiday will certainly be a rewarding one.





# CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL

## GROWTH INCENTIVES FOR FY2024

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM



### REFER A FRIEND TO JOIN CIVITAN!

**Details:**  
Recruit (1) New Civitan Member

**Timeline:**  
\*10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024

**Incentive:**  
\$5 Amazon Gift Card



### HOLLY JOLLY HAM GIVEAWAY

**Details:**  
Recruit (3) New Members

**Timeline:**  
\*10/1/2023- 11/30/2023

**Incentive:**  
Ham for the holidays from The Honey Baked Ham Company



### SOME BUNNY IS SPECIAL

**Details:**  
Recruit (3) Additional New Members

**Timeline:**  
\*12/1/2023- 02/28/2024

**Incentive:**  
Easter Basket full of goodies from Harry & David



### GAS UP FOR SUMMER TRAVEL

**Details:**  
Recruit (3) Additional New Members

**Timeline:**  
\*03/01/2024- 05/31/2024

**Incentive:**  
\$50 Gas Card for Summer Travels



### FINISH THE YEAR STRONG

**Details:**  
Recruit (3) Additional New Members

**Timeline:**  
\*06/01/2024- 9/30/2024

**Incentive:**  
\$100 Amazon Gift Card

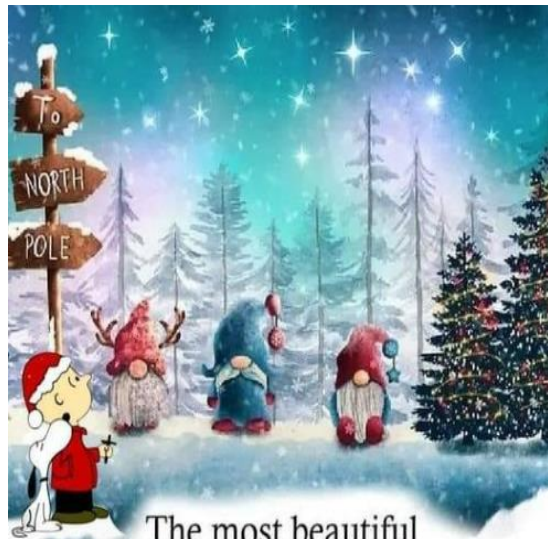
\* Recruitment count "starts over" for members who reach each milestone. For example, if a member receives the free ham, they must recruit (3) additional new members to receive the Easter gift basket and so on.

\*Each additional set of new members must join during this frame.

P R E S E N T E D B Y C I V I T A N I N T E R N A T I O N A L

If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction.

Martin Kornfeld



The most beautiful things in life are not things. They're people and places, memories and pictures. They're feelings and moments and smiles and laughter.



# Butterballs

- 1 pound sweet butter
- 1 c powdered sugar
- 4 c flour
- 2 t vanilla
- 2 c chopped walnuts

Cream the butter. Next, add in the sugar and cream together thoroughly. Gradually add flour, vanilla and nuts and mix until well combined. Roll into 3/4" balls and bake at 300° for 60 minutes.

Allow to cool for 2 to 3 minutes then roll in powdered sugar while warm. Roll a second time if desired.



*2 cups of chopped walnuts*



*Roll in powdered sugar while warm.*







- 1 pound of softened butter
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla
- 2 cups of sugar
- 3/4 cup of milk
- 8 cups of flour
- 8 teaspoons of baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt

Mix up the wet and dry ingredients separately. Add the wet mixture to the dry a little at a time. Cover and refrigerate until stiff enough to roll. Use floured cookie cutters to cut out shapes. Bake at 350° for 8 to 10 minutes on an ungreased cookie sheet. Store in an airtight container with a piece of bread to keep the cookies nice and soft.



# Grandma Limberios' Cut Out Cookies

3 large beaten eggs



1 pound of softened butter



2 cups of sugar

3/4 cup of whole milk



2 tsp. of vanilla



## Canadian District West Junior Civitan

Tracy Beck, Chairperson



The Dundas Club remains small but active. As an official partner of the Down Syndrome Association of Hamilton, they were at their walk-a-thon and once a month, run a Teen Hangout with DSAH members. They are looking forward to baking cookies for a Random Act of Kindness at the local Remembrance Day ceremonies and are planning a clean up of the road before it gets too cold.



Halton continues to grow, consistently recruiting new members. As always, they started their year off with a park clean up. This past week, they were at Kerr Street Mission where they prepared a meal for the community. Next up, they will be preparing Halloween treat bags for Lighthouse for Grieving Children.



As expected, the Burlington Junior Club folded at the end of last year. There were a few remaining members but none of them were willing to take on any leadership. Melanie encouraged them to join the Dundas club but none did. With only two clubs remaining, we decided that rather than hold district conventions this year, we would travel to each other's clubs to volunteer together at some point in the year. We also have a virtual project planned in support of Indigenous fly-in communities in northern Canada.

## Agincourt Civitan Club - #1870 President David Birtwell

The Agincourt Civitan Club has awarded a \$1000.00 bursary to a student who will be attending the Culinary Management Program at Humber College this past September.

The Club is in full swing with our Claxton Cake Sales with sales going well. We will be selling cake at a few Community Centres.

Our main project the Gliders Skating Club started this year on Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> and we will be hosting the Gliders Christmas Party with Santa Clause on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday. – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Once more Agincourt Civitan assisted with Village Eulogia's Annual Walk-a-Thon. I was there for 9 am. To assist with their 5 and 10 K. There were Six Stations, at each Station each Group had to do a: Charade, Limbo, Choose a 'Cheer' Our Post was the last one. We 'Gave a Gift'. They had filled a bag with ping pong Balls some marked with VE. I got them to "close their eyes and reach in for one", if it was marked VE, then my Partner gave them a 'Treat'.

There were participants, with Canes, Walkers, Etc. even young ones in Carriages. Lots of fun while doing it. Back at the Hall, while Lunch, of a selection of Pizza's, Sweet Treats and Drinks was being prepared, there was a short Thanksgiving Service. Two talented young men, played guitars and led us in song. Very enjoyable.

After Lunch they presented Thank you's to the various groups who had Participated in helping them reach their Goal with their Pledges. All Volunteers received a very nice White T-shirt with the 'Move for Love' Logo in Black. I then had the honour of presented Agincourt Civitan's Cheque to Board Member, Lillian, and received a grateful Thank You for our continued support. It was very cold and windy day, but everyone had great fun. Thank you to the walkers, the donors and to Tjene for their sponsorship. We had 110 walkers and raised \$26,500.



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**Sad news** with the passing of Mary Rose Christon, wife of past member Jim Christon. Mary Rose assisted Agincourt Civitan and Junior Civitan on many club projects.

**Happy Birthdays** to Civitan's Eveline Wallace who turned 92 years on October 20<sup>th</sup> and Bob Nicholls who turns 95 years on December 19<sup>th</sup>.



On December 20<sup>th</sup> the Agincourt Civitan Club will be having their annual Christmas dinner at the Pearl Dragon Restaurant.

Agincourt Civitan has been conducting their business meetings by Zoom and plan install the new board of directors on Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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gifts  
tinsel  
lights  
Rudolph  
baubles  
Santa  
festive  
Joy dinner  
Merry  
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Christmas



The Agincourt Civitan Club  
wishes that your Christmas  
shine brightly  
with joy  
and goodwill.

Our Alleycats Special Olympics bowlers were back on the lanes in September. This marks the thirty-third year of our league. Thanks to the organizers and volunteers who have come out each Saturday to support the athletes.

Club 95 held its “Winter Wonderland” dance in November. As the name indicates, this social club was established 28 years ago and is still going strong, with the help of both adult and junior Civitan volunteers.

On November 4, we held another “Closet Cleanout” event. We asked for donations of used clothing and textiles that could be re-cycled. Again, there was strong support from members and the community.

Plans are underway for hosting a meeting for parents and family members of Learning Centre clients. The aim is to encourage them to become members of our club.

Also in the planning stages is an open house, that will hopefully take place in January. The purpose of this event will be to highlight our club’s projects and accomplishments, such as Civitan Place, the learning center’s home, and Special Olympics. Among those invited will be members of other service clubs and public officials.

Stay tuned for more news on this important event.

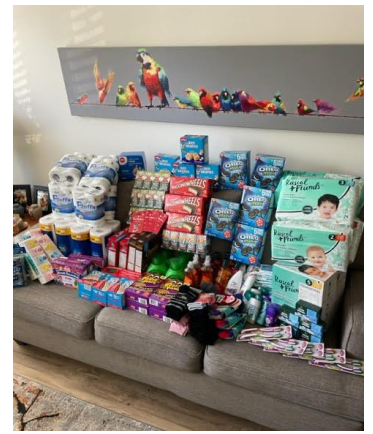
Club 95 Dance



# Halton Civitan Club - #3526 President Marlyne Van Exan

## Support for the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Civitan Brenda presented information regarding the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. They provide goods, services and programs for individuals in need. As a group, we decided to make a donation to the organization in the form of required supplies. Pictured are the goods that were provided during our first donation. The Churchill Neighbourhood Centre was very grateful for the donation and the Halton Civitan Club will continue to offer support.



You can find out more about the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre by following the link <https://opnc.ca/programs/forms-and-documents/>

## Installation

In October, the Halton Civitan club installed a new member along with the board members. We would like to welcome Civitan Linda to our group. She comes to us with years of volunteer and service experience in the Halton community and is well connected to other charitable organizations.

We had some changes on the Halton Civitan Board. Civitan Marlyne will continue as our President and Civitan Cathy will continue as our Treasurer. This year, Civitan Jadzia will take over as President Elect and Civitan Erika joins the board as Secretary.



Civitans Marlyne and Linda



Civitans Marlyne, Jadzia, Cathy and Erika



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## The Dorval Crossing Civitan Farmer's Market



Civitans Sharon and Marlyne

In the month of November, the Oakville Civitan Club was kind enough to provide us with a table at their Farmer's Market where we sold Claxton Fruit Cake. Our Club also took part in several craft shows and bazaars to sell our cake. We've had a very successful year and we're excited to continue to support our community. Thank you to all of our club members who volunteered their time to sell cake.

## Christmas Bags for CWSDS

The Halton Civitan Club assembled 70 Christmas Bags that will be distributed to residents at CWSDS. There were 25 bags for females, 25 bags for males and 20 bags for individuals with higher needs. The bags consisted of colouring books, crayons, pad of paper, pencil, socks, and an antler headband. These bags will be gifted to residents around Christmas time.



Civitan Norma



Civitan Sharon, Wendy



Wendy, Civitans Sharon and Denise



Reindeer Headbands



## Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club - #2721 President Ken Luff

'Tis the season for giving and that is exactly the focus of the Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club in preparation for another exciting holiday season. Once again, we are strengthening our long-term partnership with the Fenelon Falls branch of the Salvation Army in support of their annual Christmas Kettle Campaign. Civitan members have organized sixteen 3-hour shifts at the Coboconk Foodland whereby we ring the bells at the kettle while wishing and thanking donors for their generosity. The Salvation Army's 2023 goal for the local community (Fenelon Falls, Lindsay, Coboconk) is \$55,000. Any donations received in Coboconk will help local families for Christmas and throughout the year. "The Civitan Club has always been an amazing support to us in past years and we have never taken for granted all the volunteer hours your members have given us," wrote Salvation Army Kettle Co-ordinator Kim Garreffa. "It makes such a difference. "Judging by generous activity at the kettle so far this year, many local families will enjoy a Christmas they otherwise may not have experienced. In other news, the club held a special Christmas sale at the clubhouse on Saturday November 26. The focus of the sale was Christmas decor. From all reports, the sale was a resounding success.



From food hampers to helping put toys and clothes under the tree, The Salvation Army is providing practical assistance to those in need this Christmas.



*The Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club wishes our fellow Civitans in other clubs a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!*





## London Middlesex Civitan Club - #2383 President Darrell Blackwell

Members of the London Middlesex Civitan club held their annual Halloween Dance last night for the clients of Community Living London. The dance was well attended with approximately 150 clients plus staff dressed up to enjoy some great music and fun!



Well, it looks like a great start to the winter season as I am sitting here doing this e mail it is 9 degrees Celsius out and a bit of sunshine.

The London club will be doing a dance for Community Living London on December the 8th and we believe that Santa will be showing up to hand out candy canes. On the following Monday we will be having our annual Christmas dinner and tacky gift exchange.

We are looking forward to the new year with great optimism about the future as it seems that things are slowly getting back to 'normal'.

The club has helped Rotholme family center this year with a donation and also to the basket brigade to help out needy families during this time.

The club wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and for better things to come in the new year.



The London Middlesex Civitan Club  
wishes everybody a  
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays  
and for better things to come in the  
New Year.



## Midland Civitan Club - #1959 President Mike Tinney

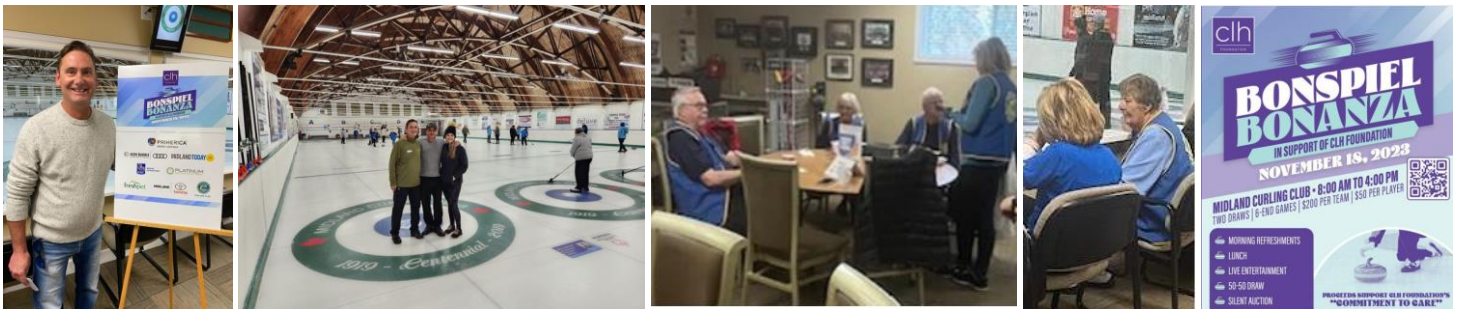
We had 5 Members attend the Region 5, hosted by London and we all had a great time and lots of fellowship. Well done, London!!

Our Inaugural and Awards Night, was held Sept 30, 2023 at the Midland Curling Club. President Mike and New Board were installed by almost Governor Pat McKinney and Civitan Oliver Latour was presented with 50-year Service Award by both the Club and Civitan International along with a birthday cake. Civitan of the year was awarded to Civitan Carroll Wilson. A lovely evening enjoying a great meal and loads of fellowship.

In October we again sponsored the CLH Pumpkin Contest and sent funds to 7 local Legions to help with celebration for our Vets on Remembrance Day.



On Nov 18, 2023 we did hands on and sponsored three SOO Teams at the Second Annual CLH Bonspiel. We sold 50/50 tickets, helped with the Silent Auction, served lunch and drawmaster Civitan Carroll Wilson kept all the on-ice activities in order. We helped raise well over last year's total of 12,000.00 for Community Living Huronia.



All hands were on deck for Midland Santa Parade on Nov. 25. Once again, the Midland Civitan Santa Parade went well with 60 entries. Prizes were awarded to the winners on Nov 28, 2023 at the North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre. Our Breakfast at Stackers for all Members and those volunteers working on the Parade is on Sun Dec. 3 at 9.00 am. A big thank you to Parade Chair Civitan Kristyn, for her hours spent on administrative emails, paperwork and organizing it all. Civitans Mike, Barrett, Kristyn, Steve, Tracy, Chris, Garry, Bill and all the other "elves" that worked so hard to get our floats ready and refurbished. The updated Santa Float was outstanding!! Carol Frederick who worked very hard and organized with costumes to once again make this a success Civitan John Veals for arranging the Media. In keeping with a long-standing Parade Tradition, Civitan Mary Ann hosted the Judges and PIP Bill (picture guy) to her home and provided hot coffee and lunch, after which, the judges were able to sit down and discuss the various entries to come up with the winners.

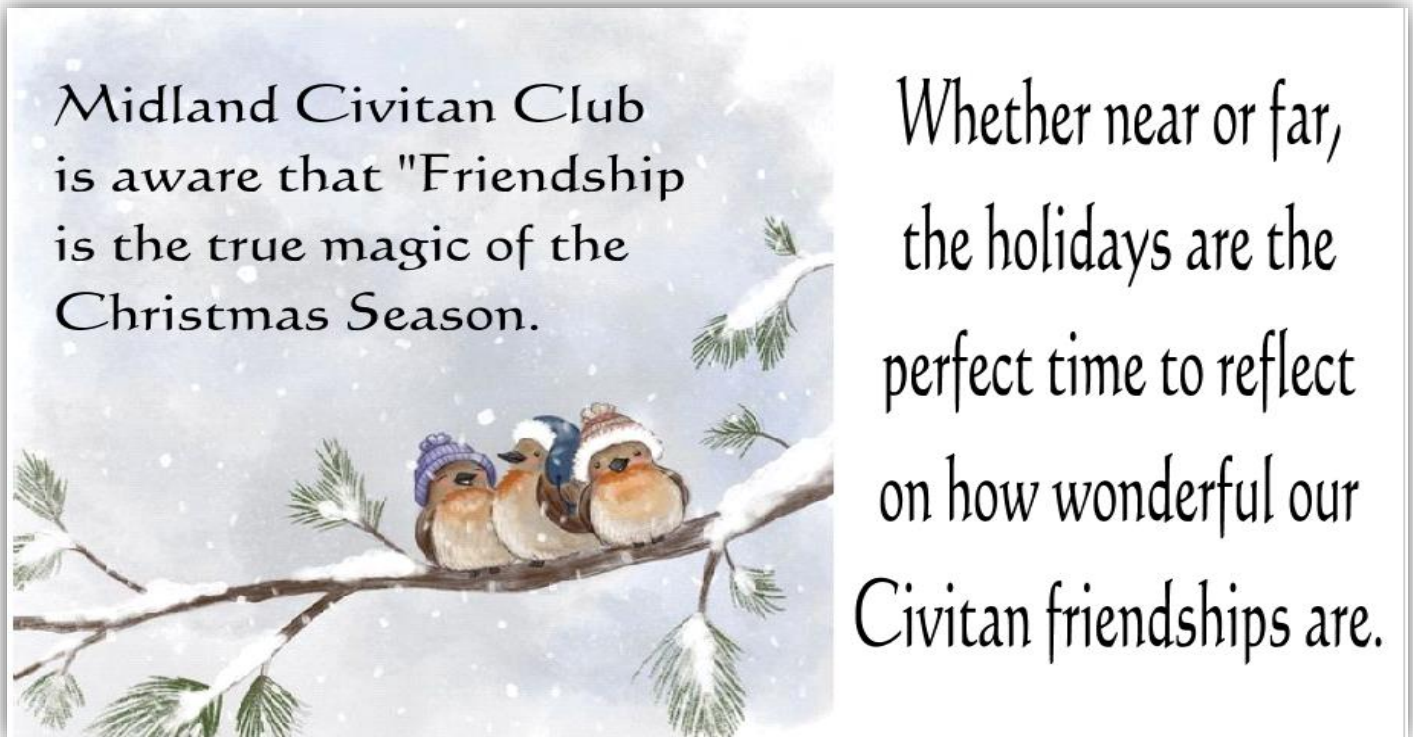


To all the members and friends of Civitan that made the day, We thank you!!

SOO curling is well under way. Midland Civitans will host and feed 8 Special Olympics Curling Teams, at the Midland Curling Club on Dec. 2, 2023 for a Bonspiel to decide teams to go on to Tillsonburg Sat, Jan. 6.

Cake sales are going extremely well. At our November Meeting we Motioned to send \$500.00 to 11 Agencies in our area for their Christmas Needs.

From Midland Civitan: a Very Merry Christmas and a successful New Year in 2024.



PS Don't forget to keep May 4, 2024 marked for the Spring Convention in Midland.

# Obituaries

## PHOENIX, Jack Graham



He was the Charter President for the London-Middlesex Civitan Club in 1975. The club's motto is "Builders of Good Citizenship" and is a volunteer organization dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. During his time with the KW Civitan Club he appeared as the life-sized version of the "Good Bear" in association with the Waterloo Regional Police Department. This project provided for the distribution of "Good Bear" teddy bears in traumatic situations. He was at many City of Kitchener family functions, parades, festivals and celebrations in conjunction with the Police force. He was often found at the Police and Fire & Safety Village working alongside the officers and fireman encouraging good safety practices.

The name Civitan is derived from the Latin word meaning citizenship and Civitan members are known to have certain traits in common. The strength of conviction, the courage to care, the desire to get involved and make a difference and they all have a BIG heart. Jack has demonstrated these qualities throughout his life, both before and through Civitan. Jack remained a lifetime member of the London Middlesex club and helped to sponsor progressive Euchre tournaments at Chelsey Park to raise money for the Home's recreation department (prior to Covid). He made many friends at the nursing home and that community is going to deeply miss his dynamic presence throughout the entire home.

Jack is survived by his wife for just short of 60 years, Julie (nee Forgrave), his daughters Cheryl (Bill) Taylor and Tracie (Mark) Hilchey, as well as his grandchildren, Matthew (Naama), Casey (Karen), Weston (Meaghan), Micartney (Vitoria), Gage (Krystina), Brock, Chase and his great-grandchildren, Billie, Saul and Daniel. He is pre-deceased by his parents Milton and Dorothy (Oscar), his brothers Ray (Doris), Bob, stepbrother Conrad, stepsister Donna, as well as his niece Kathy. He will be missed by his only remaining sibling Elaine (Bill) Blaney as well as his step sister Gwenda (Lloyd) Kirilenko and his many nieces and nephews. Jack had many very close friends throughout his lifetime, an impossible list to define.

A celebration of life service took place at The Church of the Epiphany at 11 Briscoe St. W. London, Ontario, on Saturday, October 7th at 10:30 am.



*May the magic  
and the wonder  
of the holiday season  
stay with you  
throughout  
the year!*

Canadian District West Board & Chairs  
wish you all  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



*Merry Christmas*

*May it be especially  
bright and glad.  
The New Year best of  
all you ever had.*

Civitan International Foundation of Canada Trustees  
wish you all  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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