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CANADIAN DISTRICT WEST



2024-25

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**People helping
Clubs stay
united!**

Governor's Message



Hello fellow Civitans,

Hard to believe it is already June and our Spring Convention has just taken place. A special thanks to Halton Civitan Club for the outstanding weekend. For those not in attendance there are pictures later in this issue.

At the convention, elections were held for the District Board and all positions on the board were filled except the position of Governor Elect. This position will remain open and hopefully someone will step forward at the Convention in September, which London Civitan will be hosting.

London Middlesex Civitan Club will be hosting the fall convention at the Best Western Plus just outside London, just off the 401 so it is easy access. The London Civitans always does an excellent job hosting a convention and just hearing some of the club plans this one will certainly be amazing. If you have not attended a District or Regional convention, this would be an excellent time to plan on attending.

Have a wonderful summer and hopefully we see you all in London at the fall convention.

Pat McKinney
2024-25 Governor



Reminder: anyone who has a car that is no longer needed/running, rather than having it taken to the dump (wrecking yard), why not go to the website, www.cifoc.org and donate it to “**Donate A Car Canada**” charitycare@donatecar.ca. They take care of getting it picked up and you will receive a tax receipt. The foundation will then get a donation for the value of the vehicle.

LOOKING TO MAKE A DONATION TO CIVITAN IN CANADA

We have an account with Canada Helps and have a donation form on their website.

The link is:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/civitan-international-foundation-of-canada/>

**“The best honour you can give to anyone
Is to show respect for their time.”**

Why not honour someone in you club
with either a Century Award or a Fellow
(A tax receipt will be given to the recipient)

Contact: AWARDS TRUSTEE (CIFOC)
Darlene Lambert
380 Mackay St #118
Pembroke ON K8A 1C9
(613) 735-6069
Email: darlenelambert377@gmail.com



If mailing anything to
Civitan International
make sure you are using
the correct
address.





Ways You Can Contribute to Our Fundraiser

- **Platinum Sponsorship** - \$2,500 - Foursome With Cart, Lunch, Gift Bag, Dinner with Wine, Advertising Around The Tournament, Course Hole Contests. *4 Additional Guests (Dinner Only)
- **Gold Sponsorship** - \$1,500 - Foursome With Cart, Lunch, Gift Bag, Dinner with Wine, Advertising Around The Course, Course Hole Contests

- **Silver Sponsorship** - \$900 - Foursome With Cart, Lunch, Gift Bag, Dinner with Wine

- **Hole Sponsor** - \$250 - Hole Sponsorship Only, Includes 2 Signs, one at hole & one at club entrance

Single Golfer - \$225 - Cart, Gift Bag, Lunch, Dinner with Wine

Dinner Only Single - \$85 / pp. Enjoy A Wonderful Dinner with Wine

Register by May 15th and Save \$5

Dinner Only Group - \$680 Arrange A Table For 8 Friends & Save

Register by May 15th and Save \$80



Donner Guest Speakers

Dr. Shah Kishorek
UHN Chief of Innovation

Dr. Marcelo Capel
Director Toronto Lung
Transplant Program (UHN)

Golf Registration Begins At 10:00 am ... Shotgun Start 12:00 noon

Lunch & Putting Contest 11:00 am to 12:00 noon

Pre-Dinner Social & Silent Auction Bidding 4:30 - 6:30 pm and Dinner 6:30 pm

**Visit Our Golf Website For Sponsorship,
Pricing, Registration, & Other
Tournament Details**

www.tltcc.com/golf

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: When you register, you directly contribute to our fundraising efforts. Our charity uses the funds raised to provide direct financial assistance to qualified individuals seeking lung transplants. This includes subsidizing housing expenses, and covering other essential medical needs.

RAISING AWARENESS: By participating, you contribute to spreading knowledge and encouraging others to consider becoming organ donors. Increased awareness can save lives by expanding the pool of potential donors.

CREATING COMMUNITY & HOPE: The tournament provides an opportunity for lung transplant patients, caregivers, and medical professionals to come together. It fosters a sense of community, where fellow recipients understand the journey and can offer support, encouragement, and shared experiences. This emotional and practical support is invaluable during the challenging transplant process.

ENJOYING A FUN EXPERIENCE: The tournament combines a fun golf outing with a noble cause. Whether you're an experienced golfer or a novice, you'll have a great time on the course while knowing that your participation directly impacts the lives of lung transplant patients.

Meadowlands University Plaza
Best Buy
Ancaster and Dundas

CIVITAN
CLOSET CLEANOUT
9am - 12pm
Saturday November 8

donations of clothing and textiles
in clear plastic bags please
(bedding, towels, curtains, etc,)

The Dundas District Civitan Club,
supporting our community
through Special Olympics, The
Dundas Learning Centre, and
other initiatives.

WE ARE CIVITAN

"The squeaky wheel doesn't always get the grease. Sometimes, it gets replaced."

—Victor Gold

"It's not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well."

—Rene Descartes

"Three things cannot long be hidden: The sun, the moon, and the truth"

—Buddha

Wait A Second...

My boss was honest with me today. He pulled up to work with his sweet new car this morning and I complimented him on it. He replied, "Well, if you work hard, set goals, stay determined and put in long hours, I can get an even better one next year."

1. I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.
2. I failed math so many times at school, I can't even count.
3. Blunt pencils are really pointless.

2025 CIFOC BURSARY WINNERS

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 **Mary-Frances Quinn**. She is a member of the Halton Junior Civitan Club and is the current club president. Mary-Frances hopes to pursue humanities related studies in university and has not yet advised which school she has applied to.

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 **Maeve Kerwin**. Maeve has been a member of the Almonte Civitan Club ever since it was reactivated after COVID. She is interested in pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Engineering. Her application did not indicate which schools have been applied to.

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 **Tea Kinsella-Borden**, who is granddaughter of trustees Karen Kinsella and Jack MacInnis. She has applied to Dawson College in Montreal, where she plans to take Social Sciences alongside pre-requisites for Chemistry and Physics in order to get into the Applied Science Stream program.

Credit Valley Bursary:

The Credit Valley Bursary is awarded each year in memory of the members of the prior Credit Valley Civitan Club which folded many years ago; the fund that provides for this bursary was donated by the remaining members of the Credit Valley Civitan Club and is to be presented each year until the funds are depleted.

This year recipient of the Credit Valley Civitan Club Bursary is **Lara Melacini**.

Lara is social media representative and President of the Nataviv of Dundas Junior Civitan Club. After graduation, she dreams of becoming a biomedical engineer, combining her passions of math, biology and art. At the time of applying for this bursary, Lara did not know which university she has applied to she will be attending.

Lara is also the winner of an International Shropshire Scholarship

Dr. Courtney W. Shropshire was the founder and first President of Civitan International. Following his death in 1965, the Civitan International Foundation established the Dr. Courtney W. Shropshire Scholarship Program in his honor. Each year, the interest earned from the Shropshire Scholarship fund is used to provide these awards. The scholarship fund is currently benefited by the Civitan International Fellows Programs and direct contributions.



BG's Positively Speaking

The Skills Of Leadership

Becoming a leader requires skills that can be learned by those willing to invest time and effort into learning the skills. Listed here are twelve skills that the leader needs to develop. Developing skills in two or three of these areas will thrust you toward the leadership role; the rest will develop as you continue learning and growing. **A Leader Of Others Needs....**

- **Vision:** To see the objectives and the end result and to help others to see it.
- **Direction:** Provide a map with instructions for others to follow.
- **Focus:** To channel energy and resources toward achieving the objective.
- **A positive attitude:** Positive people achieve positive things, creating a "Can Do" attitude.
- **Confidence:** In your own ability and the members of your team.
- **A caring attitude:** Caring about others and letting them see you care.
- **Persistence:** A willingness to not give up when things are tough.
- **Courage:** Not to allow negative influences to prevail.
- **Faith:** You and the team have what it takes to complete the job.
- **Leading by example:** People will follow those who set the standards.
- **Encouragement:** Learn how to encourage others and give them confidence.
- **Motivation:** Providing the "Why" for yourself and those you lead.

To learn these skills, you will need some help. Visit the local library and look up books, CDs & videos on leadership and its related subjects. One book I recommend is "Developing The Leader Within You" by John Maxwell; another is Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People." To learn some of the attitudes a leader needs to develop, you could start with my book "Positively Speaking." You can also find a mentor to teach and guide you.

Everyone can learn to be a leader You don't have to be "The Boss."

BG's Positively Speaking

Some Are Successful, Others Are Not

The difference between those who are successful in their life and those who are not, is not that great. When we stop and look at what successful people do, we find they do what unsuccessful people don't do. Most people don't like to do the things that will make them more successful in their endeavours. They are more interested in being "in tune" with the way those around them think, of being "approved of" by their peers. They want to be "popular" and not to be criticized for the things they do, even when those things are good for them. So they stay in their comfort zone and end up "average" just like everybody else.

On the other hand, if we ask a successful person what they do that makes them successful, we will find they do things that they don't like doing. Taking this one step further we find that both groups don't like doing the same things.

The difference, then, is only in the willingness to put up with a little discomfort now and then. If you are willing to do that you will gain a new respect from those around you. They will start to look to you for help, advice and leadership. Instead of ridicule and derision you will gain new stature. You will be in a position to contribute to the betterment of others whilst at the same time increasing the quality of life for yourself and your family.

Remember: Successful people don't like to do the same things that unsuccessful people don't like to do, but they do them anyway.

CONGRATULATIONS

*To a group of hardworking
Civitan*

The Civitan Oakville charitable market is approaching 50 years and every penny that comes into the market other than merchant pennies goes back into the community.

What an accomplishment!!

Last year that was \$60,000.00 back into the community.



Do You Remembering Officers from 1979-1980

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Bruce Bettram – Awards

Ian Craige - Bulletin Editor

Ralph Hogge – Cakes

Marg Campbell – Candy Project

Jim Frizzle – Council of Past Governors

Mark Titterton – Essay Contest

Bruce Jessiman – Events

Ken Timney – Extention

Tom Cook – Foundation

John MacLennan – Junior Clubs

Bob Nicholis – Membership

Ian Slack - Publicity

Ken Dales – Retention

Richard Martin – Special Projects

Don Mills Civitan Club - #746 President Jeff Simpson

The Don Mills Civitan Club hosted our annual Dinner, Dance, and Silent Auction on April 11th. Over 200 people enjoyed a fun evening in support of the club and our community initiatives!

Some highlights from the event:

- We recognized the contribution and volunteerism of two long standing Civitans: Sue Gibson from London Club and our own Lyle Armstrong. They are a great example to the many young people who were in attendance this year.
- Paige and Lauren Thompson gave a moving tribute to their father - and long time Civitan - Greg Thompson, who died tragically in a motorcycle accident last summer. The family are committed to carry on Greg's spirit of serving the community in partnership with the Don Mills Club.
- Stephanie O'Donnell received the Wes Armstrong Award for her great work in supporting the Club. From helping to make our annual banquet a success, to stepping in to help with families in need, Stephanie has made invaluable contributions. We were grateful to acknowledge all her efforts!

2025 Heads or Tales Civitan Banquet



2025 Thompson Girls Civitan Banquet



Stephanie O'Donnell was presented the Wes Armstrong plaque for 2022-23 by Jeff Simpson



- And finally, we were pleased to have a large contingent of Donaldson Diamonds in attendance! They and their families bring a lot of great energy to the banquet and it was great to celebrate - and be celebrated by - this amazing group!



Hope everyone has a great summer!

*Enjoy
your
summer*

**STAY
SAFE**

Halton Civitan Club - #3526 President Marlyne Van Exan

CLO Garden

Three dedicated members of the Halton Jr. Civitan Club joined forces with Civitan Marlyne at the CLO Garden, located at Glen Abbey Golf Club. They rolled up their sleeves and did an incredible job clearing out old flower pots and prepping the space for new blooms. Great teamwork, everyone!

Special Olympics Ontario Bowling Banquet

We were proud to support the Special Olympics Ontario Bowling Banquet by donating funds for food. Civitans Denise, Linda, Margaret, and Marlyne represented our club at the event and helped make the day special for all attendees. Smiles, strikes, and shared joy all around!

Ian Anderson House

Ian Anderson House continues to provide dignified palliative care for individuals at the end of life. The Halton Civitan Club is proud to contribute regularly with essential items to support their daily operations. A heartfelt thank you to Civitan Linda for making monthly deliveries on our behalf. Your dedication does not go unnoticed.

Churchill Neighbourhood Centre

Our members, led by Civitan Denise, have been consistently supporting the Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Over the past three months, donations have included groceries, clothing, and used reading glasses. The Centre is a beacon for those experiencing food insecurity and homelessness, offering necessities, programs and hope.

Water First

Together with other clubs in Canadian District West, we proudly contributed to the Water First initiative. This remarkable program helps train Indigenous youth as water treatment operators in their communities, supports environmental remediation, and fosters a new generation of water scientists. We're honoured to be part of this vital mission.

Civitan Canadian District West Spring Convention

The weekend kicked off with camaraderie and good cheer as out-of-town Civitan members gathered for dinner at The Firehall in Oakville. It was a perfect way to set the tone for the weekend, filled with laughter, stories, and even a bit of luck! Civitans Marlyne and Margaret flipped for their fish and, to everyone's delight, both won free meals.

With spirits high, the energy carried into the main event on May 31st, when the Halton Civitan Club proudly hosted the Canadian District West Spring Convention. The room was alive with connection, celebration, and the shared purpose that makes Civitan so special.

We were especially inspired by the Jr. Civitan Club of Dundas, who delivered a heartfelt talk on the power of positive thinking. These remarkable young leaders reminded us all that optimism and kindness are at the core of what Civitan stands for. We couldn't be prouder of their commitment, enthusiasm, and leadership.

Guests enjoyed a lively photo booth, capturing memories from the day, while special visitors from the Lions Foundation of Canada Guide Dogs stole our hearts. Stephanie Zivontsis joined us with her incredible foster support dog Gizmo, alongside dedicated foster care volunteers Jean and Mark and their adorable foster dog Waldo. Their presence reminded us all of the life-changing impact these support dogs have.



Musical magic filled the air thanks to Simone Soman, a powerhouse vocalist who has performed with Beyoncé, competed on *Canada's Got Talent*, and sung the national anthem at the Special Olympics. Her performance was an unforgettable highlight of the day.

We also added some excitement with a silent auction, scrolls, and a 50/50 draw, all of which brought plenty of smiles. Congratulations to Ron Aikman, our lucky 50/50 winner!

We also took time to recognize some of our amazing Civitan members:

- Civitan Marlyne was awarded *Outstanding Area Director*, a well-deserved honour!
- Civitan Cathy received the *Outstanding Chair* award for her outstanding contributions.
- The Halton Civitan Club was celebrated with the *Outstanding Community Service* award in recognition of our incredible work.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our fantastic planning committee. Your dedication made this event joyful, meaningful, and truly memorable. Here's to another successful Civitan convention, and many more to come!

C O N V E N T I O N



H I G H L I G H T S



Members of the Halton Civitan Club met to cut milk bags into strips. The strips are used to crochet mats for people experiencing homelessness. The mats are durable and waterproof, enabling people and their belongs to keep dry.

Halton Civitan Club would be thrilled to accept milk bag donations.



Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club - #2721 President Ken Luff

The Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club will be lighting up the Coboconk skies to Celebrate Canada Multiculturalism Day with our fourth annual fireworks display on Friday June 27.

Attendance at the clubhouse event has been growing every year and why not--there's fun for the whole family.

Local musician Joe McCool and Friends, Deez Guys will once again entertain the crowd starting at 7pm until darkness falls and the big fireworks show goes off.

As in previous years, Civitan members will be busy handing out complimentary ice cream and offering snacks for purchase.

The Club is no longer running its long running yard sale on Father's Day weekend but will continue to serve the community with this fun event," said club treasurer Karen Luff. "We are having an excellent year and looking for sponsors for the Celebrate Canada Multiculturalism event. We hope everyone has a great summer!"

This project has been made possible in part by the Government of Canada.

These guys are looking forward to making noise with each other throughout the summer! Please join them Friday, June 27th at the **Kawartha Lakes Civitan**



Oakville Civitan Club - #1434 President Chris Smith

This is a hard-working club. The Dorval/Civitan Market opened at the beginning of May and will continue until the end of November. They have a full compliment of vendors, plus a waiting list. The Hub, which is in the centre of the market is also doing extremely well and also has a waiting list. You can't ask for anything better.

They are also working at 6-8 bingos a month at the Oakville Delta Bingo Hall and this is also good for their bank account. The Halton Civitan assists and they in turn compensate them. This is an amazing project where both clubs work together.

Preliminary work is underway for a Christmas market on the last Saturday of November.

Two members attended the CDW Spring convention and were very impressed.

DORVAL CROSSING CIVITAN FARMER'S MARKET

What started as a little farmer's market at Hopedale Mall in 1979, has now become Town of Oakville's longest running outdoor market and a must visit destination for locals and tourists across the Golden Horseshoe. For 44 years, the Civitan Club of Oakville has operated this market in with proceeds used in support of community charities.

"Dorval Crossing, a prestige shopping destination, literally at Oakville's 'crossroads', is the best possible location for our famers market," observed Civitan Club past President Doug Guthrie. Dorval Crossing East Property Manager BentallGreenOak has generously donated access to their parking lot for our market. Without their support, our market would not be possible.

Our market operates from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Saturday from May until November

Civitan Doug Guthrie retired in 2022 after leading our market for over 40 years. He has earned the title 'Honourary Mayor of the Oakville Farmers Market'. Humbly filling his big shoes are Market co-Managers Kevin Kisil, Al McMullan and George Horhota who cite the tremendous support of BentallGreenOak, Dorval Crossing East's property manager who donates use of their parking lot so we can raise funds for local Halton Region charities and not-for-profit support organizations. BentallGreenOak is a community-oriented partner of our market without whose support we would not be able to serve market vendors and shoppers.

HOW TO FIND US

We are located at the Dorval Crossing East Plaza at the Southeast corner of North Service Rd. W. and Dorval Dr.

DIRECTIONS

FROM THE WEST:

Take the QEW Eastbound. Exit at Dorval Drive and turn left (North) at the lights. Entrance to the Plaza will be on the right.

FROM THE EAST:

QEW Westbound. Take the Kerr St./Dorval Dr. exit. Follow the sign to Dorval Drive (keep left). Turn right at the lights. Entrance to the Plaza will be on the right.

HOURS OF OPERATION

SAT 08:00 – 13:30 (1:30 P.M.)

Congratulations! Proud of these hard working team members! You Rock!



Civitan International

April 7 at 4:00 PM · 🌐

Celebrating 70 combined years of service! Recently, our staff gathered to celebrate the contributions of members of our staff who reached significant professional milestones!

We are thankful to Mary Luck, Director of Club Support and Compliance, who reached 40 years of service; Beth Towns, Member Records Specialist, who reached 20 years of service and Bonita Bigbee, Member Giving Specialist, who reached 10 years of service! They are all pictured with Civitan International Executive Vice President, Mark Eisinger.

Thanks to all of you for your contributions to Civitan International! How special to celebrate these employees during Civitan Awareness Month! ❤️

You are invited to

LONDON MIDDLESEX
CIVITAN CLUB
CASINO ROYALE

SEPTEMBER

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8:00PM

Best Western Plus/Stoneridge Inn Conference Center
6675 Burtwistle Lane, London
Townsend Ballroom
519-652-6022

EACH GUEST RECEIVES 500 CASINO DOLLARS

FORMAL ATTIRE REQUIRED



Registration Form for Fall Convention, Sept 12/13, 2025
Best Western Plus-Stoneridge Inn
6675 Burtwistle Lane (off Colonel Talbot Rd.) London, N6L 1H5
Hosted by London Middlesex Civitan Club

Name: _____ Civitan Y/N _____ Voting Delegate: Y/N _____
Club _____ District Board/Club Office _____ PG Y/N _____ Year _____
Address: _____ Email: _____

First Convention: Y/N _____ Jr Civitan? Y/N _____ Club _____ Sat. dinner: beef/chicken (circle)

Email address:

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First Convention: Y/N _____ Jr Civitan? Y/N _____ Club _____ Sat. dinner: beef/chicken (circle)

Email address:

Registration fee: \$175pp Early Bird date: Aug 28; \$185 after. **Registration Deadline** Sept. 5, 2025

Registration includes:

Friday Night Buffet: Tossed salad, Caesar salad, Lemon oregano chicken kabobs with tzatziki sauce,
Garden penne in tomato sauce, Medley of seasonal vegetables, Herb roasted potatoes. Buns & butter. Assorted dessert
squares, mini donuts and churros, coffee & teas

Breakfast Buffet: continental: Mini pastries, butter, preserves, sliced fruit, bottles of juice, coffee & assorted teas.

Saturday Dinner: **Choose 1 entre and circle above:** Red wine braised beef short rib roast; OR Chicken breast in cremini
mushroom sauce. Entrees also include: a Medley of seasonal vegetables, Roasted potatoes, Salad appetizer, Buns &
butter. Dessert: Lemon Chiffon (with toasted almonds), coffee & teas. Dinner only Saturday \$90.00

*** **Anyone with a dietary restriction please contact the hotel directly**

Room rates: \$216 Friday, \$225 Saturday (plus taxes)- Includes full hot breakfast both Sat and Sun morning

Call hotel direct to book: 519-652-6022, "state Civitan when booking" OR

go to: <https://stoneridgeinn.com/> to book online OR Toll-free Registration#: 1(888)471-2378

*** **Reservations by attendees must be received on or before the Aug 29, 2025 cut off room rate and guarantee
availability date. (25 rooms held in total)**

Make Cheque Payable to: Civitan Canadian District West

Mail Registration and fee to: District Treasurer Sue Gibson 52 Boullee St. London, ON N5Y 1T6

London's turning 50 this year and we are hosting the 2-day convention this Sept 12/13 at the Stoneridge Inn, Best Western location once again.

Come out to celebrate, for fellowship, great food and lots of fun!

Friday Night will be a bingo parlour. With plenty of prizes to be won and other games sprinkled in.

Saturday night we are going fancy with our Casino Royal, run by a local gaming company. Also with some great prizes to be won! Bring a friend-Saturday Dinner and Casino Guests only \$90 p.p.

London has a "show your badge" program. Conference/Convention attendees in town can go to local businesses and receive a discount there by flashing your convention badge.

Current businesses involved (**SEE BELOW**)

FOOD & DRINK

- Anderson Craft Ales
- Beats & Eats Inc c/o The Early Bird
- Ceylon Select Inc.
- Commonwealth Coffee Co.
- Covent Garden Market
- Delta Hotels by Marriott London Armouries
- Dos Tacos
- DoubleTree By Hilton London Ontario
- Downie Street Bakehouse
- Frank and Furter's Restaurant and Bar
- Fresh Healthy Cafe
- Gateway Casino London
- Grace Restaurant
- Happiness
- India Paradise
- Jura & Co. Artisan Yogurt
- Merla-Mae Ice Cream
- Mona's Shawarma and Grill
- Moxies
- Saga Board Games & Coffee
- Sidetrack: A King St Café
- The Artisan Bakery
- The Market at Western Fair District
- The Squire Pub & Grill
- The Tea Haus Inc.
- TNT Tabanca
- Toboggan Brewing Company
- White Oaks Mall
- Winks Eatery

- Tantrum Sun Lux Medi Spa
- The Cottage Pottery Studio
- The Secrets of Radar Museum
- Winks Eatery

RETAIL

- Anderson Craft Ales
- Boutique Firenze
- Canines & Cashmere
- Ceylon Select Inc.
- Color Me Ink Ltd.
- Covent Garden Market
- DIAMANI Fine Jewellery
- Downie Street Bakehou
- Guindon Creations
- Jill's Table
- Kemp Products
- Liberty & Love
- Locally Made Marketplace
- Loko Sport
- London Chiropractic and Massage Clinic
- Magpie's Collected Creations
- Music City Canada
- Recker Art
- Smooth Wax Bar
- Tantrum Sun Lux Medi Spa
- The Artisan Bakery
- The Cottage Pottery Studio
- The Market at Western Fair District
- The Secrets of Radar Museum
- Toboggan Brewing Company
- White Oaks Mall

LEASURE & ENTERTAINMENT

- Beats & Eats Inc c/o The Early Bird
- Boler Mountain
- Downtown Yoga Holistic Cent
- Fanshawe Conservation Area
- Fleetway Bowling Ce
- Gateway Casino London
- Grace Restaurant
- Museum of Ontario Archaeology
- Recker Art
- Saga Board Games & Coffee
- Storybook Gardens/Corporation of the City of London



Pineapple Paradise Cake

Ingredients:

1-3.4oz box pistachio pudding mix
1 box angel food cake
3 eggs
20 oz can crushed pineapple with juices
8 oz tub cool whip, thawed
½ cup vegetable oil
1-3.4oz box pistachio pudding
⅔ cup whole milk
Pistachios, chopped for decoration



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9×13 baking dish.

In a large bowl, mix together the cake mix, pudding mix, oil, eggs, and pineapple with juices.

Beat until well combined.

Transfer batter to the prepared baking dish and bake for 30-35 minutes or until an inserted tooth pick comes out clean.

Allow cake to cool.

To make the frosting:

Mix together the second pudding mix and milk until the mixture thickens.

Fold in the cool whip until fully combined.

Frost cake and chill for 2 hours before serving.

Top with chopped pistachios if desired.

Pineapple Fluff

Ingredients

1 package instant vanilla pudding (or cheesecake) 3.4 ounces
20 ounces crushed pineapple not drained
8 ounces whipped topping (like Cool Whip) thawed
2 cups mini marshmallows
1 cup sweetened shredded coconut
½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans, almonds, or pretzels



Instructions

- In a large bowl, stir together 3.4 ounce box instant vanilla pudding mix and 20 ounce can crushed pineapple (do not drain).
- Gently stir in 8-ounce tub Cool Whip (whipped topping), thawed, 2 cups mini marshmallows, 1 cup shredded sweetened coconut and ½ cup chopped pecans.
- Cover bowl with plastic wrap.
- Chill for a couple of hours before serving.

Notes

- If you don't like shredded coconut, just leave it out and use coconut cream pudding instead of vanilla.
- Or, if you can't find the coconut cream pudding, just add a teaspoon of coconut extract to the mixture.
- To make it taste more like a Pina Colada, add a teaspoon of rum

Make Your Own Wendy's *as good as the original*

Wendy's Chocolate Frosty

- 8 ounces Cool Whip
- 8 cups chocolate milk
- 2 tablespoons vanilla
- 300 milliliters condensed milk



Wendy's Strawberry Frosty

- 14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
- 8 ounces Cool Whip
- ½ gallon milk
- ¾ cup Hershey's strawberry syrup
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

2025 SPRING CONVENTION



Halton Civitan Club arranged for dinner on Friday evening at the Fire House for those that were coming early for the Saturday One Day Convention!



Saturday Morning Registration for the Spring One Day Convention



The Meeting

The Board



Halton Civitan Club Received the Jack Scott Award



Midland Club received the Gerry King



Midland Club received the Bud Gallop Award



Junior Civitans who did an amazing presentation



JUNIOR PRESENTATION

Civitan International Foundation of Canada Bursary Awards



This year there were two winners from the East and two winners from the West. Marlyne accepted the William Murphy Bursary on behalf of Mary-Frances Quinn who is a member of the Halton Junior Club. Sue presented Lara Melacini who is with the Natic of Dundas Junior Civitan Club with the Credit Valley Bursary.

Lara is also the winner of an International Shropshire Scholarship

Saturday Afternoon Guide Dog Presentation



SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET



**DARRELL
BLACKWELL**
MASTER OF CEREMONY



The Prize Tables



Marlyne received the Ed Davies Award for Outstanding Area Director

Cathy received the Ray Hergert Award for Outstanding Chairperson

Lyle and Sue both received the King Evans Award for Outstanding Past Governor

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARD WINNERS



PRESENT HEEL KAREN

IMMEDIATE PAST HEEL SUE

SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Simone Soman, a blind pianist and singer, delivered an unforgettable and inspiring audition on “Canada’s Got Talent” in 2022. Her performance left both the audience and judges in awe, as she showcased not only her incredible musical talent but also her remarkable resilience and determination. Simone had some Civitans in tears as she performed on Saturday May 31, 2025 Spring Convention Banquet.



Candid Photos Taken at The Spring Convention



THANKS TO HALTON CIVITAN CLUB
FOR A GREAT CONVENTION

THREE RECEIVE CLUB HONOUR KEYS

Area Director Marlyne Van Exan had the pleasure of attending a very emotional Oakville Civitan dinner held at Cherry House restaurant where President Chris Smith presented Kevin Kisil, George Horhota and Al McMullan with club honour keys.

Congratulations and well-deserved Kevin, George and Al.



Left to right and around the table: James McCannell, President Chris Smith, John Di Lorito, Al McMullan, Marlyne Van Exan, George Horhota, Kevin Kisil



Obituaries

Deborah "Debbie" Cormier May 7, 1953 – March 8,



Former secretary of the
Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Deborah "Debbie" Cormier (nee Waud), on March 8, 2025, at the age of 71. Debbie was born on May 7, 1953, to her parents Walter and Miriam Waud (predeceased). Debbie was the beloved wife of Johnny Cormier, with whom she shared 48 joyous years of marriage.

Debbie is remembered by her loving siblings: Diane (Jack), Lucy (Chris), and David (Denise). She also leaves behind her cherished nieces and nephews; Rachel, Kristi (Matt), Louise, John, Scott (Brenda), Amo, and Kenny. She was predeceased by her nephew Taylor. Debbie will also be missed by her many many great nieces and nephews, who are too numerous to count. Debbie will also be deeply missed by her sisters-in-law Eliza (Joe), Louise (Paul), Yvonne (Gilbert), and brother-in-law Joe, as well as her good friends Edward and Shauna, whom she treated like her own family.

Debbie had a passion for life, and her many hobbies reflected her warm and vibrant personality. She enjoyed knitting, loved elephants and was an avid collector of Christmas Nutcrackers. Debbie was well-known for her love of decorating for the seasons, whether that was the holiday season or the Blue Jays season! She could often be found in the kitchen, cooking up delicious meals. She would proudly recount the story of cooking her first turkey at just 9 years old. Debbie had an infectious love for Oldies music and was a passionate fan of hockey and baseball. Debbie's loving spirit will be forever remembered by her family and friends. She brought joy to all who knew her and will be deeply missed. The funeral took place March 13th, 2025.



Sharon Diane Bevington May 6, 1951 – April 14, 2025



Sharon Bevington, former member of
London Middlesex Civitan Club

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Sharon Diane Bevington on April 14, 2025, at the age of 73.

Sharon was the beloved wife of Peter Bevington, with whom she shared a lifetime of love, laughter, and unwavering devotion. Sharon was predeceased by her parents, Lennord H. Keatley and Mary Keatley (Post), and her beloved sisters Linda Keatley and Lois Savage. She is survived by her brother Gary Keatley (Marion Keatley), and sisters Heather Barnes (Ed Barnes), Marilyn Keatley (Rick Niemi), and Cindy Hopkins (Keith Zalusky). Sharon was also a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews, each of whom held a special place in her heart. She was a proud and loving mother to her daughters Lisa (Shannon), Laurie (Dave), and Renee (Bob), a guiding light whose strength, compassion, and wisdom shaped their lives in profound ways.

A devoted grandmother to Jessica (Trent), Harper (Melissa), Lillyanne, and Breanne (Keegan), and a cherished great-grandmother to Kaden, Ayla and Griffen. Sharon found immense joy in the company of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her love for them was unconditional, and her presence brought comfort, warmth, and laughter to every gathering.

Family was the heart of Sharon's world. She created a home filled with kindness, acceptance, and quiet strength—a place where all felt welcome. Her nurturing spirit, gentle humour, and grace touched everyone she met, leaving behind a legacy that will live on through generations.

She was deeply loved and will be deeply missed.

Sharon's last wish was that her loved ones would get together for a party to celebrate her life. This took place on Saturday April 26th, 2025 at Scouts Hall in Gravenhurst.



REMEMBERING PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT HORACE DAVIS

Horace Davis

January 22, 1934 - April 5, 2025

Garner, North Carolina - Horace Davis, 91, passed away on April 5, 2025, in Garner, N.C.

Born on January 22, 1934, Horace was a graduate of Rock Ridge High School in Wilson, N.C., and studied accounting at Kings Business College. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1956 to 1958, and retired after a 40-year career with Carolina Power & Light. His work there took him to Rockingham, Morehead City, Wilmington, and Sanford; to district management roles in Raleigh and Garner; and ultimately to CP&L's Corporate Communications Department. There, he traveled across North Carolina to various civic groups and economic development organizations, delivering hundreds of speeches annually. Even after retiring, Horace remained an active leader and speaker at leadership trainings and volunteer recognition events throughout the state. He was a popular emcee, known for his humor and inspirational messages (and a few magic tricks).

Horace's dedication to service extended to numerous civic organizations including the Optimist Club, Toastmasters, Jaycees and Kiwanis. He held leadership roles as president of the Garner Chamber of Commerce and of the Wake County Unit of the American Cancer Society. He also served on the boards of Friends of the Library of Wake County, Friends of the NC Museum of Natural Science, NC Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity. He was a Mason, and member of the Garner Shrine and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Raleigh (32nd degree).

But when he joined the Garner Civitan Club in 1971, his commitment to his local club grew to include service as Governor of the NC District East Civitans and a term as President of Civitan International, where he worked (with his wife Maxine, another Civitan ambassador) to connect and energize Civitans around the world. At 91, he continued to participate in the Garner, South Raleigh and Caring Hearts Civitan Clubs, frequently serving as chaplain.

A member of Aversboro Road Baptist Church for decades, Horace chaired fundraising efforts for the original construction project, then served as a deacon, and taught Sunday School for over 30 years.

He was preceded in death by parents Jodie and Viola Davis; brother Howard; sisters Dorothy, Mary, Louise, and Sue; and his beloved wife of 52 years, Maxine Marchman Davis. He is survived by his brothers James (Marie) and Jackie Davis; sisters-in law Thelma Hilliard and Bonnie Yeargan (Felton); brother-in-law John Lamm; daughter Susan Davis Morley (Sam); grandchildren Samuel "Gus" (Chloe) and Anne Morley; great-grandchildren Poppy and Woodrow Morley; and numerous nieces and nephews. Horace was especially grateful to the friends, family members and caregivers who enabled him to live independently and continue volunteer activities until his passing.

A Celebration of Life was held on April 26, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Aversboro Road Baptist Church in Garner.

