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Governor Anita's Message

Dear Fellow Civitans:

This is the last quarter of our Civitan Year.

For those of you that do not know, I replaced Sandie Shapiro as chaperone for the Youth Seminar due to unforeseen circumstances. I thought I would give you some insight into the activities that happen at this conference in this issue along with a picture of the 16 candidates who attended this year from Ontario.

I am proud of every club in our district for all their good work in their communities; I have participated in projects with some of the clubs and realize that each club has projects that define them uniquely within their communities.

It has been a busy year from October 1st 2007 to now. This has been an awesome experience for me. For those of you that did not know me when I joined Civitan in 1997, I was a shy individual who would just sit at meetings and not participate. Here I am eleven years later, finishing my term as Governor. I would like to thank the membership for this opportunity for which I will always be grateful.

I would like to thank my 2007-2008 District Board and District Chairs, for all your support this year, we did it together!!!

Thank you for allowing me to represent you as your Governor for 2007-2008.

I will end with the following quote:

“What if you gave someone a gift, and they neglected to thank you for it - would you be likely to give them another? Life is the same way. In order to attract more of the blessings that life has to offer, you must truly appreciate what you already have.” – Ralph Marston

Yours in Civitan;

Anita Pereira
Governor



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On July 10th the Civitan International Foundation of Canada Disability Studies Citizenship Awards were given to Carling Barry and Paris Master McRae. Foundation Treasurer, Bob Evans presented each recipient with a \$1,000 scholarship.

DONATIONS & MEMORIALS

Please send any donations and memorials to: Civitan International Foundation of Canada
18 Willow Crescent, Brechin, ON L0K 1B0

Upcoming Trustee Meeting Dates:

November 9th- Belleville
January 25th-Belleville
April 5th- Belleville
July 26th- Belleville

Editors Comments:

Is an article on your club's activities missing from this edition of the Beaver Tales? If so, you may wish to ask your club President why one was not submitted by the deadline. Please note that the deadline for the next edition of the Beaver Tales will be **November 24/2008**.

Information should be emailed as a file attachment in Word with your Club name as the title to valwayne.dorey@sympatico.ca or civitan_val@rogers.com. Remember to visit the District website at www.civitan.on.ca to view Beaver Tales on line.

In Loving Memory of our Fellow Civitan:

Past Civitan George Grande, from the Agincourt Civitan Club – Died August 29th, 2008 in a car accident. Cards may be sent to Janet, at 44 Belfontaine Street, Scarborough, On M1S 1J7. His wife was badly injured and is in the Hospital, her condition is stable.

Past Governor Ralph Hogge & Jessie Hogge lost their son Christopher Hogge, last Wednesday in Barrie. Christopher was an active Civitan in the Oakville Jr. Civitan in the mid 1970's. His memorial service was on September 8. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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

1st June 08, we attended a Special Open House at the Cedarbrook Retirement Lodge. It was a Seniors version of Canadian Idol. Judges were available to select Winners and present gifts. The cost was 'One Loonie' per Song and the proceeds given to the Canadian Diabetes Assoc. We were soon put to work. Our President. was assisting at the Craft Table, the Friday Group had made a great selection of items and trade was brisk. Pres. Elect was busy helping set up and assisting with serving refreshments. The Karaoke started up, residents were a bit shy at first, they were offering the "Fee" if the Staff, or any one else would sing for them. However everyone soon got into the spirit and they had a great Sing Along, going on and collected a nice amount in donations.

10th of June 08, we held our Dinner Meeting at the Kingsway Arms Retirement Residence, where we enjoyed a lovely meal, followed by a most interesting talk. We have been hearing so much about the Portable Defibrulators that are in Shopping Malls, Community Centers etc. and felt we should find out more about them. Our Guest speaker was Para Medic Barry Moffat. He brought along two models to let us see, and one working one which he gave instruction on the safe way to use them. He also gave us a warning the dangers of miss use. As he pointed out, when the need to use one comes up, you have no time to read instructions, and only a short period of time to safely use it successfully. He also gave a demonstration on the new C. P. R. Methods.

12th July 08, our Annual Club B.B.Q. at Fenelon Fall, was another successful get together, with former members and friends. It was on and off rain, but that did not stop us from enjoying the pool and the B.B.Q. We can chat, and make plans for next year, just as well inside as out. Once again Thanks to our Hosts, Marg & Bruce who always make us so welcome, and to all who provided the usual great goodies for the table.

We had a very happy winner for our Agincourt Civitan Memorial Bursary Award, a most deserving Special Needs Student who will be continuing her education at the University of Toronto. Thank You

to Treasurer Bob for looking after the cheque to the University. We are getting all set for our next Season. Ice Time is organized for our Gliders Skating Club, Gov. Elect Norma will be on hand at our Dinner Meeting, 9th Sept.08, to do our Installation of Officers assisted by our new Area Director.

BARRIE CIVITAN CLUB

We cancelled our Dinner Meeting in June and instead had a BBQ including a pig roast at the home of Bob and Joyce Evans in Lagoon City on June 28th. The pig was done to perfection. Governor Anita and Lt. Governor Paul accompanied by the lovely Anna attended.

On the Simcoe Day long weekend, we again sold ice cream, water and Lay's chips at Kempenfest on the Barrie waterfront. A good number of our members assisted at this fundraiser. Governor Anita even worked a couple of shifts to help out.

On August 11th, we had our first Sno-Do Meeting with Mary Luck from Birmingham along with Governor Anita, Governor-Elect Norma and Governor –Elect Designate Paul. Can winter really be on its way? BRRR!!

We will welcome back our members at our business meeting on September 10th and start to prepare for the fall program. We will choose our delegates for the Region 5 Convention in Kingston. Where did the summer go? Can cake sales be far behind?

BRAMPTON CIVITAN CLUB

Fellow Civitans, we hope that everyone has had an enjoyable, relaxing summer. Now that Fall is almost here, we are looking forward to the Region 5 Convention in Kingston. We are looking forward to the upcoming installation of officers on October 28, 2008, as well as our student that participated in the Youth Seminar. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful new year in Civitan. We hope to achieve more members, fundraisers and general interest in the community. We will keep you posted of our progress in the new year.

BURLINGTON CIVITAN CLUB

Our big events in May, Youthfest and Walk N' roll were successes again this year although the weather did put quite a damper on things.

The Club celebrated it 's Anniversary this year by attending a performance by the Famous People Players group in Toronto. We were all amazed at the special talents of these performers and the evening was a total success. Several members stayed the night in Toronto and partook of sightseeing the next day.

Our annual social event took place at President Gary's house and although the rain prohibited outdoor activities, we moved indoors and had a great evening. It was a wonderful way to end the year.

DON MILLS CIVITAN CLUB

I hope Civitan's in CDW enjoyed their summer and their break, and at the same time looking forward to returning to regular meetings.

A special club thank you to the Marchant's for hosting our annual club barbeque on June 24th. From the moment of arrival, club members enjoyed a lovely evening. The evening was memorable with the recipe of excellent food, pleasant conversation and great friends. It was an evening I will not forget.

I am looking forward to chatting with my fellow members at our first meeting in September, having some laughs and fellowship as well as returning to the business of Civitan.

Our upcoming year will, hopefully, be full of successes with an increase in players for our hockey programme, the Hockey Day in Canada Special Needs Tournament, another great Silent Auction in the spring and an increase in club membership.

On behalf of Don Mills Civitan Club, I would like to thank Governor Anita and her team for their leadership in 'Making A Difference' and 'Championing Civitan'.

DUNDAS DISTRICT CIVITAN CLUB

Dundas Civitans kicked off the summer of '08 with our 13th Annual Golf Tournament at Century Pines Gold Club. Ninety-four golfers participated, with the event taking in about ten thousand dollars.

A few weeks later, we partnered with the Thirsty Cactus pub and restaurant in a week-long fund raising and awareness venture.

The establishment had picked our club as this year's beneficiary of their summer fund raising

event, and Civitan Bruce Davey worked with manager Cathy Nesbitt to organize it.

The week featured a Wii competition, as well as a "Servers Sweepstakes", and club members were on hand to help sell tickets. Club brochures were available, and cactus-themed napkin holders for the tables, were provided by the Dundas Learning Centre.

All proceeds from the events went to club projects, especially Civitan Place.

Ms Nesbitt said she was pleased that the \$2500 raised would stay in the Dundas community and help the Learning Centre.

Also that month, club members helped barbeque and serve hot dogs and hamburgers each Friday outside the local Turkstra Lumber store. The business provides the food each Friday as their customer appreciation gesture, while passing on customers' voluntary donations to participating service clubs. We'll be back there again for Fridays in September.

Speaking of "cactus", the town's popular annual Cactus Festival took place in mid-August.

We again co-sponsored the Free Ride Event at the festival's midway. Persons with special needs and their families were able to enjoy the rides for free during a two-hour period on opening day.

Also during that weekend, Civitan Robin Gruenwald and Anne Pearson were again the gracious hosts of a club barbeque at their home in Jerseyville. This time, thankfully, the weather was perfect.

We're now looking forward to our installation night in late September.

HALTON CIVITAN CLUB

Halton had their 9th Anniversary Barb-B-Q at Civitan Marlyne's home on July 9, 2008. Thanks to Governor Anita, International Director Bob and Past Governor. Joyce, Past Governor Norm, President Bob and Members of the Oakville Men's Club. President Les Lundrigan and Pres-Elect Sue from Mississauga, Area Director Stephanie and all the Members of the Halton Club for putting on a great celebration.

Civitans Les and Sue Lundrigan were given a plaque and made Honorary Members of the Halton Club for their assistance and support of our many projects over the years.

The Oakville Club presented a cheque with respect to the two bingo's Halton worked at Mayfair. Many thanks to the Oakville Club, once again without their support this venture would not have been possible.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO CIVITAN CLUB

Our Fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity at their Re-Store in June went well. The store had a sale that day so business was fairly brisk. We had plenty of community support for this endeavour, otherwise events like this just could not happen. The weather was wonderful which helped a lot. The year-end club B.B.Q., held at one of our member's homes, was a great night for all. Jack and Julie Phoenix (long time Civitan members) in the London and Kitchener-Waterloo have moved to St. Catharine's and will be sorely missed by this Club. We and District Civitans wish them all the best. We would also like to congratulate our President, Matt Davies and our Secretary, Janine Davies on the arrival of their first child Isla on August 5, 2008. Congratulations to the Grandparents too, Longstanding Civitan member Ed Davies and Marlene. September 13th will find us at the "Volunteer Fair" at the Conestoga Mall in Waterloo, hoping we can encourage some prospective members with new ideas and enthusiasm. We are also busy preparing for "It's that time of year again, Oktoberfest" where we will be running the Crown and Anchor wheel and selling Oktoberfest button at Bingemans. If you are in the area, come join in the festivities or if you would be willing to help out sometime between October 10-18 call Paula Roberts at 519-725-9358.

LONDON-MIDDLESEX CIVITAN CLUB

I guess it is time to get back to work. It's been a quiet summer, our outdoor dance for Community Living London was cancelled due to rain then Stephanie for C.L.L. asked my son Ryan if his band would play a live concert in their parking lot. This was a first for C.L.L. and for the London Middlesex Civitan Club. We had a great time, lots of Civitan volunteers came to help and served hot dogs and hamburgers to the clients. C.L.L. had about 60 clients in attendance and they all had a great time. The band played for about 2 and a half hours. Thanks go to Ryan B, Tim G, Adam F, Tom M and Ryan G from the band COFIELD. They did a great job and we hope to have them play the Christmas Dance for Community Living London.



Next on our list is Community in Motion in September, then to S.A.R.I. in October to continue our sponsorship of a horse named Fanny. One last thing, thank you to all the members of our club for all their help and support this year and I am looking forward to be working with the incoming President Sue Heatherly.

MIDLAND CIVITAN CLUB

As usual we are busy running our bingo's on the first and third Thursday of each month. On June 7th Civitans Mary Anne and John traveled down to London to assist with their annual Mini Golf Tournament as we were holding our first the following weekend and wanted to get a first hand look at how it was organized. The following week June 14th Civitans Val and Wayne Dorey came up to assist us with our first Mini Golf Tournament for Community Living followed by a BBQ, which turned out to be a success and was enjoyed by all participants. The same day we held a potluck supper at Mary Anne and John's.

July 1st saw the Club holding the annual Canada Day Parade as well as running a Pizza Booth at Little Lake Park. Despite the warm day both events were a success. The Club took a hiatus from any meetings during the month of July but was back on track for the month of August. August 6th the club hosted the SOO baseball Tournament, however due to rain the event was cancelled and the participants were fed and sent home. The rain date for this event is Saturday Aug 30th and hopefully there will be no rain that day. On Sunday August 17th, we held our annual club BBQ at Civitan Vern's with 15 in attendance. August 23rd the Club held its annual 'Stuff the Bus' campaign and as at date of writing this article for the Beaver Tails we do not have any results from the event.

September is gearing up to be a busy month for the club. The old and new board will be meeting together to go over the budget for the Civitan year 2008 – 2009. On September 9th, the Club will be hosting its annual Birthday Party for the residents of Georgian Manor. There are 6 members of our Club attending the Region 5 Convention in Kingston.

The Club would like to extend its deepest sympathy to former member Marg Haskill in the passing of her husband George Haskill, also a former member. Also we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to our newest member Pat Steele in the loss of her husband.

Plans are under way for the Clubs annual Inaugural Ball that will be held on Oct 4th at the Windrifter Restaurant. Anyone interested in attending please contact President Mary Anne. The Club is also busy gearing up for the Jr. Civitan Dance-a-thon that we along with the Georgian Bay Jr. Civitan Club are hosting this year. On top of this we are also in the planning stages for hosting the Region 5 Convention in September 2009.

As the Civitan Year 2007 – 2008 winds down, we would like to wish the District Board and all Clubs in Canadian District West all the best for the upcoming Civitan year.

MISSISSAUGA CIVITAN CLUB

Since the last issue of the Beaver Tales, the Mississauga club once again participated in selling tickets for the Waterfront Festival. The weekend was rather eventful with Mother Nature showing us all her glory. It reminded me of the children's song "Rain, rain go away come again another day". I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted us this year, Civitans and non-Civitans. Civitans who came to our

assistance are: Paul Scudds, Anna Cavacchia, Penny Batey, Geraldine Batey, Marlyne Van Exan and Stephanie Broadhagen.

On Saturday July 19th we hosted a BBQ for approximately 50 PAHA members at Lake Promenade. The day went very well until once again Mother Nature stepped in and decided that torrential downpours were in order.

Thankfully, there was shelter that protected us somewhat from the driving rain. Again "thank you's" are in order to all those who assisted us.

We are still working out the final details for the Home Show in October and as soon the details are finalized we will be in contact with the clubs of Canadian District West to see if they wish to participate.

OAKVILLE CIVITAN CLUB

What a great day at the first golf event held by our club. Oakville Civitan club 1st annual golf classic, held at the world Glen Abbey renowned golf course in Oakville July 12th 2008

Chairman George Horhote, and his committee worked hard, to make this a great success.

Due to the Canadian open the following week, we were only able to register 100 golfers, which was sold out very fast. Players were charged \$200.00 each this included golf cart & dinner plus prizes. A sit down dinner was served to 140 guest that consisted of filet mignon and roast chicken with dessert and coffee. A silent auction round out the day

The committee reported aprox. \$13,000.00 was raised with this event.

Farmers market now in full swing, under Chairman Doug Guthrie at Hopedale man, Due to the lack of space he can only allow about twenty-five vendors to participate each week.

Bingo with Alistair Mckenzie keeping things going every two weeks has been doing a great job, he could use a few more bodies to assist him,

Our annual B.B.Q. was held June 21st at the Hampton Restaurant June 21st . We started out with cocktails, Shrimp, Ribs, chicken fingers and egg rolls. B.B.Q they served Steak, Salmon and Blacken Cat fish. Super was great success.

The awards night to be held August 26th at the Club meeting Hamptons Restaurant

We have donated another smart board to the White Oaks High school. This will have an overhead projector for better viewing. Chairman John Mockford in charge of this project has budgeted \$ 6,500.00 for this item. This will be the third smart board given to the school. Community living to have thier Annual B B Q, Sept 6th at their location. We have offered to supply the food for this due. As usual we ask Civitan Norm Moffatt to go out and beg suppliers for donations. Our Fred Wilson is in hospital for a knee replacement. Fred cannot wait to sell cars at Ford.

Events

Fellow Civitans:

I would like to thank Governor Anita and all the members of Canadian District West for allowing me to serve as your Events Chair again this year.

The November One day meeting is now set and will take place on November 8th at the beautiful Dundas Golf and Curling Club and will be hosted by the Dundas and District Civitan Club. Past-Governor Ron Genereaux is serving as your host chair, so you know you can count on having a great day. I hope many of you will plan on attending this very special meeting.

I have enclosed with this edition a copy of the registration form, please make note of the deadline dates.

Governor-Elect Norma and I are still looking for a club or clubs to host our Spring One Day Meeting and Awards Luncheon for April 2009. If your club is interested, please give either Norma or myself a call. We really need someone to step up to the plate on this one. We have had a couple of clubs that have expressed some interest in hosting this meeting but to-date no firm commitment from anyone. Remember acting as hosts is a good way to share some experiences, meet new friends and see some old acquaintances.

Well that's about it for now. Thanks once again for the opportunity to serve as your Events Chair. I hope I see you all at the Region 5 in Kingston and if not I looking forward to see you in Dundas on November 8th.

Yours in Civitan

Wayne Dorey
Events Chair 2007-08

JUNIOR CIVITAN UPCOMING EVENTS

Please Note the following dates: Junior Civitan Sno-Do- February 6-10- 2009- Barrie, Ontario
Canadian Dance-a-thon- March 13-16-2009- Midland Ontario
Please mark these dates on your Calendars.

YOUTH SEMINAR UPDATE - Anita Pereira

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Sandie Shapiro was unable to attend the 39th Youth Seminar as a chaperone, so I volunteered to take her place.

I knew we had 16 students going; I personally only knew 1 of them, so I too was going to be in the same situation as them not knowing anyone, I was a little scared not knowing what I had let myself into.

I called each parent the week before the trip, to introduce myself, and just to check they had all the information needed. I was concerned about the necessary documents needed to cross the border and wanted to make sure all the kids were prepared.

Our trip began on Monday July 14th, 2008, the first pick up was in Barrie at 6:30a.m. Reg Howard from the Barrie Civitan Club was kind enough to meet the bus for me and make sure that the 3 students catching the bus in Barrie had the necessary documents and got on the bus with no problem. The second pickup was in Vaughan, where I and 2 other students got on the bus. The girls from the Barrie pickup were from Midland so they had already gotten to know each other on the taxi ride to Barrie and the bus ride to Vaughan. The last stop was Oakville where the rest of the students got on.

By the first half of our trip, I had had everyone introduce themselves, say which school they go to and what grade they

are in. After that you would not have known that just a half hour before this trip they were complete strangers. The bus driver and I were very amazed at how quickly they bonded.

We stopped for lunch in Windsor at Wendy's before the border, where you can tell we were going to be their biggest sale for the day.

We arrived at the border and the customs officer got on the bus. I explained to him where we were going and showed him the paperwork. He then proceeded to check all their documents and cracking jokes with them, which made it easier. Then as he got off, he said I was a brave woman to be traveling with 16 teenagers.

We arrived in Hillsdale, Michigan at about 3 p.m. in time for registration; we were all given a binder with our names on it which outlined the program for the week. I met Ron Kulas, the director of this program; he showed me to my room and said "as of this moment you are free to do what you want, if you want to attend sessions you can, the decision is yours".

At 4:30 p.m. we had a general introductory session, outlining what they expected of the kids for the week, rules, etc. There were 54 delegates including us, fewer than previous years. Dinner was at 5 p.m. I don't remember cafeteria food being so good. I can not complain, the meals were awesome!

At 7:30p.m. was an orientation meeting which outlined the program for the week.

Wake up call was 6:30 a.m. every morning for the delegates and 11:00 p.m. was bed check with lights out at 11:30 p.m. every day.

Tuesday July 15, the conference began. They had a leadership workshop, a guest speaker talking about "Get involved, Get invested"; this speaker has been committed to the Youth Seminar for 35 years as a volunteer and speaker. Then the delegates were asked to give topics that they would like to talk about during the week. I'll tell you, some of the topics that these delegates suggested I don't recall having some of these concerns when I was 16 years. They had recreation time for 2 hours before dinner. Then after dinner 4 topics were picked and each delegate was able to pick one that they would like to sit in on. Each small group was limited to about 15 delegates so that way they could have small group discussions. I sat in a group discussion that I thought might get a bit heated but I have to give the delegates credit: they all respected each other's opinions. They ended the night with something called The Ultimate Challenge where the delegates were put into groups and they had to work as a team doing various games. The one I watched was the Human Spelling, the teams was given a word and they had to spell it using every member of the team. It was interesting and funny at times watching the different teams spell letters to come up with the word when they were not allowed to talk.

I don't know about the delegates, but I know I was tired by the end of the day so that when 11 p.m. came, I was ready for bed.

On Wednesday July 16, we had an interesting guest speaker, who talked about HIV; she works for Michigan AIDS fund. After lunch, I participated in a session called Values, where we were asked to come up with 10 values that are important to you and then rate them. I found it hard to come up with 10 without really having to think hard. Then we were asked to subtract 2. Then were asked to take our values # 2, 4, 6 and see what we were left with and could we live with those. It was an eye opener.

After dinner we had another session called Sharing Partners which I also participated in, that actually worked on your listening skills. It involved 2 people; in turn, we were asked a question and then we had to answer as the other person listened; some of the questions were personal and hard to answer. After that 4 more topics were picked and once again small group discussions took place. After all that they had a casual dance which did not seem to last more than 1 hour. It was "policed" in that if you left the dance and went back to the dorms, you were in for the night. Once again, I was grateful when 11p.m. came, bedtime for me.

On Thursday July 17, they had the group pictures, they then had Personal Visioning where they were asked to visualize their goals and dreams by using pictures from magazines, drawings etc. After lunch we had a guest speaker, a 20 yr old sharing about her life experiences. We had picnic games and then we had a pizza dinner put on by the Jackson County Civitan Club. Then we did something called the Crayon Box in which each of us was asked to answer questions to determine our Traits and Characteristics. There were 4 groups, Blue, Gold, Orange and Green. Then the delegates were split into groups according to "trait" colour and asked to write down what they believed the traits were that their colours represented. After that was Thursday Night Live. They were put into groups and given a topic to either do a skit, play, whatever they wanted to do.

Friday July 18 was a Jr. Civitan Presentation. After that we had Personal Pledge/Global Village and Closing the Circle in which I participated. This was very powerful and really got you to answer questions truthfully. Then we broke into small group discussions, this time on 3 topics only. After lunch was "Choice and Consequences" and then recreation period, followed by the closing banquet. It was nice to see all the delegates dressed up and sitting with their new friends they have made during this week. After the banquet we had a variety show, put on by a lot of talented delegates followed by a dance. They were allowed to stay up until 1a.m. but wake up call was still 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning.

Saturday July 19th (my birthday), we had to check out of the rooms by 8:30 a.m. and we met in the Auditorium for the last time for evaluation of the week. Ron Kulas brought his staff up to the stage, and much to my surprise he also asked me to come up. They presented me with a huge cupcake and a survival kit for the trip home. The 54 delegates sang me Happy Birthday. I definitely was touched and will never forget this birthday. Now it was time to say goodbye, there were tears and hugging and more hugging and tears. I started loading the bus at 11a.m. but of course, they are last minute "I need to go to the bathroom before we go" and "one more picture with my friends before we go" so we did not leave until 11:30a.m. The bus was buzzing with laughter and talking for a little bit and then it started to get a little quieter as some of them took seats by themselves and fell asleep or just wanted to sit by themselves.

We got to the border and 6 custom officers came out and I started thinking "oh no, here we go they are going to make us take all our stuff off the bus and open our bags". Two of the officers came on the bus; one was asking me the questions for which I was ready with the paperwork while the other was watching me and the delegates. Their comment when they got on the bus was "oh, teenagers!" I guess they were expecting adults who were coming back from a shopping spree. I just had to confirm everyone's citizenship and we were sent on our way. The request for lunch this time was McDonald's (not one of my favourites but oh well the majority ruled). As we headed home, I thought to myself "I can now understand why they say that some delegates come back changed individuals". I can say that I personally saw a change in at least three of our delegates that were quiet students when we left and now were getting into the conversation and being a part of what was going on. I, too, learned a little about myself this week.

My overall comment would be that I strongly recommend our District continue supporting this worthwhile project. This has been going on for 39 years and Ron said they are always trying to find new things to improve it. My experience was awesome and I got to know 16 incredible teenagers.





Governor-elect Norma's Message



Here we are nearing the close of another Civitan Year, where does the time go. It seems like only yesterday that I was making plans for the G-E Academy and now we are gearing up for the Region 5 in Kingston and a brand new Civitan Year.

This will be my last submission as GE. I would like to thank all Civitans, including our great Jrs. for helping make this year a memorable one, for sure.

The International Convention in June was different on a Cruise Ship. Breakthru Golf was great. Governor Anita took home the prize for Closets to the Pin. The Dundas and Oakville Clubs had Great Tournaments and raised considerable funds for Charity.

Congratulations are also in order to Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club for the Opening of their very first Unit, September 15, 2008. This is truly a dream fulfilled!!!..

All the very best to all Civitans for the upcoming year. Have a great Thanksgiving and we hope to see you all at the November 8 One Day Convention hosted by The Dundas Civitan Club

Governor-Elect Norma

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.”

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