



SC District Meeting– 3/8

Come spend the weekend at the beach with other SC District Civitans and Junior Civitans as they dance for 12 hours at the annual Dance-A-Thon to raise money for our Civitan International Research Center. The South Carolina District Civitan Winter Meeting on March 8th will be held at the **Long Bay Resort**. The Resort is located at 7200 North Ocean Blvd in Myrtle Beach, SC. This will be brief meeting (9:00 to Noon) so we can spend time with all the Junior Civitans who are attending the Civitan International Dance-a-thon at the Ocean Reef Resort next door to the Long Bay Resort.

You will not want to miss this meeting. We are honored to have a special guest speaker coming to talk with us about YP Civitan Clubs. If you don't know what a YP Civitan Club is then you really need to be there. This is the latest and greatest way to build new Civitan Clubs and to get new (and young) Civitans working in South Carolina. Dr. Daniel Hall, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics at High Point University will be with us. He is also a High Point University Campus Civitan and a member of the High Point Civitan Club.

NOTE: Clubs do not need to bring Door Prizes to the Winter District Meeting. We will do door prizes again at our May meeting.

District Board Members: The District Board will have its winter meeting at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 8th. This will be a breakfast meeting in Martin's Restaurant at the **Long Bay Resort** in Myrtle Beach. The Board members include all elected Officers and Area Directors. Any and all Committee Chairs are welcome to attend also. Please contact the District Secretary your plans to attend so we can have a good count of attendance.

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Myrtle Beach, SC 29572
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Governor's Message— David Simpson

Due to the timing of this issue and the need to expedite distribution to the membership, David could not get a column in but sends his thanks for the support of the membership in District activities and projects. He hopes that you will mark your calendars for the District Convention in Charleston [September 19-21] and for upcoming District Meetings [3/8 & 5/17]. The attendance of members at those events and your willingness to contribute to District functions is essential for the continued existence & success of the South Carolina District as an active force in Civitan. Please be willing to step forward and help when asked, or be proactive in bringing your ideas or suggestions to the attention of the District Officers. Thanks again for being such a supportive group!



Wisdom is a tree of life to those who eat her fruit;; happy is the man who keeps on eating it.

- Proverbs 3:18

Notes from Gov. Elect- Dr. Misty Konow

Happy New Year South Carolina Civitans! I hope you all had a wonderful and Merry Christmas. This is a great time of year to spend time with your family. That's what Civitan is to me...a family.

As many of you know, I am not native to this state. Upon moving to Rock Hill I knew no one. A member of the Rock Hill club happened to come by my husband's office while I was there and invited us to a meeting. The rest is history! Through my Civitan club, I found a family. That's all it took - an invitation.

How many people do you know that you could invite to a meeting? How many people do you know that are new to your area that are looking for something to "belong"to?

The simple of gestures, a simple invitation, can help to grow your Civitan family. One simple invitation can change someone's life and help your club to improve your community.

Joining Civitan has changed my life. It has made me an aware citizen of my community. It's opened my eyes to the needs around me and changed my heart forever. Invite someone new and grow your Civitan family today!



Chaplain's Corner with Jim Seeley

Having recently passed through the Christmas Season, did you notice as I did the changing of the ways the culture is leading us away from saying "Merry Christmas" to "Happy Holidays"? Rest assured that everyone to whom you said "Merry Christmas" did not connect the proclamation to the event of the birth of our Lord and Savior anymore than did the very words the Savior Himself spoke to the vast crowds He spoke to on the mountain sides and sea shores of Galilee hear and positively respond to the mysteries of the Kingdom of God. What we truly hear depends on the condition of our heart. Stated plainly, it is by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit that we hear God's Word and enable it to bear fruit in our lives.

As I studied scripture this New Year's Day morning, the Spirit led me to examine the condition of my heart. Immediately my heart was filled with gratitude and love for the dozen or so men in my Monday and Wednesday lunch Bible studies and the 175 or so men and youth in my Bible Study Fellowship class on Monday nights, all of whom are striving diligently by the power of the Spirit to soak in the life changing mysteries of the Kingdom of God as revealed in the Old and New Testaments of the Holy Scripture. I have the same feelings in my heart for those of you who diligently and faithfully read these Palmetto Civigram articles in each issue.

Please join me in remembering that we, too, are called to be sowers of the Word of God. It is by the power of the Holy Scripture that some who hear our words will receive and benefit. I am confident that He does His work every time we say "Merry Christmas" as opposed to saying "Happy Holidays". I encourage you to be bold in a couple of months to say about another great and wonderful truth in scripture, "Happy Easter". Sow the seed in order that the Holy Spirit can do His work in the hearts of the hearers.



Memorial to Civitans Lost in 2013

In an attempt to honor those SC District Civitans lost during the 2013 calendar year, we are initiating this memorial column that will become an annual inclusion in the Civigram. We will miss these good hearted souls and their contributions to the communities they served as volunteers. So keep them in your prayers:

Dan Hendrix, Chester Civitan Club
Charles Kilpatrick, Chester Civitan Club
Carlisle McCrorey, Chester Civitan Club
Bonnie Mortrude, Greater Charleston Civitan Club
Clyde Richardson, Loris Civitan Club
Mary Smith, Greenville Civitan Club
Barbara Stone, Greenville Civitan Club

SC District Meeting on 12/7



Gov. Simpson calling the Board to order

Gov. David Simpson put together a useful and productive...not to mention fun...meeting for the SC District on 12/7 in Columbia at the Spring Hill Hotel. The venue was convenient, modern, well equipped, and relaxing. The day began with a Board meeting and an chance to discuss the coming year & improvements in the way we operate. Sadly the day began with the news that Alice Rentz had passed away and we all send our sympathy to Dr. Bill Rentz, a long time SC Civitan & major contributor.

The regular meeting started off with some fresh coffee to get by the early hour & sweets that tempted even the most stalwart dieters. The committee reports were good updates and the Jr. Civitans led by Richard Gay strut their stuff. SC Jr Civitan Gov. Sean Barndon and Jodie Brandell collected for



Singer Ken Turner really showed us the low down with his voice!

from many of the SC clubs for the tiently posed for club photos as

Barbara Bras-sincere plea for each SC Civitan would be a first for any district. some recognition from Civitan Box placed and serviced by each is heard by all & accomplished in

The afternoon Jennifer Walker [Rock Hill] fo- in club meetings & to keep inter-managed to really keep every-to make club meetings more pro-need some assistance to get yours input!



Gov. Elect Dr. Misty Konow rocks the house with energy

CIRC at UAB by getting sponsorship checks Sno-Do and Dance-a-Thon events. They pa-each club passed on their contribution.

ington, the Godfather of CandyBoxes, gave a to place at least 1 CandyBox this year- that She went out on a limb and even guaranteed International for the first club to get a Candy-member. She won't give up until this message SC.

presentation by Bill Tolleson [Columbia] & cused on use of visual slide shows and video est high. It was well done, very intriguing, & one's attention. Good advice and simple steps ductive and captivating. If you want advice or in shape, contact them and get some Civitan

However the real hit of the day was a visit by singer Ken Turner, a bass voice that dares anyone to go lower. Ken was invited by David Simpson and has been the recipient of 7 Gammies & 10 Dove Awards. He has been vocalizing for a profession for many years and it showed in the quality of his renditions. Starting off with some patriotic hits in honor of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day [December 7, 1941] and hen he slid into Christmas favorites. Ken even managed to find some oldies that hardly anyone in the assembly could recall...that was a challenge. But no one could contest the great sounds that he emanated and certainly no one dared to try to get any lower.

If David can keep the District meetings as interesting and quick moving as this, I think we have a chance to increase the attendance that has been lagging for so long. So next time, try to make it a must on your calendar!

Bill Tolleson [l] & Jennifer Walker [r] provide useful instruction on effective use of visual presentations at club meetings & events



Jr. Civitans Sean Blandon & Jodie Brandell [front center] pose with club representatives giving donations to Sno-Do & Dance-a-Thon

Lowcountry Santa Visits the Disability Boards



On December 17th & 19th, the Greater Charleston Civitan Club brought Santa [along with a lot of music, dancing, & pizza] to the disability boards of Berkeley, Dorchester, and Charleston Counties. With tunes from Steppin' Out Music, Civitan held dances for over 400 intellectually disabled residents of the low country with plenty of pizza, soda, and smiles to match the beat. The participants started the evenings with rounds of hugs



& smiles for all. Later Santa made a cameo appearance at the events and was, as always, the rock star of the evenings. After a few hours of pulsating music & dancing, the evenings ended with rounds of raffle prizes and a lot of hugs. The good-byes flew among participants & volunteers as the buses and cars took attendees home...see you all at the next round of dances with Easter Bunny in the Spring!



Myrtle Beach Civitan Club Christmas Caroling



On December 17, 2013 the Myrtle Beach Civitan Club gathered with our families and friends to go to Grand Strand Healthcare to sing Christmas carols and drop off gift bags to the 80 residents. We donned our santa hats and started singing in the cafeteria to a rapt audience who quickly joined in the singing fun. We then took our tour to the halls, delivering bags and singing for the residents who were unable to come to us. It was a wonderful night for all involved. The residents loved hearing us sing, enjoyed their little goodie bags and naturally loved that we had recruited some

young people to hand them out. And naturally, we finished our evening off with fellowship and dinner at La Hacienda!! We are already planning visits back throughout 2014!

SC District Convention: 9/19-21



Hi Ya'll,

This year we will have our annual Civitan Convention in Charleston, South Carolina from September 19th through September 21st– so **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!** We are excited to have a great venue, the Embassy Suites, as the official

hotel for the convention and use of the North Charleston Convention Center. Room rates are \$139.00 per night + tax (8.5%) and INCLUDES deluxe buffet breakfast each day and complimentary cocktail hours each night, as well as free parking for all registered guests. The hotel is convenient to the Tanger Outlets, restaurants and downtown Charleston.

Below is a convenient link to the Embassy Suites (North Charleston, Airport) Hotel so you can make your reservations now on-line. **You must book by August 10th to take advantage of the low rates (normal rates start at \$239.00).** A valid credit card is needed to make your reservations. Come a few days earlier than the 19th or stay a few days longer than the 21st to enjoy the Charleston area at the same great, low convention rate if you book by 8/10. **Specify the dates you are requesting when making your reservations.** Special needs rooms are available if required, please request one when making your reservation.

We will have updates with exciting “things to do and see in Charleston” in the coming weeks and months. So much to do and so little time! Virginia Moore has been working hard as Chairperson of the Convention Committee and is planning a great event for you. Please feel free to send any questions or concerns to the organizing club, Greater Charleston Civitan Club, at civitan@embarqmail.com.

Limited numbers of Special Needs Rooms are available but must be requested at registration. For reservations and information, go to your Hotel Reservation Link and use Group Code “SCC” at:

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-SCC-20140919/index.jhtml>



Region 2 Meeting Cancellation & District Mtg

Despite the initial excitement that the Region 2 Meeting would be in Hilton Head in February, that meeting has been canceled and there are no plans to institute a new date. So the SC District has done some revising to get the District Meeting on track for March 8th and has the opportunity to include the SC District Meeting during the ongoing Dance-A-Thon of the Jr. Civitans in Myrtle Beach. While we won't interfere with their plans, we do get to pitch in and help out. So mark your calendars for the 8th of March and plan to be at the District Meeting. There will be a lot of good education on the latest in YP Civitan Clubs that we've heard so much about lately.

So file your registration now and make your hotel reservations for the Ocean Reef Resort at 7100 N. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC.

If you are interested in staying over night either Friday or Saturday, we have made arrangements with the **Ocean Reef Resort** and have a block of rooms reserved for your use:

Nightly rate: \$79.00 plus 13% tax*

Included in this rate is a \$10.00 resort fee

Standard Oceanfront Rooms with two queen beds,
mini fridge, microwave and coffee maker.

To make reservations please call 1-855-842-6556

* Ask for the Group Block: World/International Civitan Group in March

Note: Rooms will be released on Monday, February 17 at this rate.

To get this rate make reservations by the 17th.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION TO: Lura Boggs
SC Civitan District Treasurer
P. O. Box 27319
Greenville, SC 29616

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Club _____

Enclosed is registration fee (\$25.00).

My Club will pay registration fee (\$25.00)



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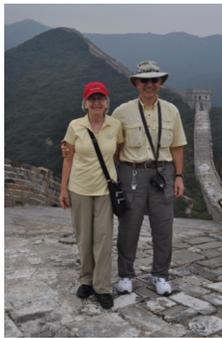
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Notes from the Editor– Frank DeLustro



I apologize for the late distribution of this newsletter but, as my last e-mail to you noted, the Region 2 Meeting has been in flux. As indicated on the previous page, it has been canceled. So I hope you will make the District Meeting instead and enjoy a

good time helping out the Dance-A-Thon for the Jr. Civitans. Also note the section of a memorial to all the SC District Civitans who passed away in 2013. This will be an annual column in the first issue of the new calendar year.

As in the past, I continue to seek your assistance in getting information on activities and events that your club would like to share with the rest of the district. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome and solicited, so don't be shy about passing them on to me.

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**.

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Editor

Useful Web Site Links

Civitan International: <http://www.civitan.com/>

South Carolina District: <http://www.scdistrict.civitan.net/>

South Carolina District Convention Rooms:

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-SCC-20140919/index.jhtml>

Civitan International Research Center: <http://www.uab.edu/medicine/circ/>

Jr. Civitan of SC: <http://resources.specialolympics.org/Regions/north-america/Locations/Special-Olympics-NA-South-Carolina.aspx#.UsGQ2rIo4dU>

Special Olympics of South Carolina:

<http://resources.specialolympics.org/Regions/north-america/Locations/Special-Olympics-NA-South-Carolina.aspx#.UsGQ2rIo4dU>