



BEAVER TALES

Canada District West
Region 5



2020-21 C.D.W. Board

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Bill Hiscott



Governor's Message



We are just about to come out of a Province wide lockdown and stay at home order during the current third wave of the pandemic. Most Clubs in Canadian District West have been operating their meetings electronically on ZOOM. We also held a Spring Convention for the District on May 8th, 2021. To assist the clubs in this difficult time the Convention passed a motion to send each club \$1000.00 out of the Civitan Awareness Fund. The cheques should be on the way or received.

With the Vaccination Program well underway hopefully with economy slowly reopening we may be able to return in person gatherings and meetings.

One of Civitan's biggest concerns is Membership. North American Membership being down to 479 Clubs, 0 New clubs and 1,059 lost members with a total North American Membership of 10,557 members. Canadian District West is down to 10 clubs losing 2 clubs in the last 2 years with a total of 162 members as of April 30, 2021.

Once we come out of this pandemic we must concentrate on membership in both new members and member retention in order to sustain the clubs in Canada. There are recruitment incentives from Civitan International for May – Recruit a Friend Month, June – Homecoming month, and July Recruit and Essential Worker. Please check the International Website for details.

This has been a very difficult year with Civitan International bringing on new bylaws to be voted on at the International Convention in July. These bylaws include removing Districts from the Civitan governance. These new bylaws were drawn up with no consultation with the Canadian Districts or District Governors. The removal of the District does not take into account the differences in Canadian Law for non profit organizations or insurance for the clubs. The individual clubs would be forced to get their own insurance and would be much more costly than the insurance obtained by the District. It also does not take into account the Claxton Fruit Cake orders that District orders and pays the initial costs for purchasing, transporting and warehousing. Without the Districts involvement each club would have to order their own cake. If passed these changes would take place in October 2022.

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Governor's Message-continued

Civitan International has made it quite clear that they do not care what Canada thinks regarding these changes.

Hopefully, all of the clubs have designated Voting Delegates for the business and voting sessions at the Civitan International Convention. **It is the recommendation of Canadian District West that we vote NO to the new bylaws that would remove the Districts from Civitan.**

In addition, Civitan International is going to move Canada out of the North American Clubs and place us with the International Region being combined into one Region for Europe, Africa, and Asia as well as Canada.

Remember the DEADLINE for Registering for Virtual Convention is June 15th.

I am always available if anyone wishes to contact me with any of the above or any Civitan issue.



JUNE 15, 2021: Deadline for all voting delegates to register for convention – whether in-person or virtually. Voting delegate information will be turned over to the election system company on June 22nd

JULY 29, 2021: Voting Day – all delegates MUST be available to vote, either from their homes online, or in-person at Convention. Alternate voting delegates will not be allowed – meaning if your chosen voting delegate(s) doesn't vote, there are no "makeups."

VOTING TIMES

Due to time zone differences, here are the voting hours for each group in Civitan's member constituency:

- United States, Canada, and Mexico – 10am EST – 6pm EST
- Europe – 4pm – midnight • Africa – 3pm – 11pm
- Nepal/India – 8:45pm – 4:45pm
- Japan – 11pm – 7am on Friday
- Korea – midnight – 8am on Friday
- In-person voting at the convention will happen during the slotted hours above and in a specific area at the hotel, like usual.

VOTING RESULTS

July 30 – All votes will be tabulated and tested by Survey and Ballot Systems.

July 31 – At the second Business Session, where the winners of the elections are typically announced (around lunch time)



After many years of serving in the community and the insurance industry, Sue Gibson has decided to slow down and retire from the general insurance business effective April 8, 2021.

During her time with the Merit Group, Sue worked with a wide variety of clientele and products. In order to continue to provide you with the service and experience you have come to expect from Sue and The Merit Group we have decided to use several individuals who specialize in various aspects of the business. You may contact any member of the team at **519-657-5500** or toll free at 1-877-463-5500.

Automobile, Home, Condominium, Cottages

Roberta Percy, roberta@meritgroup.ca has been with our office for 9 years, she is a great team member and will be here to assist you with all of your personal lines policies needs. Should Roberta not be available and you need immediate assistance, **Tracy Hooghiem** and **Tracey Wen** will also be here to help you.

Business/ Commercial Insurance/Campgrounds

Growing up **Jeff Wettlaufer's** family owned a campground along the Saugeen River. During that time Jeff did everything from check ins to grass cutting. Jeff started his insurance career as a Claims Adjustor and later as an Agent focusing on the Agriculture Industry. Jeff will be reaching out to you over the course of the year to introduce himself. If you would like to talk with him please feel free to contact him at 1-877-463-5500 or at jeff@meritgroup.ca

Benefits

Tracy Hooghiem will continue to service Health and Benefit Plans tracy@meritgroup.ca

Life Insurance

Sue Gibson will remain connected to The Merit Group for the purposes of servicing Life Insurance clients. She will not be in the office regularly, but she will continue to receive phone messages through the office 519-657-5500 and email at sue@meritgroup.ca

We know Sue will be missed, but the team she has been working with for the last 22 years, is here to support your business and continue with the service you expected of Sue.

CIVITAN INSURANCE CONTACT

Jeff Wettlaufe
1-877-463-5500
jeff@meritgroup.ca



SUPERHERO ACADEMY



President Frank Kelly invited his Governors to join him at the SUPERHERO ACADEMY on Sunday March 7th. Captain Randy and the Incredible Kirrin team supervised the team building activities.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE

July 31	District Honour Key	Outstanding Individual Service
July 31	Douglas Jordan	Civitan on the Year

All awards, which are applied for, must be submitted to the Awards Chairperson (Immediate Past Governor) on the official forms contained in the Awards Manual. All award applications must be postmarked, hand delivered or emailed to the Awards Chairperson by the official submission date noted on the individual award being applied for.



**World Water Day 2021: Valuing Water
Monday, March 22, 2021**

Hello Sue and Bill,

It has been a while! I hope you are both keeping well.

I wanted to introduce you to Sam Murray who has joined our fundraising team. Sam's role at Water First is to specifically support groups like Civitan that are championing and fundraising on our behalf.



SAM MURRAY

We are also reaching out to ask if you would post about our work on World Water Day, which is coming up on Monday, March 22nd? We are marking World Water Day as a chance to increase awareness and highlight the importance of education and training in addressing critical water challenges in Indigenous communities in Canada.

Definitely let us know if you have any questions.

Warm regards,
Ami

Ami Gopal
Director of Development
Water First - Strong Communities. Safe, Clean Water.
Phone: (905) 805-0854



Ami Gopal

Primary World Water Day Message: “Water connects everything in our world.”

How to Talk About Water First:

In numerous Indigenous communities across Canada, tap water is not safe to drink. The water crisis in Indigenous communities is unacceptable. Water First is Canada's leading charitable organization dedicated to working with Indigenous communities to resolve local water challenges through education, training and meaningful collaboration. Their programs are focused on building strong partnerships and creating lasting results in collaboration with Indigenous communities.

Water First Programs:

Drinking Water: Their Drinking Water Internship is a 15-month paid internship, partnering with and training young Indigenous adults for a career in water science.

Environmental Programs: Water First supports partners with young Indigenous adults in learning skills that help their communities to best manage their water resources. Their environmental programs facilitate restoration projects to rehabilitate waterways and baseline water quality and contaminant studies, encouraging local land stewardship.


Indigenous School Water Program: Water First runs an education program for Indigenous youth that facilitates hands-on learning through water science workshops, getting youth out on the land to complete environmental restoration projects of local significance.

WATER FIRST SPRING NEWS LETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Gearing up for the New Internship in Georgian Bay

Training Designed to Meet a Need

Our training programs are designed to meet Indigenous community needs. With drinking water challenges, this varies. The individuals who run treatment plants are vital to sustainable solutions, whether it is in a community with no operators available for an existing treatment plant or in communities with new treatment plants being built. In the case of our Georgian Bay partner, many of the current operators are on 24/7 with no backup.

The Water First Strands of Success

Trust Building
 Ensure that respect, honesty, transparency, humility, and integrity are fundamental to our engagements.

Meaningful Partnerships
 Fully committed to collaborations built on open communication, mutual knowledge exchanges, and common goals.

Lasting Results
 Consistently strive toward sustainable outcomes, with skills and benefits remaining within Indigenous communities for the long-term.
 To achieve and maintain our mandate, we strive to braid these three strands across all aspects of our work. They reflect our organizational values and are integrated into our everyday work. The strands are critical to our success and, over the years, have led to a strong up-take of our programs by our partners.

Recruitment and Hiring

Water First and our community partners are very excited to share that 14-16 interns from 8 communities will be hired to train as drinking water operators starting June 2021. We are currently gearing up for a combination of virtual and in-person recruitment aimed at building community awareness and generating excitement around the Internship. From our previous experiences, we have found this to be an area where Water First can provide valuable support. Watch for updates this summer when we introduce the new cohort of Water First interns!

Water First Mission

To help address water challenges in Indigenous communities in Canada through education, training and meaningful collaboration.

NATIONAL CELEBRATION DAYS

JULY

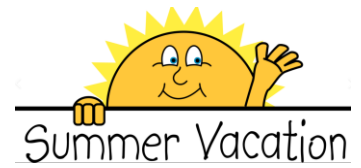
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| 1st Early Bird Day | 16th National Ice Cream Day |
| 2nd World UFO Day | 17th World Emoji Day |
| 3rd National Eat Beans Day | 18th Perfect Family Day |
| 4th National BBQ Day | 19th National Hotdog Day |
| 5th National Bikini Day | 20th Nap Day |
| 6th International Kissing Day | 21st National Junk Food Day |
| 7th Chocolate Day | 22nd Summer Leisure Day |
| 8th National Ice Cream Sundae Day | 23rd National Vanilla Ice Cream Day |
| 9th National Sugar Cookie Day | 24th National Tequila Day |
| 10th National Pina Colada Day | 25th National Wine & Cheese Day |
| 11th All American Pet Day | 26th National Coffee Milkshake Day |
| 12th Simplicity Day | 27th National Chili Dog Day |
| 13th National French Fries Day | 28th National Milk Chocolate Day |
| 14th Pandemonium Day | 29th National Dance Day |
| 15th Gummi Worm Day | 30th International Day Of Friendship |
| | 31st National Cotton Candy Day |

AUGUST

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| 1st National Night Out | 16th True Love Forever Day |
| 2nd National Ice Cream Sandwich Day | 17th Baby Boomers Recognition Day |
| 3rd National Watermelon Sale | 18th National Soft Serve Ice Cream Day |
| 4th National Chocolate Chip Day | 19th National Potato Day |
| 5th National Mustard Day | 20th National Bacon Lover's Day |
| 6th International Forgiveness Day | 21st Cupcake Day |
| 7th Beach Party Day | 22nd National Be An Angel Day |
| 8th International Cat Day | 23rd National Spongecake Day |
| 9th National Hand Holding Day | 24th National Waffle Day |
| 10th National Lazy Day | 25th National Banana Split |
| 11th Play In The Sand Day | 26th National Dog Day |
| 12th National Fries Day | 27th Kiss Me Day |
| 13th National Filet Mignon Day | 28th Red Wine Day |
| 14th National Creamsicle Day | 29th Lemon Juice Day |
| 15th National Relaxation Day | 30th National Toasted Marshmallow Day |
| | 31st Eat Outside Day |

SEPTEMBER

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| 1st Wear Teal Day | 16th National Guacamole Day |
| 2nd International Bacon Day | 17th National Women's Friendship Day |
| 3rd National Skyscraper Day | 18th National Cheeseburger Day |
| 4th Eat An Extra Dessert Day | 19th Talk Like A Pirate Day |
| 5th National Be Late For Something Day | 20th National Gibberish Day |
| 6th National Coffee Ice Cream Day | 21st World Gratitude Day |
| 7th National Feel The Love Day | 22nd Love Note Day |
| 8th National Pledge Of Allegiance Day | 23rd Great American Pot Pie Day |
| 9th National Teddy Bear Day | 24th Bluebird Of Happiness Day |
| 10th National Hug Your Hound Day | 25th National Cooking Day |
| 11th National Hot Cross Buns Day | 26th National Pancake Day |
| 12th National Chocolate Milkshake Day | 27th National Chocolate Milk Day |
| 13th Fortune Cookie Day | 28th National Drink Beer Day |
| 14th National Coloring Day | 29th National Coffee Day |
| 15th National Linguine Day | 30th International Lace Day |



APRIL 13TH,

Wow! TIME DOES FLY

Who would believe 40 years!

CONGRATULATIONS! Yvonne, on behalf of myself and the members of Region Five, thank you for your many years of service. Loyal and dedicated employees like you are the foundation of any organization. THANKS again from the members of Region 5 for your hard work and dedication. It is very much appreciated.



CONGRATULATIONS (TWO (2) CANADIAN WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS
TAYLOR ALBERTIA
FIRST PLACE
CLARKSVILLE, TN

CONGRATULATIONS
ASHTON GUPTON
SECOND PLACE
SMITHFIELD, NC

CONGRATULATIONS
NILAYA KANURI
THIRD PLACE
CHARLESTON, WV

CONGRATULATIONS
RACHEL STRIPP
THIRD PLACE
BURLINGTON, ONTARIO

CONGRATULATIONS!
KAILEE BYRD - GUNTOWN, MS
ELLA COCKBURN - DUNDAS, ONTARIO
KELLEN FAIRBURN - MADISON, MS
MALAK HEIKAL - MOCKSVILLE, NC
MCKENZIE JONES - SALTILLO, MS
TAYLOR KERR - GARNER, NC
SOPHIA ROBINSON - MOBILE, AL
LAYLA RUCKER - LANCASTER, SC
FERNANDA SEGOVIA - OCEANSIDE, CA
CAMILLE WATKINS - RALEIGH, NC

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We are so proud of you *We are so proud of you* *We are so proud of you* *We are so proud of you*

CIVITANS

BEAT THE HEAT

STAY HEALTHY & SAFE THIS SUMMER



Drink water

Stay hydrated & don't wait until you're thirsty.



Avoid peak times

Stay indoors during the hottest time of the day from 10AM - 4PM if possible.



Keep cool

Protect your skin from direct sunlight to prevent sunburn.



Look before you lock

Never leave children or pets inside the car. Protect them from heatstroke.



Wear sunscreen

Apply sunscreen before going outdoors. Reapply every 2 hours.



Protect your eyes

Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from UV rays.



Seek shade

Use a tree, umbrella or tent to protect you from the sun.



Spider



Mosquito



Tick



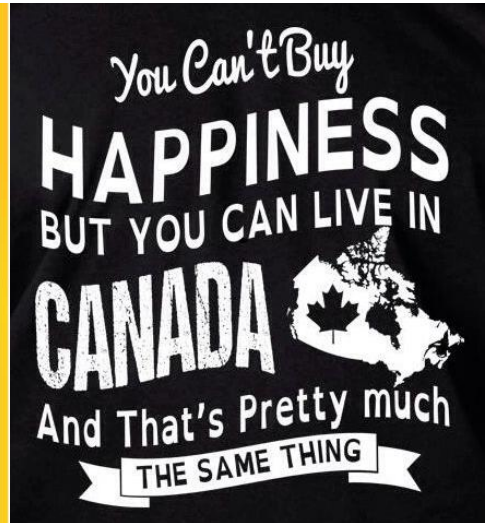
Bed Bug



Bee



Life is funny when you look at the lighter side of things.



Be who **YOU ARE**
and say what **YOU FEEL**

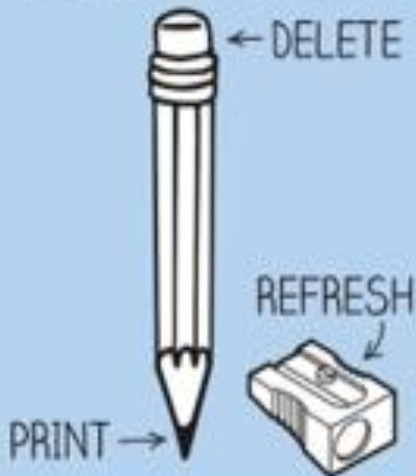


BECAUSE
Those who **MIND**
don't **MATTER**
and those who
MATTER
don't **MIND**
- Dr. Seuss

The Best Things in life
are the people you love, the places you've seen,
and the memories you've made along the way.



WHEN I WAS A KID, THIS
WAS MY COMPUTER:



Zoom meetings are just modern seances



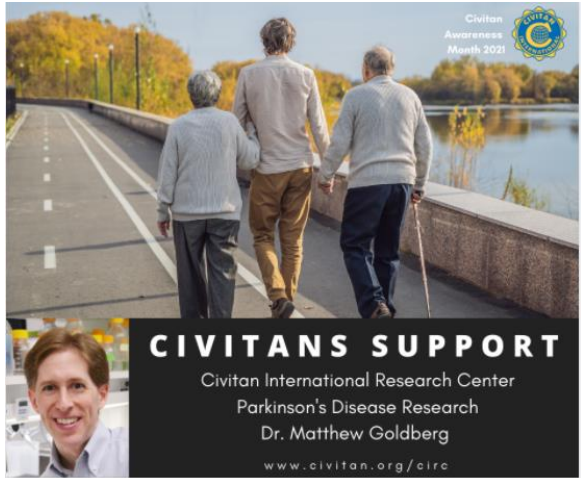
*There's someone who wants to join
*Elisabeth, are you there?
*We can't hear you.
Can you hear us?

*Laughter
is the
Best
Medicine*



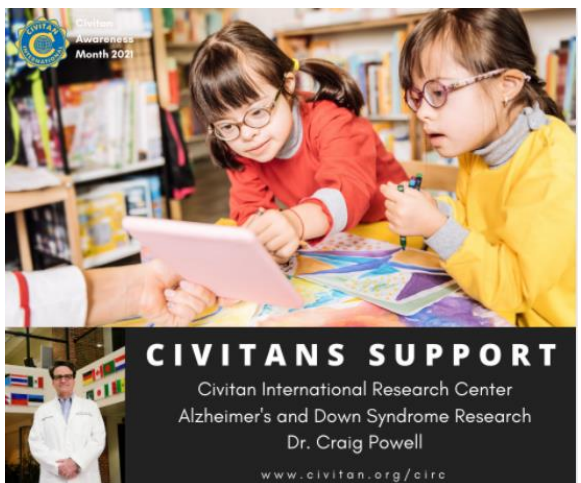
CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE

The Civitan International Research Center (CIRC) is an interdisciplinary center focusing on the development of the mind-brain through their unique mission of service, education and research. The CIRC was established in 1989 on the campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham with the support of Civitan International. Over 80 Civitan Scientists and staff are dedicated to basic and translational research - moving basic scientific discoveries from the laboratory to the clinic and community. The mission of the Civitan International Research Center is to improve the well-being and the quality of life of individuals and families affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities.



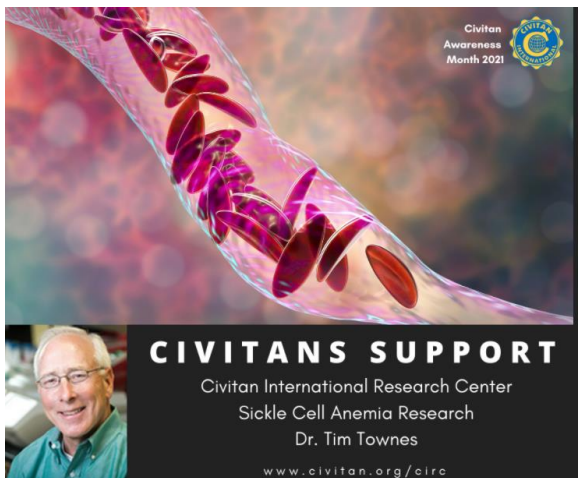
Parkinson's Disease plagues more than one million people in the United States alone.

A study going on at the Civitan International Research Center in the lab of Dr. Matthew Goldberg is looking at a deficiency in the PINK1 gene and how drugs could re-activate it, leading to possible prevention of Parkinson's and similar neurodegenerative diseases.



Is there help on the horizon for people with Down Syndrome through a potential treatment for Alzheimer's Disease?

Civitan International Research Center Director Dr. Craig Powell has demonstrated drugs showing promise for Alzheimer's may also help in patients with Down Syndrome. In the future, this drug may be tested to see if the treatment can prevent worsening of brain function in adults with the disorder or whether it could actually improve brain function in children challenged by it.



Imagine a world where sickle cell anemia can be cured by taking a child's own bone marrow cells, editing their genes within, and then putting these cells back to make normal red blood cells for the rest of a child's life. That is the novel idea Dr. Tim Townes at the Civitan International Research Center is working on. It's a project that could change the lives of those with a disorder that can lead to childhood strokes and permanent brain deficits.



CIVITANS SUPPORT
 Civitan International Research Center
 Sight Threatening Diseases Research
 Dr. Timothy Gawne
 www.civitan.org/circ

Dr. Timothy Gawne has his eyes on answers for those who deal with myopia, or nearsightedness, which is now considered an epidemic in several parts of the world. Myopia can lead to macular degeneration and other sight-threatening diseases. Dr. Gawne’s lab at the Civitan International Research Center is researching visual clues the eye uses to regulate growth during childhood to come up with ways to prevent nearsightedness all together.



CIVITANS SUPPORT
 Civitan International Research Center
 Muscular Dystrophy Research
 Dr. Matthew Alexander
 www.civitan.org/circ

Something’s fishy in Dr. Matthew Alexander’s lab at the Civitan International Research Center.

He is using hundreds of small zebrafish to determine better medicines for those who have a certain form of muscular dystrophy. Dr. Alexander wants to use the knowledge he’s learned to understand why 1/4th of those with this form of muscular dystrophy develop autism.



HOW IT'S GOING
 Civitans continue to support the I/DD community, 2021

HOW IT STARTED
 I/DD declared Civitan's primary focus in 1956

Civitan Awareness Month 2021

How It Started: A friendship between a parent-advocate Tom McNulty and Civitan founder Dr. Courtney Shropshire, which developed into Civitan International declaring the support of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in 1956 as the organization’s primary focus.

How It’s Going: Civitan members support people with I/DD through service and philanthropy. Many clubs align with agencies that provide housing, day services, and employment help for those who need it. Civitan clubs have also supported the Civitan International Research Center with fundraisers in their local communities.

A FOCUS ON RESEARCH

The Civitan International Research Center is the flagship program of Civitan International. Deeply rooted in the core mission of Civitan—serving people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities—the CIRC conducts cutting edge research in brain-related issues such as autism, rett syndrome, down syndrome and many others. Civitan International is the only service organization dedicated to these issues which affect one in six people worldwide.

2021-2022 OFFICER TRAINING

2021-2022 Club Officer Training will open on September 1st, 2021, and continue through the Fall, ending December 31st, 2021. Training is opening later than in past years due to the upcoming vote on the Governance Documents Proposal at the International Convention in Jacksonville this summer. The outcome of the vote will have significant impact on the content and delivery of training officers for the upcoming year. Please continue to access and utilize the club officer resources that can be found on the leadership training pages



Meredith Binkley has resigned and her last day at Civitan International was Thursday, May 13th. Meredith came on staff in October of 2017 working in the membership department before transitioning her job responsibilities to support the Junior Civitan program in March of 2020. Meredith is going to work as a teacher at a school for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Meredith Binkley

Membership Specialist, Junior Civitan



Emily will be handling Meredith's responsibilities until further notice.



Emily Kicker

Junior Civitan
emily@civitan.org

Congratulations!

**2019-2020
Civitan International
Honor Club**

Canadian West Midland Inc.

C.D.W. ZOOM CONVENTION
9:30 social 10 a.m. meeting
May 8, 2021



PAULINE BLACKWELL
Governor Elect 2021-22



And the Winners are...

Jack Scott	Outstanding Community Service (Toronto General Hospital Liaison)	Mavis Bullock (Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club)
Bud Gallop	Outstanding Service to People with Disabilities (Huronian Floor Hockey)	Midland Civitan Club
Gerry King	Outstanding Club Service to Youth (Donaldson Diamonds)	Don Mills Civitan Club
Ernie Moore	New member sponsorship	Russell D'Abreu
Ray Hergert	Outstanding Chairperson	Cathy Dunn
King Evans	Outstanding Active Past Governor	Pat McKinney
Peter Street	Outstanding President	Jeff Simpson
Wes Armstrong	Outstanding Non Civitan Volunteer	Stephanie O'Donnell (Silent Auction)
Ed Davies	Outstanding Area Director	Bruce Davey

2019/20 INTERNATIONAL BANNER PATCHES – CIVITAN at the HELM

Admiral (\$100.00 per member) London Middlesex Civitan Club
 Helmsman (\$10.00 per member) Barrie Civitan Club & Halton Civitan Club



William Murphy Bursary:

Bill Murphy was a Civitan for 10 years. He was a member of the Midland Civitan Club and served as President as well as in many chairperson positions. He was Governor of the District in 1973-74 and during his year as governor Junior Civitan was formed.

This year's recipient of the William Murphy Bursary is **Rachel Stripp**. Rachel is currently International Junior Vice President and a past Junior Governor of Canadian District West. Rachel has been extremely involved in Junior Civitan all her life, she is the niece of Junior Chair Tracy Beck and daughter of Burlington Junior Civitan advisor, Melanie Stripp. Her accomplishments so far are too many to mention. Rachel is planning on studying commerce or business administration at whichever University accepts her application, as she has applied to many.



Richard Ivens Bursary:

Dick was a member of the Midland Civitan Club for 25 years. He served his club in many positions and received many awards including distinguished club president. He was instrumental in starting the Midland Santa Claus Parade which is still an annual event. Dick was Governor from 1990-91 and was made a fellow of the Foundation in 1994.

The recipient of the Richard Ivens Bursary is **Ella Cockburn**. Ella has been a member of the Nativic of Dundas Junior Civitan Club in Dundas ON for the past four years, and has held many positions on the club board and is currently club President and district Governor. She spends much time with the geriatric community in Dundas and regularly works with seniors as a dietary aide at a local retirement home. Ella wishes to attend McMaster University for a newer program called Integrated Business and Humanities. This will allow her to choose one of many career paths after graduation.



Palmer-McNeil Bursary:

Bert Palmer was a member of the London Middlesex Civitan Club and was Governor in 1982. At the time of his death, Bert was International Director for Region 5. Bert was devoted to Junior Civitan and Special Olympics. He was instrumental in starting the C.H.I.L.D. Identification Program in London which expanded across the District.

Bradley McNeil was born with Downs Syndrome. He was involved with special Olympics in bowling, floor hockey and track & field. He loved to dance, eat out and spend time at the family cottage. Brad was a special friend of the London Middlesex Civitan Club. This year's recipient is **Simone Flannery**. Simone is a five-year member of the Burlington Junior Civitan Club and is immediate past District Governor. She served her term as district governor during the start of the pandemic and still managed to hold things together and raised over \$2,550 for the Civitan International Research Centre for her participation in the 'virtual' All In Summit. Simone has been accepted to attend University of Ottawa in their Conflict Studies and Human Rights, French Immersion Program.



The Credit Valley Bursary:

In 2010 the Credit Valley Civitan Club Bursary was inaugurated. This bursary includes grandchildren in the eligibility. The first Credit Valley Civitan Club bursary was awarded in 2011.

This year's recipient of the Credit Valley Civitan Club Bursary is **David McKinney**. David is the grandson of a Midland Civitan Club member, Pat McKinney who is also on the Canadian District West board as secretary, the CIFOC as secretary and is the current Region 5 International Director. David has been involved in many volunteering programs in his community of Newcastle, including Mini Watts youth hockey, leading 4- to 6-year-olds in learning and playing hockey. He is also an active member of Air Cadets. As an Air Cadet, in 2019 David attended the National Advanced Aerospace Course where he achieved top cadet in academics and physical fitness as well as the Chris Hatfield award.

David is deciding whether to attend either U of T, Waterloo, Queens or Ryerson studying engineering in computers, general or mechanical.



The Gord Morson Bursary:

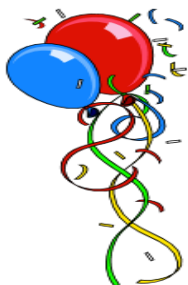
This is a 'one time' bursary donated by the former Brampton Civitan Club in memory of Gord Morson, a long-standing member who passed away within the past couple of years. He was an active member of the Brampton Civitan Club prior to becoming too frail to participate.

The winner of the Gord Morson Bursary is **Bianca Boyer-D'Alesio**. Bianca has won a bursary several times in the past few years, and is a member of the Chateauguy Civitan Club and of the Civitan International Foundation of Canada. She has been a member of the Chateauguy Civitan for 11 years, starting with their Junior Civitan club then graduating to the adult club. She participates in food drives, sports tournaments and Civitan Brunches whenever she can be in the area.

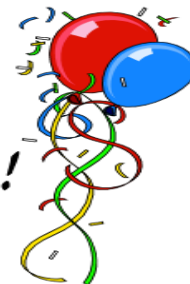
Outside of her participation in Civitan she has become a teaching assistant at her University, in her department of applies human sciences. As a TA, her job was to ensure that the students in her class are successful by answering their questions to facilitate their group work, and grading assignments. Bianca attends University of Ottawa and is doing a Masters program in Social Work. Upon her graduation, she hopes to either become a school social worker or to continue on to a PhD to teach at the University level.



CONGRATULATIONS
to our **WINNERS!**



*Congratulations
to all the bursary winners!!*



MEET THE ★ CANDIDATES

2021-2022 International President Candidates

(Read more on all the candidates in the May edition of the Civitan International Magazine)

DAN BROWN

Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Profession: Semi-retired/Part-time CFO for a jewelry company

Family Life: Married with children and grandchildren

Education: MBA/BBA from New Mexico State University

Civitan Experience: 'Member of City of Vision Civitan Club, Past Senior International Director (2017), Region Seven International Director (2015-2017), Distinguished Governor of Great Southwest District Honor Club President of 3 clubs, Great Southwest District Treasurer, Master Club Builder (8 clubs)



FRED MATTHIES

Hometown: Franktown, Colorado

Profession: Retired insurance broker

Family Life: Married with children and grandchildren

Education: Graduate of Medical Institute of Colorado and Aims Community College

Civitan Experience: Civitan International Seniors Director (2019) Region Seven Civitan International Director (2017-2019) Mountain Plains District Governor, Club President (6 times), Distinguished Club President (2 time), Great Southwest District Growth Chair Great Southwest District Fruitcake Chair Certified Club Builder Civitan International Foundation Fellow, District Honor Key



All votes will be tabulated and tested by Survey and Ballot Systems on Friday, July 30. To allow this process to happen appropriately, **the second Business Session, where the winners of the elections are typically announced, will be held on Saturday, July 31st around lunch time**

2021-2022 International President-Elect Candidate

JO ANN O'TOOLE

Hometown: Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Profession: Executive Secretary, Office of Special Education for a school system

Family Life: Married with children and grandchildren

Education: Attended Fairmont State University

Civitan Experience: Member of Frederick Civitan Club

Civitan International Director (Region 4)

Distinguished Governor (Chesapeake District)

Civitan International Honor Key, Chesapeake District Fellow

Chesapeake District Honor Key,

Distinguished Club President, Certified Club Builder

Member of Civitan International Geographic Training Team

Member of Civitan International Governance Documents Committee

Host Coordinator for two Civitan International conventions (Civitan and Junior Civitan)



REMEMBER:

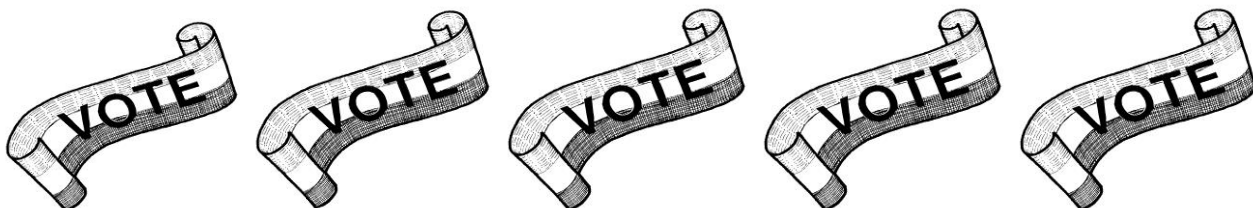
JUNE 15, 2021: Deadline for all voting delegates to register for convention – whether in-person or virtually.

JULY 29, 2021: Voting Day – all delegates **MUST** be available to vote, either from their homes online, or in-person at Convention.

Alternate voting delegates will not be allowed – meaning if your chosen voting delegate(s) doesn't vote, there are no "makeups."

You will need an electronic copy of a Governance Document for your Club or District to complete the designation form.

All voting will take place on Thursday, July 29th, whether you are at home or in Jacksonville. Virtual voters will of course use their own devices, using the instructions sent to them by email. In-person voters will be coming to the voting area at the hotel, checking in to get their credentials, and then placing their vote on assigned I-Pads.



NO BAKE PINEAPPLE CREAM DESSERT: PERFECT FOR SUMMER

FILLING

- 8 oz softened cream cheese
- 8 oz tub whipped topping
- 14-16 oz large can crushed pineapple, drained
- 3/4 cup confectioner's sugar
- 1/2 cup pineapple chunks
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut for topping.



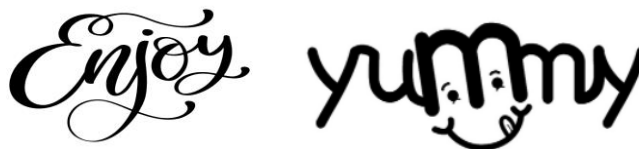
CRUST

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter melted

Instructions

Crust: Mix the graham cracker crumbs and sugar. Add the melted butter and stir to combine well. Press into a 8 x 8- or 9 x 9-inch pan.

Filling: In a large bowl, beat the softened cream cheese and confectioner's sugar until very smooth. Beat in the tub of whipped topping. Then fold in the drained pineapple. Spread filling on top of crust. Top with pineapple chunks and sprinkle with coconut. Chill very well—at least 4 hours, preferably overnight.



HEALTHY TACO STUFFED TOMATOES

Ingredients:

- 4-6 large tomatoes
- 1 pound ground beef
- 2 tablespoons taco seasoning
- 4 cups spinach, chopped
- 1/2 cup corn *fresh or frozen
- 1/4 cup sharp cheddar cheese *optional
- 1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375.
2. Slice the top off the tomatoes and scoop out all the pulp. Place in a baking dish.
3. Brown the ground beef in a large sauté pan. Once cooked through, add the taco seasoning.
4. Add the spinach and corn. Cook until the spinach is wilted and everything is fully mixed together.
5. Stuff the tomatoes with the beef mixture. Use any leftover beef in the bottom of the baking dish.
6. Sprinkle with cheese.
7. Bake for 15 minutes or until cheese is melted. Top with the cilantro and serve.



Agincourt Civitan Club - #1870 President Rhonda Thomson

We have been conducting our club business this year electronically by ZOOM, but with Agincourt Arena and Long Term Care Homes closed by the lockdown our main projects have been seriously hampered. WE are hopeful that the Gliders Skating Club can resume in October. The Long Term Care Homes may be a longer wait for our Seniors Projects.

We did sell Claxton Fruit Cakes with deliveries being made curbside.

With vaccinations picking up we are hopeful that we can get back to in person meetings in the fall.



Don Mills Civitan Club - #746 President Jeff Simpson

SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE

- 1997

John Donaldson realized the need for a Hockey Program for Special Needs Hockey in the Don Mills area.

- 1998/99

The Don Mills Civitan Club through their hockey program Don Mills Civitan Hockey League formed our team. The original team name was Don Mills Diamonds (John wanted a positive team name)

- 2008/09

The team name was changed to Donaldson's Diamonds

- 2011

John's official sweater #98 was retired upon his death on November 26, 2011.

The Don Mills Civitan Donaldson's Diamonds

Teaches the fundamentals of skating, stick handling and shooting as well as teaching ways that builds confidence and leads to continued improvement. The Don Mills Civitan Club has provided financial and governing assistance to this group. Hopefully the Donaldson Diamonds are back on the ice soon.



Dundas Civitan Club - #3212 President Bruce Davey Shredding Day

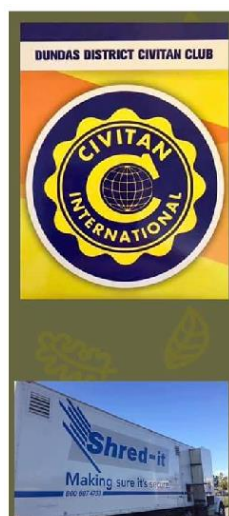
It was a cool windy morning, but at least the sun was out on May 29. The previous day had brought almost winter temperatures with cold rain, so we were grateful for the timing. This would be the first time we had been able to gather for a fund-raising event since last October.

We had done the usual promotional work ahead of the day. Ads were placed in local media, and a small blurb space had been purchased in the popular "Coffee News". We even submitted an ad to a well-known "Golden Oldies" radio station that accepted public service announcements. During the previous week, lawn signs were again placed at spots near the Ancaster location, including a major business park on the edge of town. Volunteers arrived to help on the day, and a few customers even came by ahead of the start time.

There was one problem, though. The shredder did not show up. Anne Pearson, and Bruce Davey, the event's leads, repeatedly made urgent calls to the offices and staff members of the company. Meanwhile, we had to turn away customers who had arrived with boxes. We advised some to go to the Dundas Rotary club shredding event scheduled for two weeks later.

Finally, a company staff person called back around 10:30 that morning, with profuse apologies. It seemed to have slipped their minds. We had no reason to foresee any issues, because we had contracted with that company on four previous occasions, without any "glitches".

We immediately pursued a compensation arrangement from the company. We were relieved and happy to learn that the firm proposed to the shredding at our next event gratis. We have already scheduled that day for **Saturday October 2**, again at the Ancaster Canadian Tire parking lot, from 9 am to 1 pm. Cost will be \$10 per bankers box. We will provide a further update on this event in the September issue of Beaver Tales



Shredding

\$10.00 per bankers box

October 2
9am - 1pm

Canadian Tire parking lot
Ancaster

Sponsored by: The Dundas District Civitan Club
Supporting: Civitan House, Special Olympics bowling,
swimming and floor hockey
Operated by: Shred-it

Thank you to all who came out on May 29, and to Anne and Bruce for their leadership and their efforts. Special thanks, also, go to Sue Gibson, who had driven all the way here that day to provide her shredding material. **W**e wish all our fellow Civitans and their families a great summer.

Halton Civitan Club - #3526 President Marlyne Van Exan

Our Club meets regularly via zoom and it is great to see all the members.

We do not have any club projects at this time. Our club's 22nd anniversary is in July and hopefully, we will be able to arrange a get together to celebrate, but this will depend on when the Province allows small gatherings.

Our club continues to help the Civitan Club of Oakville with the Dorval market that takes place every Saturday until the end of November. We supported them last year and they were very appreciative of our help and are now looking forward to our assistance again this year.

DORVAL CROSSING CIVITAN FARMERS MARKET

240 N Service Rd W, Oakville ON

The Dorval Crossing Civitan Farmers Market in Oakville was renamed last year (in honour of Bentall Kennedy's Dorval Crossing East welcoming us). Our market is located at the northeast corner of Dorval & North Service Road, just north of the QEW (in front of McDonalds). Our market operates from 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. every Saturday until November. All proceeds earned by the Club from market stall rentals, space generously donated by Bentall Kennedy, are donated to local Oakville charities.

We have (2) two new members in our club and they are both doing an amazing job.

Civitan Erika and her husband James, welcomed baby Harvey into their family on April 13. With his mother's nurturing, this little guy is growing fast. Erika also takes care of our website and is doing an amazing job. She is one-busy-lady. She has offered to be our next Beaver Tales editor for Halton.

Civitan Sharon joined the club last year and is also doing an amazing job. She is our 'Sunshine Gal', sending out appropriate greetings or sympathy cards from the Club. Sharon hosted our 21st anniversary dinner at her place last summer – we were all socially distanced. She helped to sell Claxton Fruit Cake at the Farmer's Market in cold-November. She then helped with the Christmas bags for Central West Specialized Disabilities Service. Then she organized an Easter donation to all residents of 5 Long-Term Care facilities in Oakville. This comprised of putting together about 600 Easter bags that contained Easter goodies and a few other treats. Sharon has already volunteered to help out at the Farmer's Market this year.

The rest of the members of this small, but mighty Club continue to support and work on all Club projects.



Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club - #2721 President Ken Luff

It has been said there are two seasons in Canada. Winter and construction season. This saying is true when it comes to the Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club in 2021.

The clubhouse in Coboconk (originally a boathouse on Balsam Lake), is undergoing at \$100,000 face lift.

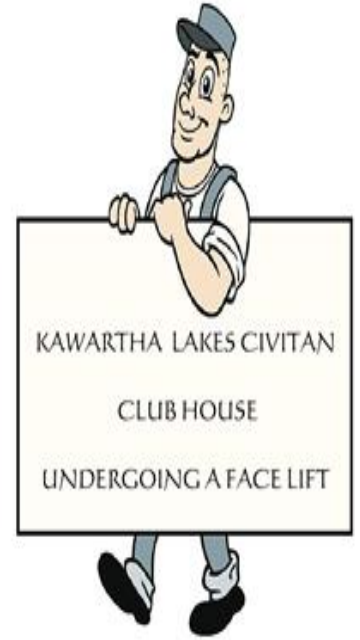
The project includes a new raised deck, new wheel chair ramp, new power operated door into the building, new accessible washroom and the removal of old washrooms that will now form the new office.

Work is well underway but COVID is slowing down progress.

The men's washroom has been removed, the accessible washroom has been roughed in and floor tiled; hall paneling has been removed, mudded and painted. Progress is slow and steady.

A huge thanks to club treasurer Karen Luff who secured the \$100,000 Federal Accessibility Grant in January. We had originally applied for the same grant in July 2020 and although rejected at the time, Karen didn't give up and was successful the second time around.

"Needless to say, we are very excited about this project," Karen said. "We cannot wait to see the finished product"



In other club news, we are hopeful our annual yard sale will be able to proceed June 19 with hand sanitizer and masks.

Long-term clubhouse tenants (since 1998)—the Coboconk and Area Foodbank—have outgrown our basement space and have moved to another location in town.

We wish the foodbank organization all the best as we now dream up new uses for the basement space.



Civitan Karen has spent a large part of the long weekend volunteering at a vaccination clinic and was amazed at how many people under 30 were coming in for their vaccinations!

London Middlesex Civitan Club - #2383 President Darrell Blackwell

Well hello fellow shut ins. I hope everyone is doing fine as we wind down on this lock down.

The London club has been trying to keep busy even with the shut down.

We had a zoom meeting in May and some of us joined in at the district convention and also, we have four members attending the virtual convention in Florida.

The club has been gifted with over 500 brand new T shirt which the London Civitan Club have donated to:

**THE MEN'S MISSION,
ROTHOLME FAMILY SHELTER
YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED**

and we are holding a box for
ANOVA WOMEN'S SHELTER when they open up.



The London Civitan Club has also started a Sunday morning walk in the part which all members are invited to participate.

President Darrell Blackwell urges all his fellow Civitans to stay safe.

We hope to see you soon!



Midland Civitan Club - #1959 President Norma Johnston

Our Midland Civitan Adopt –A-Highway held on May 15, 2021 was a huge success. A huge shout out to Civitan Mike Tinney for all the hard work getting our supplies and donating the use of his truck. Civitans Norma Johnston, Marie Fairbanks, John Veals, MaryAnne Ivens, Tom Barber, Debbie Just, Carol Frederick, Carroll Wilson and Jennifer Wilson along with a couple more “Friends of Civitan” did a great job of cleaning up Hwy 93 from the Swiss Chalet in Midland to the Angel Gates in Penetanguishene. Thanks to Civitan Oliver for the many phone calls to get us the clean-up crew. We hung our sign “Midland Civitan Club in Action” across the rear of the truck and got a lot of honks. It was great to be able to do a project once more.



As with all Civitans, our activities with Special Olympics Ontario are still restricted, however we have been having Monthly Board Meetings, via Zoom and General Meetings on our regular meeting night, via Zoom. Once again Civitan Carol Frederick continues doing a great job keeping us up and running on Zoom.

At our recent Convention, Midland had 8 Members attend, via Zoom. We have five votes at the International Convention and all Delegates will be registered this week to vote NO to the By-Law changes by International.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Civitans Bill, Sally, Joey, Margaret and Pat who have been under the weather recently. Trusting all our Fellow Civitans staying healthy and safe.



About The Toronto Lung Transplant Club

The Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club exists to enrich and celebrate life. Our vision is for Canada to be a forerunner in organ and tissue donation and transplantation – saving lives, improving quality of life and providing much needed care and support.

The Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club (TLTCC) provides dynamic outreach programs and services to pre and post lung transplant patients and their caregivers. The other main mandate of the club is to increase organ donation awareness and to actively work to secure the commitment of the general public to give the gift of life and become organ donors.

TLTCC continues to fulfill its mission and to grow and provide more financial help to a growing list of incoming lung transplant candidates while remaining equally committed to promoting donor awareness.

TLTCC works in the areas of advocacy, awareness and support. Our objectives are to:

Increase the rate of organ and tissue donation;

Improve the community's understanding of organ and tissue donation and transplantation;

Provide transplant patients with support, education and guidance to improve their health and quality of life.

Individuals can help by:

- Volunteering at our annual community events and special projects.
- Becoming a member of TLTCC.
- Making a donation.

How The Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club Got Started

The TLTCC is an active volunteer non-profit organization founded in 1999 by a group of lung transplant recipients and caregivers who wanted to give back to their community in appreciation of the gift of life they had received. Together with friends, family and volunteer support networks, they formed the Toronto Lung Transplant Civitan Club Inc. #3453 as a chapter of the Community Service Club volunteer organization Civitan International.

Our members share a special bond, having all been touched in some way by transplantation. While they have their own unique story to tell, they are part of a team that serves to celebrate and cherish the greatest gift of all – life itself. Lung transplant recipients and provide other forms of assistance to lung transplant candidates.

We ask all Canadians to make a difference:

- Register your consent to organ and tissue donation.
- Discuss your decision with your family, friends or partner.
- Support TLTCC in its programs to raise awareness about organ and tissue donation and transplantation.



Obituaries

Wayne Wesley Dixon 1953 - 2021

Peacefully at the Smiths Falls District Hospital on Thursday, March 04, 2021 at the age of 67. Loving husband and best friend of Debbie Dixon (née Baker). Loving father to his sons Joshua (Christina), and Benjamin (Jamie). Forever missed by his siblings Delores (Ernie) Beaupre, Barbara (Don) Donovan, Pat (Graham) Baker, and Bill (Christine) Dixon. Predeceased by his parents William and Rose Dixon, and his sister late Beverly (Brian) Phillips. Wayne will also be lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



Wayne suffered debilitating health issues over the last few years which he dealt with in his quiet, humorous and stoic way. His latest health issue of pancreatic cancer proved to be more than he could beat. Wayne was a proud member of the Smiths Falls Civitan Club.

Gary Alan Younghusband

AUGUST 12, 1943 FEBRUARY 24, 2021



It's with great sadness that the family of Gary Younghusband announce his sudden passing on 24 February 2021. Predeceased by his parents Charles and Alicia (nee Cowan) Younghusband, and step-mother Theresa Younghusband (nee Carriere).

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 57 years Lois (nee Elliott), their children Wayne (Myong), Kimberley (Carl), Jill (Brian) and Alan (Margaret). Lovingly remembered by grandchildren Emily, Liam, Madeleine, Evelyn and Jack, brothers Wayne (Katherine), Keith (Lynn), sister Anne (Bob), best friend Bob Liberty (Elizabeth) and many wonderful friends.

After 35 years of service and a number of postings with the Canadian Army, Gary and Lois retired to Cobden Ontario, where they became active members of the local CIVITAN Club and in recent years enjoyed wintering in Destin, Florida. Known for enjoying a good laugh, Gary loved a good time and truly enjoyed the company of family and friends.

Robert Arthur Robinson

Friday November 4th, 1949-Saturday March 27th, 2021

International President 2013-2014 Robert (Bob) Robinson



Robert Arthur Robinson

Friday November 4th, 1949 - Saturday March 27th, 2021

It is with great sadness, we announce the passing of Robert A. (Bob) Robinson on Sat Mar 27, 2021 in Kingston, Ontario. Bob will be greatly missed by the love of his life, Wendy. Loving father to R.J. (Val) and Ashley, who will always be Daddy's Little Girl. Bob is also survived by his sister Susan (Doug) Pincoe, his brothers Steve (Dianne) Bagshaw, Ron (Tracey Kane) Bagshaw and sister-in-law Tracey Bagshaw (late Mark); his mother-in-law Barb Kallies, his sisters-in-law Brenda (Neil) Bennett, Penny Lynn (Cal) Little and Carole (David) Anderson as well as many cousins, nieces & nephews, great-nieces & great-nephews and extended family members. Bob will also be remembered by friends who became family, Debbie & Bill Hiscott and Mary Anne Ivens & John Veals. Bob will be missed by many, many Civitan friends throughout the world.

Bob was predeceased by his parents Robert John (Johnny) & Edna (Gamble) Robinson and his brother Mark (Tracey) Bagshaw.

Bob also enjoyed 30 years as a member of the Civitan Club of Perth; serving at the Club, District and International levels. He was extremely proud serving as the 93rd Civitan International President in 2013/2014 with his team of dedicated Governors. Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be having a service for Bob at this time. Cremation has taken place and we will be organizing a Celebration of Life for Bob at a later date.



SOME PEOPLE TOUCH OUR LIVES ONLY BRIEF WHILE
OTHERS LEAVE A LASTING IMPRESSION AND ARE
NEVER FORGOTTEN.



SANDRA SMALE 1944 - 2021



Wife of Past Governor (2016-17) Max Letham, Sandy lived and worked in Port Credit for over 40 years and was always an active community member. She was a strong believer in giving back to our community and followed that path. She was the Community Relationships Developer for Lakeshore Corridor Community Team, a Director on the Mississauga Waterfront Festival, sat on the Lakeshore EDA Board and was a long-standing team member of the Canada Day Paint the Town Red Committee. Her passion and commitment to the Southside Shuffle were long-standing. She was dedicated to the Southside Shuffle for 19 years as a Team Leader before joining the Board in 2013.

She will be deeply missed and our condolences go out to Max and her family and many friends in Port Credit.



International President 1973-1974 William (Bill) Pearson



Dearborn - Pearson, William Gene, age 92, of Dearborn, MI, passed away on Monday, May 10, 2021 at Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn. The son of Gerald and Gertrude Pearson, he was born on February 28, 1929 in Fort Recovery, Ohio. William worked 40 years in public education and retired as a school superintendent. He was the past president of Civitan International, a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, a member of the Fort Myers Beach Kiwanis Club, and an Eagle Scout. His hobbies included hunting, reading historical non-fiction, physical exercise, basketball, and golfing with friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son, Mark. Surviving is his wife of 72 years, Eileen, and his children Jean and Bill, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1973-1974 William G. Pearson

A life that touches others goes on forever.



Governor Elect's Message



Happy spring everybody, we are so excited to be on house arrest but only for one more day.

We shouldn't have any reason for not having our yard work done but better to be safe than sorry.

As many of you know the International Convention is coming up very fast and there is lots to consider so would all the voting delegates, **PLEASE: Read all the information before voting.**

Paul has done a great job of keeping up on things and keeping people informed so we will see how it goes next year since I do love a challenge.

GE Darrell Blackwell



Quote: "Today may there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

Quote: Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.



If you don't see an article on your club, ask your President **"WHY"?**

Every club does such great work and we would all like to hear **your tales.**



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