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A Message from Our Governor



SC District Governor

Richard Gay

After seventy-five years, the South Carolina Civitan District will cease to exist as of October 1st. This is due to a decision made by the Civitan International Board that all districts will no longer maintain their current structure and will become part of various regions. On October 1st, South Carolina clubs will join clubs from Georgia and Florida in Region Two of Civitan International that will be headed by a Region Director and a slate of officials whose various jobs will be to work with Civitan and Junior Civitan clubs in the region. Clubs will no longer pay district dues but will be assessed region dues in addition to International dues. At this point, the specific amount to be paid to the region has not been announced.

At the behest of International, the South Carolina District board has met several times to discuss the

dissolution of the district and the dispersal of any monies left in the district treasury at the time the district ceases to exist. The board decided that money left in the South Carolina account at the end of the current year will be distributed proportionally to all clubs that are up to date with their International dues.

Although the end of the South Carolina District is inevitable, the board has decided that we will try to continue meeting at least twice a year in order to maintain the camaraderie between our clubs and to provide avenues where we can share information about our clubs and projects. The PIGS will be responsible for organizing and administering the meetings. Hopefully through these meetings, clubs in South Carolina can continue to help each other remain strong.

Since our convention in September will be the last one for the South Carolina Civitan District, I hope clubs will commit to attend and help us go out with a bang. The convention will be held September 9-11 at the Avista Resort in North Myrtle Beach. I have been talking with board members about ideas for making the convention meaningful and exciting, and I welcome suggestions from anyone. We are not asking clubs to bring gift baskets to be auctioned off, but I have been putting together items for door prizes, and if clubs would like to bring a door prize, something that represents your city or area, or anything else, it would be greatly appreciated.

Even though the Civitan organization is changing, it is important that we remember the purpose of Civitan and the projects that we do. When we show up for our clubs, we show up for our communities because volunteerism is the backbone of making our towns and cities better places to live and work. We need to remember it is the work we do in Civitan that is important. Yes, what is happening in the organization may be frustrating, but our individual clubs are where we get to make a difference in the lives of others. Hopefully we can keep our clubs strong.

"The Chaplain's Corner"



Jim Seeley, Co-Chaplain

In all my hard times the Lord comes to me and ministers to me. The Holy Spirit comes and ministers to me. When He is with me, then I come to Him better. He dwells in me and I get to know Him better. He leads me, instructs me, strengthens me, encourages me. He also does these things in the good times. All I need to do is to love Him, listen to Him, obey Him, tell others about Him and proclaim His love, power, and desire to come and live in their hearts. I can and must offer to pray with and for them to listen for Him to come into their lives. While I do that, He is present in the conversation and as they listen, He inhabits them as well.

He will do all these things for you as well. You may be shy about talking to people about these things, but you will be amazed that He opens the door for the people you are talking to receive what you are telling them. It is kind of like learning to ride a bicycle. You will quickly learn to do it with great skill. He builds that skill within you.

You have heard it said that Civitan Clubs Help People. That means you are helping people. Think on these things and you will be greatly rewarded.

- Jim Seeley

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Civitan Mission Statement

The worldwide mission of Civitan International is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs, with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.

District Meeting Recap



Jack Sloan

Guest Speaker for the May 14, 2022 District Meeting was Jack Sloan from Pawmetto Lifeline, a non-profit animal welfare organization. They primarily serve the SC Midlands. The organization was formed in 1999 to address the companion pet overpopulation problem in South Carolina. Their mission is to create a No-Kill community, wherein healthy, treatable and adoptable pet will not be euthanized because it is homeless.

Jack reported that 10,000 humans are born in the United States every day versus 70,000 puppies and kittens. From July 1, 2020 through June 30, over 7,000 dogs and cats entered municipal animal shelters in Richland and Lexington counties. Fifteen percent of these animals were euthanized.

Pawmetto Lifeline offers the following Programs/Services:

Medical Services

- Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Walk-in Vaccine Clinic
- Care-A-Van Mobile Vaccine Clinic
- Free microchips for Pit Bulls aka “Bully Breeds”
- Wellness Program
- Prescription Auto-Refill Program

Rescue of Companion Pets

- Adoptions
- Fostering

Community Cat Program/ TNR (Trap Neuter Return)

Trap, neuter, vaccinate and ear-tip Community and Feral Cats, and return them to their outdoor home. (Kittens as young as four months can have three or more litters a year)

Pawmetto Lifeline does not receive government assistance. It is funded solely from donations from private individuals, service fees and grants. Funding is received from the following programs also.

- Individual – Lifeline Monthly Giving Program
- Small Business – Lifeline Business Partner Program
- Annual Fund raisers – Bark to the Park & Fur Ball Moonlight Gala



SC Governor, Richard Gay provides District updates.



Patsy Finley reports on the status of the SC Foundation.



Region II Director, Bill Tolleson gives International updates.



Sam Bennett, Co-Chaplain leads Devotion.



Gary Finley leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Civitan Creed.



Leila Long presents our 2022 Scholarship recipients.

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients



Leila Long with Scholarship Recipients: Milan Lewis-Harris, William Buford, Madison Rivers and Margaret Leonard

Junior Civitan Reports



Junior Civitan updates were presented by SC Junior Governor, Margaret Leonard (Left) and SC Junior Governor Elect, Jeshua Espiritu (Right).

Two thousand-three hundred dollars was donated to the Civitan International Research Center, the third highest raised.

Junior Civitan Creed

I am a Junior Civitan:
An aware citizen of today,
The standing promise of tomorrow.
I seek to meet the needs of our world,
To be progressive in a world of change
With compassion and understanding for
the values and traditions of the past.
I value the security of knowing
That wherever I am
I will always be within reach
Of a fellow Civitan.
I dedicate myself
To society and to my fellow man
With a commitment
to make the world a better place.

Meeting Attendees





The Gentlemen of Dutch Fork



Jack Sloan of Pawmetto Lifeline and SC District Governor, Richard Gay with donations from SC Civitan Clubs

29th Breakthru Golf Tournament

South Carolina sponsored a Hole.



Mike Taylor



Additional Messages from our Co-Chaplain

Lay It Aside

No matter how old you are or whether you are male or female you probably remember things you have thought, said or done that you look back on as being wrong, mean spirited, illegal, sinful and shameful. Perhaps you never apologized, perhaps you stole something from someone or borrowed something and never returned it. Maybe you just treated someone in a bad way or told a fib about someone that was hurtful and put them in a bad light and now it has been ten, twenty or more years ago. When you think about it now you regret it and it makes you feel bad about yourself. Maybe the person you wronged is not even still alive. Maybe they did not even know you wronged them, but you sure still hold on to the regret that you have. So what do you do? In Civitan we say we help people. We say we reach out to others with peace, guidance, progress and unity. We need to do the same to ourselves. We need to take all our burdens to God in prayer. God is so loving that He takes away all our sins. He wants to make us whole. He is ready to forgive us at all times. It is so important that we lay aside our wrongs, the little and big ones as well. If we repent but never lay aside our wrongs, what good is it? So I say, lay it aside. Love yourself the way God loves you. Totally.

Have you ever taught Sunday School? If not, why Not?

My preacher called me one Saturday and asked me to preach the sermon the next day at church. WOW! He was sick and our associate pastor was out of town.

As a Civitan you recite our creed all the time. You serve others all the time. What greater service can you render than telling them how they can better encourage people in their faith? We should all be witnesses to others about their faith. We should all love to tell the story of God’s love for all people. God will surely give you the words to say and the way to say them when telling others the wonderful story of the salvation He has in store for them. Never fear getting out of your comfort zone to share the gospel with others. Learn to sing the hymn that says “I love to tell the story of Jesus and His glory. T’will be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.”

- Jim Seeley



Congratulations SC Junior Civitan

International Awards Won by South Carolina Junior Civitan

Club Officer of the Year	Jeshua Espiritu, Sumter Junior Civitan *
Advisor of the Year	Kyle Austin, Sumter Junior Civitan *
Campus Project of the Year	1st Place Lancaster Junior Civitan
Campus Project of the Year	2nd Place Sumter Junior Civitan
Community Project of the Year	1st Place Sumter Junior Civitan
Lancaster Junior Civitan	Honor Club of Distinction
Sumter Junior Civitan	Honor Club of Distinction
South Carolina Junior Civitan	Honor District of Excellence



BELIEVERS

Awards in Brief

Visit the SC District web site for details
<https://civitan-sc.org/award.html>

SC DISTRICT AWARDS



A. Individual Awards

1. Area Civitan of The Year
2. Outstanding First Year Civitan (joined since 4/1/20)
3. Club Officer of The Year
4. District Honor Key
5. Otis Jeffcoat Award
6. The John Doudoukjian Award
7. Best Recruiter Award
8. SC District Civitan of The Year



B. Club Awards

1. Outstanding Website/Facebook or any other social media sites
2. Outstanding Newsletter
3. Membership Growth Award
4. Membership Retention Award
5. Fruitcake Award
To be determined by the Fruitcake Chairperson.
6. Candy/Coin Box Award
To be determined by the Candy/Coin Box Chairperson.
7. Outstanding Overall Service to Community
8. Outstanding Single Community Project
9. Outstanding Overall Service to Youth
10. Governor's Trophy



C. Servant's Heart Award

Awards applications via email should be submitted no later than August 1, 2022. If using USPS, all material must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2022. Please send all materials and inquiries to:

Katie Lockman, Awards Chair
1170 Woodburn Road
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Email address: lockman.katherine@yahoo.com

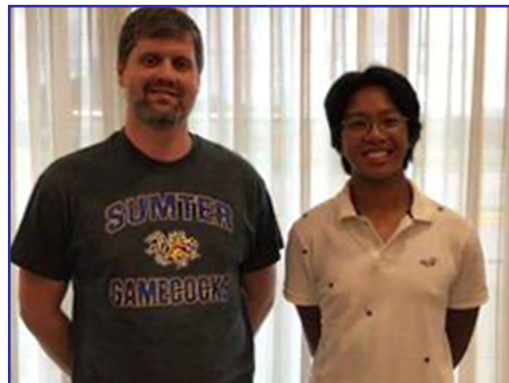


Thank You for Your Service

* Kyle and Jeshua from page 7 pictured together

Kyle Austin of Sumter
Junior Civitan International Advisor of the Year

Jeshua Espiritu of Sumter
Junior Civitan International Club Officer of the Year.



Attending the SC District Convention?

Helpful Hotel Reservations Information

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South Carolina District Civitan

Group Reservation Number: #2835536

Central Reservations: (877) 238-4487 – Choose Option 2



MAKING RESERVATIONS WITH YOUR GROUP

Select your preferred room type from the web site and call their Central Reservations Toll Free.

Please let the Reservationists know that you are calling to book a room under the Group Block with Reservation #2835536

You will need a credit card to pay the required deposit to reserve your individual room (you also have the option to pay in full) or send a check or money order within 10 days. The remaining balance will be due at Check In. (They accept: American Express, MasterCard, Visa, & Discover). You will need to bring the credit card used with a photo ID with you when you arrive.

Arrival: September 9, 2022 Check-In: 4:00 PM

Departure: September 11, 2022 Check-Out: 11:00 AM

****Group rates good three days before group blocked dates! ****

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE BASED ON AVAILABILITY

They cannot guarantee that all rooms will be near each other and special requests are a request. There are no Guarantees.

Some room types have very limited availability.

Parking Permits: 1 car per 1 bedroom and 2 cars per 2 & 3 bedroom condos.

1-Bedroom Condo Ocean View

JNS \$193.55 including all taxes & fees per night

1 Bedroom

1 Bath Unit

1 king bed in the bedroom

Murphy bed in the living room.

These units come fully equipped with a stove, refrigerator, microwave, 2 TV's, and a private balcony.

1-Bedroom Condo Ocean View

HNS \$193.55 including all taxes & fees per night

1 Bedroom

1 Bath Unit

2 Double beds in the bedroom

Murphy bed in the living room

These units come fully equipped with a stove, refrigerator, microwave, 2 TV's, and a private balcony.

SC DISTRICT CONVENTION

SC District Convention Basic Agenda

September 9-11

Avista Resort

North Myrtle Beach

Friday, September 9, 2022

1:00 p.m. 2021-2022 Board Meeting

3:00 p.m. First General Session

Saturday, September 10, 2022

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

9:00 a.m. -12:00 Second General Session

Free Afternoon

6:00 p.m. Governor's Reception

7:00 p.m. Awards Banquet

Sunday, September 11, 2022

8:30 a.m. PIG's Breakfast



NOTE: The deadline for submission of applications for Civitan District Awards is AUGUST 1.



South Carolina District Civitan Convention

September 9 -11, 2022

Avista Resort

300 N. Ocean Blvd.

North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582

(877) 916-6632

Name _____

Amount: \$ _____

Guest Name _____

Amount: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Club Name _____

\$75.00: Member Registration

\$50.00: Guest Registration for Banquet

Mail form and Registration fee to:

Mike Taylor, SC District Treasurer

139 Lincoln Inn Road

Columbia, SC 29212

no later than September 1, 2022