

BEAVER TALES



Canada District West | Summer 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Halton Civitan Club - #3526 President Marlyne Van Exan

The Halton Civitan Club continues to be busy with their many excellent projects.

Donations to Ian Anderson House are still more than welcome and they have specifically asked for liquid soap and disposable bags.

We continue to buy groceries for Oak Park on a regular basis plus making other donations as requested.

We are collecting back packs for unhoused people who frequent the drop-in centre to be distributed at Christmas. The manager of this facility was a guest speaker at our March meeting.

A workshop was held at the Oakville VIVA Retirement home to cut milk bags into strips that will be made into

waterproof quilts for homeless people. Many thx to Bill Hiscott who donated a huge green bag of milk bags for this project.

We continue to support Food4Kids and a representative attended our February meeting to give us a power-point presentation of their facility. Halton members have offered to volunteer at this facility.

We co-hosted with the London Civitan Club for the Spring CDW one-day convention. Although the convention was extremely small, we managed to have a successful and fun event.

Plans are well underway for the Christmas Farmers' Market at the end of November. We are contacting vendors who wish to sell Christmas items.

We were asked to help at the SOO (Special Olympics Ontario) bowling banquet in May.

Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club - #2721 President Steve Phillips

OOOOHHHH, AAAAAHHHH!!!

These are the collective sounds of a few hundred attendees at the Kawartha Lakes Civitan Club's annual fireworks display on June 27 in celebration of Multicultural Day.

The night kicked off at 7pm with the sounds of popular

local band Deez Guys. Club member Don Logan was our guest speaker and talked about his and the historical roots of our community. As an added treat, special guest performers Rowan, Kemar, and Shanna who brought a touch of Jamaica to Coboconk!

Always happy to promote and support our local community with the 5th annual fireworks event, our club gave out free samples of tasty Kawartha Dairy ice cream.

Our special guest CDW Governor Pat McKinney gave a two-spoons up to the event and the ice cream!

Many thanks to our sponsors for making this event possible.

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Houston's Marine

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Cook's General Contracting

Our club is proud to announce our first-ever William Murphy Bursary winner!

Bronwyn Michel, daughter of club member Dean Michel and grand daughter of the late Doug Michel (one of our club's founders over 40 years ago), was presented with a lovely Award of Distinction plaque by Pat McKinney.

Bronwyn graduated with honours from Fenelon Falls Secondary School and will continue her education at Queen's University this fall. Her longterm goal is to study medicine.



London Middlesex Civitan Club - #2383 President Darrell Blackwel

Hi everyone.

The London club had a very busy spring this year the first thing being we had our annual mini golf with CLL where we had about 80 participants come out and golf. The club also fed the group hot dogs and hamburgers with pop and chips and as always everyone went home with a prize. While we were getting ready for the mini golf we also were getting ready to put on the spring convention with the Halton club, it was a joint venture and it went very good for a brand new format, the food was great and the hotel staff were very accommodating. Thanks to the Halton club and to all the people who came out. The London club will be quiet until October if CLL settle their strike.

Just one more thing, it was London's 51st anniversary.

Spring Convention

The Canada District West Spring Convention was proudly hosted by the London Middlesex and Halton Civitan Clubs, bringing members together for a weekend of fellowship, business, and fun.

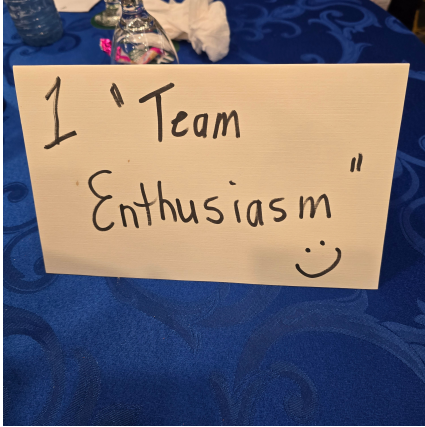
The convention included the District meeting, where members discussed club business, shared updates, and

looked ahead to future projects and initiatives. It was a wonderful opportunity for clubs from across the district to connect, exchange ideas, and celebrate the impact Civitan continues to have in our communities.

One of the weekend's highlights was the lively Friendly Feud competition. Filled with laughter, friendly rivalry, and plenty of audience participation, the game provided an entertaining evening and showcased the wonderful camaraderie that makes Civitan so special.

Members also generously supported the gift basket auction, with an impressive assortment of themed baskets donated by clubs and individuals. The auction was well attended and raised funds while adding another enjoyable social event to the convention.

A sincere thank you goes to the members of the London Middlesex and Halton Civitan Clubs for their hard work, hospitality, and dedication in organizing a successful Spring Convention. Their efforts created a welcoming atmosphere and an enjoyable experience for everyone in attendance.



In Memoriam

It is with profound sadness that I have to let you know that MelissaLundrigan, daughter of Civitans Susan and Les Lundrigan, passed away peacefully, at home, on July 14, 2026.

Susan and Les were long time and amazing members of the Mississauga Civitan Club and hard workers at Canadian District West.

Melissa was an amazing daughter and her parents and sister are heartbroken.

Melissa had a challenging life. She was a very determined child from the get-go. She eagerly participated in soccer, baseball and ballet at a young age.

She had challenges but faced all of them with grit and tenacity. She was willing to try anything. She loved reading, all kinds of games, cats – she was in the process of adopting 2 feral cats and had already named them. She loved all crafts including making bracelets, jewellery, quilting, knitting, crocheting and recently working with acrylics. And she loved shopping at her favourite place, Amazon.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Submitted by Marlyne Van Exan with permission from the Lundrigan family.