



# Palmetto Civigram

## District Meeting– May 18

The Spring S. C. District meeting will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Babcock Center in Columbia. We are pleased to announce our **Region 2 Director, Faye E. Evans will be our Guest Speaker** for the meeting. Ms. Evans is a Past Governor for the state of Georgia in 2005-2006, a MST with 60+ new members sponsored into Civitan and is also a Civitan Certified Club Builder. With all her past experience in Civitan and her attending the Civitan Board meeting recently we look forward to hearing from her.

Our schedule for the day includes a District Board meeting at 8:00 am, Coffee and Fellowship at 9:00 am and the Business Meeting to begin at 9:30 am. We will have lunch together and should be through by 2:00 pm.

REMEMBER to bring your Club's canned goods collection to the meeting. Harvest Hope Food Bank representative Denise Holland will be present to accept our donations and share with us about Harvest Hope's work all over South Carolina. We want each Club President to share "What's Happening in Your Club"

during the meeting and are planning some activities for the day.

Every South Carolina Civitan is encouraged to attend our meeting. A registration form is in this publication and it would help to plan for lunch if we know how many plan to attend. You can mail registrations to SC Civitan Office, PO Box 27319, Greenville, SC 29616 or email to District Secretary at [lurasb3@gmail.com](mailto:lurasb3@gmail.com). Lastly each club is asked to bring 2 door prizes to be used during the day.

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!

Babcock Center, Inc. promotes advocacy, vision and leadership in providing support services to people with disabilities. Babcock Center has worked alongside the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN); other state, federal and local agencies; and families of people with disabilities to bring a brighter future to our state.

**CLUB PRESIDENTS:** Each Club President should bring 2 door prizes and come prepared to communicate a short presentation on their club's recent activities.

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### Directions to the Babcock Center, 2725 Banny Jones Ave., West Columbia, SC 29170

Turn off I-26 at Exit 113 toward the Columbia Airport. Go to traffic light at the "LIZARD'S THICKET" and turn right on to Boston Avenue. Once on Boston Avenue follow this road and you will pass the SC Vocational Rehabilitation Dept on your right and Airport High School on your left. When you approach the traffic circle, bear to the right on to Lexington Avenue. Go straight and watch for the "NCR" sign on your left turn into the parking lot and the Babcock Center will be the building on your left.

# Governor's Message— Don Floyd

We had a great district meeting last month at the Babcock Center even though the number of Civitans attending was down. Please encourage more club members to attend our next meeting on May 18. In honor of Clergy Appreciation Day our guest speaker Rev. Steve Phillips from First Baptist Columbia gave our opening prayer and some inspirational thoughts for the day. Thanks to Babcock for allowing us to use their center.

We enjoyed a “mock” Membership Meeting of the Babcock Center Club. Nine Civitans from across the state made the meeting happen and a barbeque lunch was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who participated in the presentation. Hopefully more Clubs now know how to hold a Membership Meeting.

Our Creed states: “My eyes search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan.” We all need to do this at a time when the whole world seems to be in chaos! We can recruit and build our membership. With new club members we can then reach out to help more people and also start developing new friendships. Civitan International President Joe Parker stressed the importance of new members at our Governor's Update meeting in Birmingham. The challenge is for each member to get one new member.

We only have 6 months left in this Civitan year. Plan now to participate in our May 18 Spring District Meeting and attend the August 23-25 District Convention in Myrtle Beach. Also each club should be working on completing their Honor Club application for



this year. Every club does the work of service but unless the paperwork is turned in your club misses out on the recognition the club deserves.

Let's all work together and ride the Civitan Energy Bus all the way to years end. Remember: I can do things you cannot do and you can do things I cannot do but together we can all do great things.

## Officer Training Announcement— from Ken Norton

I hope the 2013-2014 Club Presidents start planning for next year as soon as possible. Please elect your officers in April and let district and international know who they are. President and President –Elect should plan to attend the International training session on August 3rd at the Doubletree Hotel (2100 Bush River Road) in Columbia. It is located off I -20 going toward Aiken. The cost this year will be \$30.00 per person. The training session will start at 9:00 am and be over by 3:00 pm. If you ride together, this would be a good time to plan for a “terrific” year.

There will be new teachers and new subject so it would be useful even for old timers to attend. Civitan International will send the President and President Elect a form to register after they are notified who these people are. You may also pre-register by e-mail ([stacy@civitan.org](mailto:stacy@civitan.org)) or fax 205-592-6307 with credit card info. Deadline for signing up is July 29, 2013. If August 3, 2013 is not a good date for you, they will have training sessions in Kingsport, TN (7/20) and in Charlotte, NC (8/17). So this year you will have a choice where to attend.

Secretary and Treasurer can train on line by going to [civitan.org](http://civitan.org) and clicking on leadership training. if you served as Secretary or Treasurer last year and were trained, you do not need to be trained again this year. Hope to see you there!!!!

# Chaplain's Corner From Jim Seeley

## DO YOU WALK WITH GOD?

Perhaps not all people have to wrestle with God the way Jacob did to obtain confirmation or realization of the blessings He has promised us, but I suspect that a lot of do ponder and pray about such things over and over again. I know I do. Recently the Spirit has caused me to focus on two words from scripture that I believe He intends to better enable me to understand the blessings He has already poured out upon me. My prayer is that they will help you as well.

The two words are “walk” and “word.” Gen. 3:8 says “God ... was walking in the garden in the cool of the day.” Gen. 5:22 and 24 both say Enoch walked with God. Gen. 6:9 says “Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.” How is it that we may walk with God as did Adam, Eve, Enoch and Noah? The other word is “word.” I read that that word appears in the Bible over 700 times. I have downloaded those scriptures and intend to study them closely. My favorite two are John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” And John 1:14, “And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of truth and grace.”

Later in scripture we are further enlightened by these words in 2 Corinthians 6:16, “For we are the temple of the living god. As God said, ‘I will live with them, and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.’ “

The application that comes to me from these scriptures is found in 2 Corinthians 10: 5 where I am admonished while I walk in the flesh in this life I am to employ spiritual weapons to fight everything that exalts itself against the knowledge of God by taking every thought captive. While it is not easy in these mortal bodies, the Spirit gives us the power to renew our minds by capturing every thought and bringing them into line with God’s word. Too often I find myself encountering a thought, passing some quick judgment on it, and quickly moving on to something else. I have now learned that taking a thought captive means meditating on that thought, praying about it, and determining what God desires me to learn from it. I also strive to do the same with the events of my life. As we practice such a discipline, it is my belief that we experience the great earthly blessing of walking with God. When Jacob knew truly that God was walking with him and he was walking with God, he became a new man with a new name, Israel, and a whole new mission in life here on earth. Please share with me how joyously you are walking with God.



**“We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution is designed only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for any other. “**

**John Adams (1735 - 1826)**



# South Carolina District Meeting: 2/9/2013

The second SC District meeting of 2012-13 was held on Saturday, February 9th at the Babcock Center in West Columbia, SC. The day began with a Board Meeting at 8 am and the coffee to wake us all up at 9. The agenda was varied and after the introductory elements, Reverend Steve Phillips of First Baptist Church in Columbia gave the devotion and a great interpretation of the relevance of the Civitan Creed in today's world— a call to action and service. Nice job of bringing home the applicability of this creed in our hectic lives even in the 21st century. Governor Don Floyd recognized District Clubs that had completed officer training on time. Then even though

District membership is down by 4 this year so far, he congratulated 3 clubs with a positive membership on the roles to date for 2012-13.

Later Ella Messer discussed the streamlining of the awards process and urged all SC District Clubs to participate in the application process. It is easy and smooth, so come on board. If clubs are having any difficulties with the awards applications or need advice, call on Ella and she will be glad to help.

Lura gave an update on the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC) for develop-

mental disabilities at the University of Alabama [Birmingham]. The work there is admirable and the achievements numerous. Their focus has been in many diverse indications including autism, Rhett's Syndrome, Angelman Syndrome, and spinal cord injury. The \$20 million commitment by Civitan has been seed money to create a world class research center with many times that amount in funding generated from other outside grants & donors. The CIRC is a highly visible symbol of the achievements of Civitan in providing leadership in service to the developmentally disabled and a significant milestone to a better future for these individuals.

The Jr Civitans were led by their mentor, Richard Gay, in updating the audience on their activities. They have made major strides in reaching their goals for the Sno-Do and Dance-a-Thon fund raising events. Their efforts are a great asset to the CIRC funding and support, so their success is wonderful to see for all supporters of the CIRC project. It is indeed uplifting to see and hear the enthusiastic work being done by these young citizens and future Civitans.

During lunch, Misty led a mock Membership Meeting to demonstrate to all in attendance the effective techniques for introducing new prospects to any Civitan Club. With

participation from numerous attendees, the group demonstrated the how-to of introductions, motivation, and closing-the-deal for bringing them onto the Civitan Team. Perhaps many clubs can carry these techniques home with success.



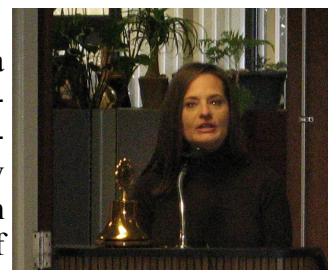
**Rev. Phillips above  
and Ella Messer below**



**from right to left are Gov. Floyd,  
Greater Charleston, Rock Hill,  
& Sunrise Civitan Clubs**



**Richard Gay (right) with  
the Jr. Civitan Leadership**



**Dr. Misty Konow leads  
the Mock Meeting**

# Candy Box Success from the Guru, Barbara Brasington

For me since becoming a Civitan, Barbara Brasington has always been that focused whirlwind of energy and enthusiasm that I get to meet and greet at District meetings. However she has a great story to tell and I have gotten her to share her experiences with us on the Candy Box Program....she is the Guru in this. With 80 Candy Boxes in her name at last count, she certainly tops the charts in penetration of her community and revenues for the program in South Carolina. Dedicated to her activity, she is always on the prowl for new locations and doesn't let anything [or anyone] get in her way. So thanks Barbara for sharing with us!!!

**From the Desk of Barbara Brasington:** The Civitan International Research Center [CIRC] at the University of Alabama, Birmingham is the beneficial focus of the Candy Box Program which began in 1976. The funds collected in these boxes, combined with grants and donations, have enabled the CIRC to study many types of Developmental Disabilities with resulting understanding & treatments. This project not only promotes the work of our organization, it also creates an opportunity for thousands of people to contribute money through our boxes to the CIRC and their work with children & adults with special needs. Among the most elite institutions for the study of brain function, their FMRI is a critical component in understanding and evaluating these disabilities. With no financial objectives, these researchers are free & focused on the needs and treatment opportunities for these developmentally disabled populations.



It is imperative that we, as Civitans, assume our responsibilities in making this effort a success by placing boxes in business establishments across the state of South Carolina. Only by placing these do we sow the seeds for growth of many contributions from the citizens of South Carolina to this cause. I was introduced to Civitan by Don Floyd, our SC District Governor, and immediately discovered my passion in the Candy Box Project. My first 2 boxes were placed in restaurant & a car wash across the street. Presently my boxes are in thirty different types of locations: restaurants, car washes & dealerships, beauty salons & barber shops, pharmacies, bakeries, markets [of all stripes], veterinary facilities, children stores, candy shops, office supply stores, and many more. While most business owners are very receptive, franchises are often not permitted to display such items.

As a challenge, I encourage EACH Civitan in South Carolina to place at least 1 Candy Box in 2013! Just think of the phenomenal difference that would make to the CIRC resources and support. Our beautiful Palmetto State can make this happen to help those with developmental disabilities! My thanks and appreciation in advance to each of you for cooperation in this effort to support the CIRC. Thank you!

By Barbara B. Brasington, SC District Chairperson, Candy Box Project





## Region 2 Director Notes from Faye Evans

*Civitan Passion Speaks with Action! Are you on board the Civitan Energy Bus?* **Greetings Region II Members**, as we approach four months into this year, I find that you are as full of energy as I am. I have had the distinct opportunity to speak with the governors of the Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina Districts. They have informed me of the wonderful civic and community activities of their clubs. Additionally, as a result of the district and individual club newsletters that have been shared with me, I feel the passion and energy.

I encourage each club and member to join our International President, Joe Parker, as he guides us to a successful year. He references the book written by Jon Gordon, "The Energy Bus." As we follow these steps, we will see that these steps actually align with Civitan's guidance on how to successfully create and maintain great organized clubs. We ask all clubs to follow the Honor Club Application to ensure that they will be successful.

"*The Energy Bus*" as well as Civitan International ask that we (1) Invite someone on your bus (ask someone to join your club); (2) Set a clear vision for your club; (3) Exemplify positive energy (invite someone to your club meetings or community service projects, etc.); (4) Team work (no one or club can succeed alone); and (5) Support the Civitan International Research Center by contributing to *Civitans at the Helm*. We can do this by supporting the Fruitcake, Coin Box, Golf Benefit (Breakthru Golf), and Putt Putt Initiatives.

We are looking to socialize and fellowship with everyone in **Denver, Colorado - July 3-6, 2013**. The Sheraton Denver Downtown will serve as the host hotel with \$109.00 room rates. These rates are available three days before and after the convention. New Civitan focuses will be shared regarding our North American and International clubs.

Future International Conventions are in the planning stages. The 2014 Convention from August 18 to 23 is a five night cruise from Tampa, Florida to Grand Cayman and Cozumel. 2015 is scheduled for St. Louis Missouri; 2016 is focusing on the Chesapeake District areas of Norfolk, Williamsburg, and Roanoke Virginia; and 2017 will be a monumental year as we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Congratulations to the following districts in the formation of **new Junior Civitan Clubs**. The Georgia District built three new clubs: Johns Creek, Northview, and Chattahoochee High Schools. The Florida District built the Mainland High School Junior Civitan Club and the South Carolina District built the Early College High School Junior Civitan Club. Awesome! Great work Region II.

All three districts are also aggressively working on building new **Adult clubs**. Let's see which district will be the first! I encourage each club to add new members and become Honor Clubs and Golden Circle Clubs. All **club presidents** are charged with ensuring that their clubs are informed and strive to achieve these recognitions.

I also encourage each district to strive to become an Honor District and achieve the Quality Achievement Award Recognition. All **governors** are tasked with informing all clubs in their district of these honors and encouraging everyone to get on board the Civitan Energy Bus and **grow your club, district, and Civitan International**. I am excited and full of energy and am working along with the governors to grow our region. I want our region to rise to the forefront and achieve outstanding recognitions.



# Rock Hill Takes a Polar Plunge

On February 23 the Rock Hill Civitan Club and the Northwestern Junior Civitan Club woke up to a cold wet Saturday in York County but that

didn't stop 4 brave Civitans and the 6 NHS Juniors [pictured at right] from getting their feet wet in the Catawba River for Area

11 Special Olympics. Governor Elect David Simpson and Club President JoAnne Botko took the deep plunge [in the picture at the left] and the rest just got wet before they chickened out. In all we raised over \$550 for Area 11. It was a fun day for all.

**By Ella B. Messer, Rock Hill Civitan Club**



## Greater Charleston Club's Easter Bunny Dances

The Greater Charleston Civitan Club held its 2nd Annual Easter Bunny Dances for the intellectually disabled in the tricounty area of Berkeley, Charleston, & Dorchester Counties. In 2 nights [March 25-26], these Civitans and their great assisting volunteers were able to entertain ~500 disabled with music, dance, pizza, sodas, raffle prizes.....and of course a live Easter Bunny! The music

pulsated to keep even the hard of hearing in synch with the tunes and the food was in steady supply. However while the attendees loved the dance, food, and raffle prizes, the real hit of the evening as expected was the arrival of the Easter Bunny with his giant carrot in hand. Folks got to meet, greet, and get pictures with him before he departed for greener pastures....he had a lot of eggs to plant around town for Easter after all!







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Editor

## Assist the SC District Board

As editor, I attended the SC Board meeting on 2/9 and saw a group of dedicated Civitans trying their best to improve the SC District and its clubs. While the usual reports from committee chairpersons were presented, the earnest interest in keeping the clubs of SC healthy and functional was of most interest to me.



I write this in an effort to try to move you to speak up and convey to these Board members how the SC District can make your club function better, smoother, or more visibly. The current trend of disappearing clubs and diminished membership numbers should be of concern to all of us and the Board is seeking input on why this is happening and how clubs think the flow can be stemmed.

So have an impact and lend a hand please by letting any Board member you know [or write to Don Floyd at the address at left] the answer to the issues you see facing the SC District, especially as relates to making the District relevant to you and the means to make Civitan Clubs more vital & healthy. Surely you have opinions in private so speak up and put a voice to them now!

### WHAT IS CIVITAN?

Civitan is a worldwide, all volunteer service organization where men and women have an organized way of approaching local community problems through service and fund raising.

We emphasize serving people with developmental disabilities. Local clubs are supported by Civitan International, which was organized in 1917 and spans over 24 countries. The word CIVITAN is a coined word that comes from the Latin word "CIVITAS", which means **CITIZENSHIP**.

## SC District Meeting on May 18th

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION– May 18, 2013 District Meeting**

**South Carolina Civitan District**

**P. O. Box 27319 \* Greenville, SC 29616**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my registration fee (\$25.00).  
\_\_\_ My Club will pay my registration fee (\$25.00)