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# BEAVER TALES

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## Governor Paul's Message

I am happy to report that as of July 31st, 2010 Canadian District West has 281 members which is a plus +1 increase from October 1st, 2009. Unfortunately our associate members dropped from 8 associate members to 6 associate members. This gives us at total for the District of 287 members which is -1 from the start of the Civitan Year. We have had 31 new members installed this year so far.

It has been a great year so far and Anna and I have enjoyed visiting various clubs for meetings and events. Thank you for your kind hospitality. The Civitan year traditionally slows down over the summer months but is starting to pick up.

I am starting to prepare for the Civitan International Convention being held in Cancun, Mexico. On September 1st, 2010 Civitan International is chartering the first Civitan Club in Cancun, Mexico just prior to the start of the convention. I will be participating in the Breakthrough Golf Benefit on behalf of Canadian District West. So far Civitan Clubs and individual have donated almost \$8000.00 to the Civitan International Foundation and the Civitan International Research Centre.

Canadian District West has started the preliminary work to start a club in Woodbridge. If anyone has any contacts in this area please contact with myself or Civitans Bill Hiscott, Anita Pereira, Tony Francis who are all on the club building team for this new club.

I will be attending the Oakville Civitan Club's 50th Anniversary on August 21st. Congratulations to the Oakville Civitan Club for 50 years of dedication and public service.

Junior Civitans, Canadian District West have had a great year. They have had a 46% increase in membership this year. Congratulations.

Finally we have the Region 5 Convention hosted by Canadian District East and the Chateauguy Civitan Club being held in Valleyfield, Quebec. This promises to be a great convention and I encourage everyone who can to attend.

Civitan Rocks!

Paul Scudds  
Governor 2009-2010  
Canadian District West

### CANADIAN DISTRICT WEST

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# What's Happening

Hello Rockin' Civitans,

Do people ask you... "What's new?" Sometimes I say "keeping busy", or "nothing much" or "same old, same old". But if they really had the time, I could go on for hours. **Civitan** is "What's new!" First there is the all new online Civitan Club called **Civitan Connect** chartered in March, [www.civitanconnect.com](http://www.civitanconnect.com). Technology has made this club possible. Now anyone can be a Civitan no matter where they live. Members participate in monthly meetings with guest speakers via the internet (web conferencing), provide service with a project in their community each month, meet new friends and socialize through a FaceBook community and "connect" in-person once a year at the Civitan International Convention.

Then there is the all new Research Civitan Club. Instead of joining a Civitan Club in the Birmingham area, Dr. Susan Campbell, a scientist at the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC), decided that she would like to organize a Civitan Club at the Research Center, made up of scientists, investigators and graduate students. This club quickly came together and chartered in April. The club currently has 51 members and participated in their first project, Wheels Across America (see next paragraph). Imagine our CIRC scientists and staff, are now Civitans, as well!

And last but not least is the all new Paisley's Wheels Across America. Named after a little girl named Paisely who has Down Syndrome, this "wheel" relay raised money to provide a grant for scientist to study Down Syndrome at our CIRC. The relay began in Little Rock and traveled by bicycle, wheelchair and race style strollers through Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. The finish line was at CIRC with center co-directors Dr. Harald Sontheimer and Dr. Alan Percy, members of the Research Civitan Club, riding in the last 50 miles on their bicycles. Research Civitan Club members were amongst the many Civitans from several districts who participated in various aspects of this relay. Civitan International Region Director Fred Norman from Little Rock was the founder of this relay. His dream is to expand it throughout North America to raise needed funds and awareness for Civitan and our Research Center.

Cancun is a tropical paradise and with many all new sessions and events going on this year. Along with the first Civitan Connect meet-and-greet social, all woman Civitan Clubs have been invited to a session to share success stories. New clubs were encouraged to join us in Cancun and the first tennis tournament. What are you waiting for? The many, many informative sessions are going to answer that question "What's new?" Join us in Cancun! Share these stories with Civitans and more importantly with non-Civitans that ask you "What's New?" Then **invite them** to be a part of Civitan, in your club, in a club near them, or even Civitan Connect! Civitan Rocks Our World!

Passionate about Civitan,  
Mark Eisinger,  
President  
Civitan International



## Civitan International Foundation of Canada

HEY GOLFERS!!!

KEEP THAT SWING IN SHAPE BY HELPING THE FOUNDATION BUILD THE BURSARY FUND. ALL THE PLEDGES YOU BRING IN HELPS INCREASE THE FUND SO THAT WE CAN EVENTUALLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE BURSARIES. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP THE BURSARIES GOING.

SO COME OUT SWINGING FOR EDUCATION AND THE FOUNDATION BURSARIES.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE ON THE 25TH ON THE GREENS

REGISTRATION FORM AND GOLF PLEDGE FORM ARE ATTACHED.

## OBITUARIES:

**RALPH WILLIAM TREGWIN** 1924 - 2010 It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected but peaceful passing of this wonderful man on August 16, 2010. Ralph, of Iroquois Falls, Ontario, was the devoted husband of Marge, whom he honoured and treasured for 65 years. The cherished father of Marilyn, Dianne and David, the adored grandfather of Brandon, Jacqueline and Jenna and the much loved brother of Marion Kaslikowski (Jack) in St. Petersburg, Florida. Ralph served in Europe with the Black Watch Regiment in WWII, returning to work in the Traffic Division of the Toronto Police Department until 1956. His caring nature and concern for others led him through a remarkable career with London Life Insurance Co. until his retirement in 1986. He served as president of the East Toronto Civitan Club in 1969/70 and proudly wore his 50 year service pin awarded by the Scarborough Masonic Lodge. Ralph was an honourable and dignified man, respected and admired by his co-workers and many friends. He enjoyed golfing, his garden and nature, revelling in the beauty of trees, flowers, wildlife and jet trails and reading outdoors on his condo patio. His ever-present sense of humour was enjoyed by all who encountered him. To the end he said, 'What is life if you can't enjoy it with humour?' His memory will live on in our thoughts. God bless you, Ralph. The family wishes to thank those compassionate, dedicated staff members of Sunnybrook Veterans Residence K3E and the outstanding Emergency and D2 staff at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Friends will be received at DIXON-GARLAND FUNERAL HOME, 166 Main Street North (Markham Road), Markham on Thursday, August 19 from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service in the Chapel at 2:30 p.m. If desired, remembrances can be made to the Toronto Alzheimer Society or the Sunnybrook Foundation.

**SHIRLEY (DAW) JANAUSKAS.** Our very dear friend Shirley passed away on Thursday evening in Burlington. Service and visitation at Smiths Funeral Home, 485 Brant St. Burlington

Shirley was a Civitan for a number of years and a big part of our club. Shirley always a ready smile for everyone and always available to help. Shirley resigned from the club when she was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer almost 5 years ago. Shirley would have been 63 years old yesterday and will be missed by all of us.

**Donations in lieu of flowers to the Ovarian Cancer Society.**

## Notification

In order that as many Civitans can be notified as soon as possible, please send the information concerning deaths or serious illnesses to Lyle Armstrong.

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## CLUB NEWS

### AGINCOURT CIVITAN CLUB

On the 8th of June, 2010 we had a very special evening at the Qssis Banquet Hall. We had a good turn out of Club, Dist. members and Friends. Quite a bit of subterfuge went into keeping the two Civitans being Honoured in the dark as to who was receiving what? A very difficult job, but Civitan Don managed it well, getting each one to keep the other busy.



*Civitan Bob Emo  
- Fellow Award*



*Civitan  
Wilf McKnight -  
Club Honour Key*

Civitan Wilf. McKnight was most surprised when called upon to receive the well-deserved honour of being presented with The Agincourt Civitan Honour Key. Since joining in 1979

Civitan Wilf, was most active in many positions in the Parkwoods club and District West, on transferring to Agincourt he continues to be fully involved in Civitan business. Pres. Mark presented the Honour Key. Our second special Civitan, equally surprised to be Honoured was Civitan Bob Emo. He has been a member of Agincourt since 1989 and again has held many positions in the Club and Dist. West. and I believe has held the position of Treasurer for the longest term. The Agincourt Civitan Club honoured Civitan Bob and Pres. Mark presented to him the "Fellow Award of Canadian Civitan Foundation" Plaque. Congratulations to two worthy Civitans.

Unfortunately we had some sad information, past member Civitan Dorothy Wade had died on the 5th

June. Dorothy, was our #1 counter for Heinz Label's, even when she no longer attended meetings she still counted labels, increasing our donation each year.

8th June Two members attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for Habitat for Ontario. 24th

July we once more held our Annual BBQ at Fenelon Falls,

it was a fairly good turn out of members, some past members were missing as they were off on trips. The weather was good to us and kept dry, so the pool was busy, as usual lots of good food and conversation. About 7 pm we Thanked our Hosts, Marg & Bruce for another great B.B.Q. Then after clearing up we all made our way home. Sept. is fast approaching so Civitan's Bob E. & Wilf are busy organizing our Claxton Cake Sales.

### **BRAMPTON CIVITAN CLUB**

The highs of summer seem to push aside the regular rhythms that persist through the year. So one wonders how we managed to get anything done in these "lazy, hazy days of summer". It is amazing that despite vacations, trips to cottages, celebrations and picnics we still have some accomplishments to report on and others to aspire for.

The Youth Leadership & Diversity Conference was held this past July in Hillsdale, Michigan. We had sponsored past Junior Governor ALIYAH MOHAMED (daughter of our member RAFIK MOHAMED). She thanked our club and looks forward to speaking about her experiences at a forthcoming meeting.

We sponsor a Table Tennis club, open to any interested players living locally. We kept going through the summer, even with reduced numbers. The enjoyment we discern may encourage us to broaden the horizons to add other games such as pool, darts, cards, and table hockey. We could bring in spouses too in a once a month Games Evening – a hopeful source for new Civitan members. If any other club has some experience of a similar set-up, please let us know so we can build on their experience.

Selling CLAXTON cake spilled over into the summer as we still had some unsold supplies. Through the courtesy of member ALLAN TODD we participated in the Anglo-Indian Association's Food Fair on June 27. Penny Batey, Geraldine Batey and Rafik Mohamed actively sold cake with the assistance of Babs and Tony Francis. As Social Director/MC of the event, Allan Todd's backing is greatly appreciated. We sold many more pounds .....

Our club has a new mailing address (below) which can be noted for future mailings:

BRAMPTON CIVITAN CLUB  
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L6Z 2W0

September will see us back doing what we can to make Civitan the community-based hands-on, fellowship-driven club we aspire to build.

(Submitted by Tony Francis, President)

### **DUNDAS DISTRICT CIVITAN CLUB**

This November will mark the twentieth anniversary of our charter. Hard to believe that

the time has gone by so quickly. To celebrate this major milestone, we're planning a gala event, a dinner on Saturday November 20, 2010 at the Flamborough Hills Golf and Country Club in Copetown, which is just west of Dundas.

We'll be updating with further details about the event.

We hope as many as possible of our fellow Civitans in the District will be able to join us in celebrating.

This fall, the Alleycats Special Olympics Bowling League will also be observing their twentieth anniversary. Dundas Civitans actually got the league underway in September 1990, before the club was formally chartered.

Plans are in place for the re-scheduled Golf Tournament, which will take place September 12 at the Flamborough Hills Golf Club.

On June 23, a contingent of our members, along with Junior Civitans, and Dundas Learning Centre clients and staff, participated in a team bike ride to support the local Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The Thirsty Cactus restaurant and bar sponsored the event. This business has previously partnered with our club on other charity fund raisers. We were able to raise \$1,051 for the cause.

We congratulate our Junior Civitans for earning an international joint junior-senior Project of the Year Award. To raise funds and promote awareness, the Nativic club had held a "Hungry for Haiti" 24 hour famine, followed by a breakfast at Civitan Place. Senior club members, along with family and friends, attended the breakfast, and proceeds from the event went to aid relief efforts.

### **LONDON MIDDLESEX CIVITAN CLUB**

As had a very quiet summer, with nothing much happening since the end of June when we held our Community Living Street Dance and a great time was had by all!

Over the past couple of summers, we have hosted an additional concert with the band Cofield playing for the Community Living clients; however, this year, they were not available. Maybe in the fall...

London Junior Civitan Club is getting back on the rails. We had three students attend the Youth Leadership and Diversity Conference in Hillsdale, Michigan, this year; last year's Junior Governor, Aliyah Mohamed also attended and talked up "Junior Civitan". We are currently holding meetings every Tuesday evening, and will be installing our Juniors at our September 22nd senior installation night, with Governor Elect Debbie Hiscott in attendance and hopefully, Junior Governor Todd Kocsis and Junior Chair Anita Pereira doing the honours of installing our Juniors. Our new banner arrived this week.

We are looking forward to having the assistance of our new Juniors at all our projects and events.

### **MIDLAND CIVITAN CLUB**

Since the last Beaver Tales addition, the Midland Civitan Club has held our 2nd annual Mini Golf Tournament for Community Living clients on Saturday June 5th. There were 32 golfers comprising of 7 teams. After golfing we held a BBQ and cooked hamburgs and hot dogs for them. Prizes were given out and all enjoyed themselves.

We had a nice sunny day for the annual Canada Day celebrations. The day started off with the Canada Day parade

put on by the Midland Civitan Club and we manned a Pizza Booth for the rest of the day in Little Lake Park. This is a great hands on project and all proceeds go to the Canada Day committee to put on a fire work display at night.

July is the month that the club shuts down for the summer and there are no meetings.

Midland Civitan Club has won the bid to host the 2011 Canadian Dance-A-Thon. We have already met with Rebecca Barnes from Civitan International and the venue has been booked for the weekend of March 12th – 14th, 2011.

On August 14th, 2010 the annual Ontario Special Olympics Regional Softball Tournament was held where we prepared food for approximately 300 participants. We BBQ'd hamburgers and hot dogs and served salads. The cooks started around 10:00 AM, as we were serving lunch in shifts, and finished around 1:00 PM.

The next event for the club is the annual Stuff-A-Bus on August 28th, 2011. We will be parking a bus outside one of a local grocery store to collect donations of non-perishable food, which will be donated, to the Midland Salvation Army.

Our club was saddened on the passing of one of our members, Civitan Jim Moreau, on August 20th, 2011 during heart surgery in Toronto. Jim had been a member of the club since 1996. There will be a Celebration of Life for Civitan Jim at a later date.

There are four members of our club attending the Region 5 convention in Valleyfield, QC. We are looking forward to getting together with everyone and renewing old friendships.

As the Civitan year draws to a close, we would like to congratulate Governor Paul for a great year and look forward to Governor Debbie's upcoming year.

### MISSISSAUGA CIVITAN CLUB

Wow the summer is already half over and it really has been a hot one. But this is Canada from one extreme to the other.

The Mississauga Civitan have been busy this summer. We had the Waterfront Festival June 18-20th. We had our club BBQ and thank you to all those who helped us on June 23rd.

Both were big success... Thanks Les and Glen for doing the BBQ those burgers and sausages were great. Thanks again to Marion and Charlene for all the hard work with the preparations and clean up.

On July 1st we had 2 Bingos to work ... Thanks Les, Sue, Barb, Jim, Mel, Gloria and Charlene. In the afternoon we worked at the Canada Day celebrations at Memorial Park raising money for the LCCT by helping the Lions Club sell hot dogs and hamburgers.

On July 18th we were at the lake doing a BBQ for PAHA. The came with 60 of their members and again the BBQ's and Civitans were hard at work. Les, Mel and Jim looked after the BBQ. Marion must surely love shopping because again she did all the shopping. Thanks to Sue and Charlene who helped prepare food in advance. Then Civitans and helpers - Gloria, Sue, Marion, Charlene, Hermin, Robin, Maria and Nadine worked very hard setting up serving and clean up. Thanks to Les and Sue we had a goodie bag for

everyone and a draw with lots of prizes. We also took advantage of the timing to give PAHA a \$4000.00 cheque to help with their transportation during the year.

We will have a couple of quiet weeks until the end of August when we will sponsor a paddle boat in the upcoming "Paddle for People" the legion is doing for the LCCT.

We had reusable bags made in the Civitan colors that we got for a good price. It shows our club name and says 'People helping People' as well as an email address for the club. If anyone is interested please contact us. Good price and we give them away at various functions and are thinking of using them with our cake sales this year.

We also had a tree planted and a bench installed in a park near Marion's house in Mississauga in honor of our Bob Green who passed away almost 2 years ago. We will probably dedicate it in September.

Charlene is busy getting ready for her year as President of the Mississauga Civitan Club.

And I am looking forward to a rest.

Hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer

### OAKVILLE CIVITAN CLUB

#### **Civitan Club of Oakville Celebrates 50th Anniversary Serving Oakville - Over \$2 Million Donated!**

Saturday evening (Aug. 21st) the Harbour Banquet Centre hosted 100 guests to celebrate the Civitan Club of Oakville's 50 years of service to the community. The service club, founded in 1960, marked its golden anniversary by presenting the official charter to a new Junior Civitan Club of Oakville established earlier this year. Its 20 high school student members, attending four local schools, were



represented by five Junior Civitans sitting at the head table. Canada's future 'builders of good citizenship' were proud to call themselves Jr. Civitans. In fact, 'Civitan', coined from the Latin word *Civitas*, means "citizenship".

Civitan Club President James McCannell, himself once a Jr. Civitan as a teenager, served as the event's Master of Ceremonies. He was surprised and delighted to receive the *Club Builder Award* from Jr. Civitan International's Anita Pereira for his leadership in guiding the establishment of the new Oakville Junior club. Also participating in the evening were Oakville residents Dick Pearsall (who attended the

Club's chartering ceremony half a century ago and chaired the Anniversary Committee) and the Club's longest serving member, Ralph Hogge.

During the past five decades of service, the Club has donated over \$2 million to local charities and service groups. Many recipient organizations sent representatives to mark the event including Community Living Oakville, the Oakville Hospital Foundation, Autism Society, Reach Out Centre For Kids and the Oakville Distress Centre.

Community Living's Executive Director John Wilson reviewed the 49-year history of support given by the Club to his organization including last year's donation of \$30,000 in furniture for the workshop which teaches vocational skills to people with developmental disabilities.

The Club's 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Glen Abbey (held each July) raised over \$24,000. President James McCannell and President-Elect George Horhota were proud to present a cheque for half of its proceeds (\$12,141) to the Oakville Hospital Foundation's *Child & Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Services Unit* which provides in-hospital treatment to children and teens when they most need help. Program Head for the Hospital's Mental Health Division, Vivian Demian, enthusiastically accepted the donation and promised that the over-sized cheque would first be displayed in her Unit before going to the bank. Last year,



the Club donated 10 desks and chairs to the Unit since hospitalized students were still attending school -- but until then had no proper place to study other than in their hospital beds.

Eight Ontario Civitan Clubs were represented at the dinner and Civitan District West Governor Paul Scudds congratulated the Club on its milestone. Halton Civitan Club President Marlyne Van Exan (whose own club was chartered in 1999 by the Oakville Club, in which her late husband Wayne was a very active member and officer) delivered the key note speech.

Marlyne recounted the Club's key 50-year milestones including initiating the first of 25 Dance-A-Thons, hosting two Special Olympics, purchasing three wheelchair vans and building wheelchair ramps and staffing an annual Fishing Derby for the residents of Oaklands and Community Living. Personally involved in the Club for 44 years, Marlyne concluded her remarks by observing that Oakville Civitans "...have given their best to make life a little better for the disadvantaged in our community."

Civitan International was founded in 1917. It's an association of over 1,000 community service clubs with 40,000 world-wide members. We are dedicated to building good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. The name 'Civitan;' is derived from Latin 'Civitas' or 'Citizen'.

While individual clubs are free to pursue their own projects, on an international level Civitan is focused on service to the developmentally disabled. In 1990, the Civitan International Research Center was established on the campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a \$20 million grant from the Civitan International Foundation. The Civitan International Research Center was the first institution of its kind to be focused solely on the research of developmental disabilities. Medical professionals from all over the world also come to the Center for training on developmental disabilities.

Civitan has chapters in 28 countries including 31 Civitan Clubs in Canada. The **Civitan Club of Oakville** was founded in 1960. The Oakville Club's funding is generated by many community projects staffed by volunteer Civitans including: the Saturday Oakville Civitan Farmers' Market at Hopedale Mall (since 1979), **Mayfair Delta** (every 2nd Thursday), sales of **Claxton Christmas cake** and the annual charity golf tournament.

*"Civitan Tournament A Rousing Success"  
– Celebrating the Club's 50th Anniversary*

That was the exact *North Oakville Today* newspaper's headline at the top of its full-page feature covering the Civitan Club of Oakville's Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Glen Abbey on July 17th. Its sister newspaper, *The Oakville Beaver*, also provided feature coverage of the event. In fact, the President of Metroland Media Group Ltd. (Ian Oliver), which publishes both newspapers and another 101 other community papers, has personally played the Civitan tournament for three straight years since its inception.

This year's tournament was indeed a 'rousing success' thanks to the hard work of the Civitan Club of Oakville's Golf Tournament Committee and the support of its sponsors and guests. All 120 golfing positions were sold-out (with waiting lists) and the post-tournament dinner could not accommodate a single person beyond its 150 guest capacity (many golfers invited their spouses to attend the Saturday night dinner and they did – enthusiastically helping contribute to the fundraising silent and live auctions!)

Oakville Civitans proudly wore their Civitan shirts to greet the tournament's guests and the reception procession was led by Ralph Hogge, a continuing and very active member of the Club since its inception 50 years ago! Dick Pearsall, who helped charter the Club in 1960, was a member of the tournament committee and also welcomed guests. The newly-chartered *Oakville Junior Civitan Club* dispatched half a dozen members to enthusiastically volunteer that day!

The 2010 tournament was in support of the **Oakville Hospital Foundation**. One half of the proceeds were dedicated to its *Child & Adolescent Inpatient Services Unit*, providing in-hospital treatment for children and teens when they most need help. Last year, the Civitan Club of Oakville donated \$10,000 in student desks and chairs to the 10-

patient Unit (most of its patients are in grade or high school while being hospitalized and continue their studies at the Unit). Until the Civitan donation, the hospital rooms didn't have desks and chairs for the student-patients.

The Club's involvement with the hospital's inpatient Unit (OTMH Program Leader for Mental Health, Vivian Demian, spoke at the 2009 tournament dinner and outlined the growing need for child and adolescent mental healthcare in Halton Region), last year inspired it to designate the Hospital Foundation to be recipient of one-half of the 2010 tournament's proceeds (with the other half being distributed to other Oakville charities and community support groups).

President James McCannell masterfully served as the dinner program's Master of Ceremonies and was assisted by Magic Matt's strolling magic who entertained diners at their tables.

**The 2010 tournament raised an astounding \$ 24,282 (compared with about \$15,000 from last year's event).** This year's tournament featured three incredible holes-in-one: a \$50,000 Civitan hole-in-one to commemorate the Club's 50th anniversary (not won by any golfer but one guest did land the ball within 18 inches of the big prize); a \$40,000 Mercedes lease hole-in-one and the return of Knar Jewellery for the third year with its \$10,000 Rolex watch hole-in-one.

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## 41st Youth Leadership and Diversity Conference

We had 23 delegates, Gov-Elect Debbie Hiscott and myself attend the 41st YLDC held in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Our trip started by having to go through American customs - getting off the bus with our luggage and each one of us had to answer questions. Our luggage was searched. This ordeal took about an hour.

Even with this delay, we made it on time for registration.

The week was filled with workshops, games, singing, a talent show and of course the week would not be complete without a few tears being shed.

The delegates arrived as strangers and left as friends - some will be friends forever. Each delegate sent a thank you card to the club that sponsored them.

The expenses for this project have been finalized and each club that participated has received approximately \$173 refund per participant.

I have emailed the Junior Advisors and provided the names of the delegates in their area for them to contact as potential members for their junior clubs. Hopefully we can add some juniors to our clubs.

Thank you to the clubs that participated in making this project a success!!

Anita Pereira  
YLDC Chair  
2009-2010

## NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:

When submitting for Beaver Tales, please attach a word document to your email, using Times New Roman 11pt type style, single spaced. This would be greatly appreciated.

If you do not see your Club's submission in this issue, check with your President!

## Junior International Convention

We had 4 juniors and 2 adults attend the Junior International Convention held from June 24 to June 26th, 2010.

We left Canada on the weekend of the G20 so security at Pearson International was tight and slow. We were frisked and our hands and carry on baggage were swabbed.

Our flight there was uneventful and we arrived in hot and humid Jackson, FL. around 12:30pm.

The 3 days were filled with workshops, receptions, dances and a banquet to end the convention. Our juniors rekindled old friendships and made new ones.

A convention would not be complete without the awards. I am pleased to advise that Canadian District West Juniors were awarded the following:

- 1) **Community Project of the Year – 2ND PLACE**  
**Nativic of Dundas Junior Civitan Club**
- 2) **Joint Project of the Year – 3RD PLACE** Nativic of Dundas Junior Civitan Club and Dundas Civitan Club
- 3) **District Growth Awards – CDW**  
**- Largest Percentage Membership Increase**
- 4) **Foundation Contribution Awards – CDW**  
**- Largest per Capita Contribution**
- 5) **Honour Club – Nativic of Dundas Junior Civitan Club**
- 6) **Honour Districts of Excellence**  
**– Canadian District West**

The Honour District Award (#6) was awarded to 5 Districts out of 22 and as you can see we were 1 of the 5.

Congratulations to the Nativic of Dundas Junior Civitan Club and to all the Canadian West Juniors for a job well done!

Unfortunately our flight back was more eventful in the fact that we were delayed about 5 hours in Detroit as we had no crew to fly the plane. We volunteered to fill in (being true Civitans) but our generous offer was not accepted!!

Next year's Junior International Convention will be in Birmingham, AL.

Anita Pereira  
Junior Chair  
2009-2010



# Governor-elect Debbie's Message



Another Civitan year is almost finished. How is your club doing? Are you up or down in membership? Have you tried something new at you information nights? Have you had an information night? More members mean more hands to do the work of Civitan in your community and will lower the chance of burnout for all your members. Remember Governor Paul needs your continued support so we can end the year on a successful note.

The Region 5 convention this year will be held in Quebec, will you be there to represent your club, your district? Have you applied for any awards this year? I know we do not want or need an award to justify our work with Civitan. A simple thank you is usually sufficient, but sometimes a little more is deserved.

Now is the time to start thinking about placing your name on a ballot. Come to the district board meetings and listen to how the business of your district is handled. Call me if you would like to sit in at a board meeting.

Debbie Hiscott  
Governor Elect  
C.D.W.

## 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.”

### *Canadian District West of Civitan International*

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