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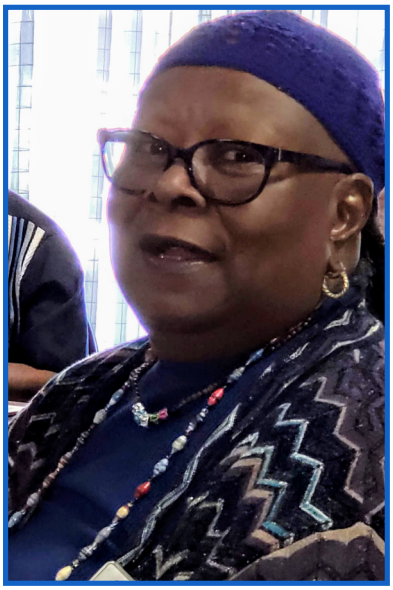
Friday: September 20, 2019, Business Session I

Governor Gary Finley

LEFT:
The convention was called to order by SC Governor, Gary Finley. Chaplain Sam Bennett gave the invocation and the wellness report. The immediate past Governor, Belita Broadus, led the attendees in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the Civitan Creed.

Governor Finley stated that the theme for the next four years, as of October 1 will be "*Civitans – Champions of Service*"

RIGHT:
Ms. Sandra Oborokumo, a council member from Rock Hill welcomed the Civitans of South Carolina to Rock Hill. She was so interested in what we were doing she remained for the entire morning session.


Councilor Sandra Oborokumo

Joan Harris

PIG's Convention Project: Safe Passage

Joan Harris, Associate Director of Advocacy and Community Education for Safe Passage, Inc., a Domestic Peace Program in Rock Hill, spoke during the morning session. October is Domestic Violence month per Joan. Statistics she shared are:

Use of personal weapons such as coercion, hands, feet, and fist accounted for 92.5% of weapon use in crimes of sexual violence.

Out of every 100 rapes:
- 40 are reported to the police
- 10 lead to an arrest
- 8 are prosecuted
- 4 lead to a felony conviction
- 3 rapist will will be sentenced to prison, the other 97 will walk free.

People who have experienced trauma are:
- 4 times more likely to become an alcoholic
- 4 times more likely to develop a sexually transmitted disease
- 4 times more likely to inject drugs

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3 times more likely to use antidepressant medication
3 times more likely to be absent from work
15 times more likely to commit suicide
2.5 times more likely to have serious job problems
3 times more likely to experience depression

Trauma and brain development are related. Cognition, Social/Emotional, regulation and survival skills are shown to be the inverse in typical development and developmental trauma cases according to the the Holt & Jordan, Ohio Department of Education studies.

Of all assaulted Individuals who are between the ages of 11-18, 1 in 8 are Girls and 1 in 12 are Boys. Some People in domestic violence situations will leave and come back 7 or 8 times before they leave for good. South Carolina ranks 5th in the nation in women being killed by a person they are intimate with.

Over one thousand people sought the services of Safe Passageway last year. Services to Survivors are FREE at Safe Passage.

(The items brought to the district meeting for Safe Passages will be taken to their shelter.)

Special Olympics Workshop

Anna Parks, SC Special Olympics Sports and Program Manager, shared the following:

- Special Olympics is in 13 districts
- Events are held throughout the year
- 30,000 athletes are served in South Carolina
- There are 300 school-based programs
- Two Special Olympics champions who had participated in local, state, and world games were introduced and shared a little about their experiences in Special Olympics.

Attending with Anna Parks was Tina Cook and Ricky McClure from SC Special Olympics. Ricky has attended several US games. He has also been to Ireland representing the US in the International Games. He especially likes soccer.

Ms. Parks presented each club a large yellow ribbon for their participation and support of Special Olympics.

The SC Civitan District awarded a check for $3,700.00 to the SC Special Olympics organization. Ms. Parks expressed her deep appreciation.

Anna Parks and Tina McClure

Anna Parks, Ricky McClure, Tina Cook & Gary Finley

Saturday: September 21, 2019, Business Session II

Junior Civitan Report

Deputy Junior Governor, Junior Governor and Richard Gay

The Junior Civitan update report was given by Richard Gay, the SC District Sponsor, the Junior Governor and the Deputy Junior Governor. Richard gave thanks to all of the clubs for their donations that made the train trip to the District of Columbia possible. They shared the following information:

- In 2019, there were approximately 800 S. C. Junior Civitan Clubs.
- Dues are payable by November 1, 2019 to remain in good financial standing.
- SC Jr. Civitans received some International awards.
- There is a need to charter more Junior clubs in South Carolina.
- Junior Civitan officer training will be held the following week in Columbia.
- An application for Jr. Civitan Honor Club will be submitted.
- February 1, 2020 is the next district project.
- December 14 will be the first meeting in Columbia. The will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church.
- The State Convention will is May1-3, 2020 in Myrtle Beach, SC.
- The Junior International Convention is June 25-28, 2020 in Tampa, Florida

Civitan International President, Bob Jones

Bob Jones

Bob Jones, Civitan International President for the 2018-2019 Civitan year shared the following:

- Greenville hosted a great convention. The venue was wonderful and there was so much to see and do in Downtown Greenville.
- Civitan International has sent $19.1 million dollars to the International Research Center. Our goal is $20 million dollars. We should reach the goal during the 2020 International Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- There is a guide book for Jr. Civitans
- Background checks are required for adults present at an overnight activity involving youths and/or our special friends.
- Sno-Do has been revamped. The International legal team has recommended that Sno-Do be discontinued.
- Districts will become responsible for providing their own insurance coverage.
- 70 clubs lost their 501(c)(4) status this year. Four are based in South Carolina.
- The dues structure is being changed for clubs in Europe and the Philippines.

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Awards & Recognitions

District Civitan of the Year: Patsy Finley; Spartanburg Civitan Club
Otis Jeffcoat Award: Bill Tolleson; Columbia Civitan Club
John Doudoukjian Award: Wanda Simpson; Rock Hill Civitan Club
Best Recruiter Award: Belita Broadus and Betty Bagley
Membership Growth Award: Chester Civitan Club
Outstanding Newsletter: Rock Hill Civitan Club
Overall Service to Youth: Rock Hill Civitan Club
Overall Service to Special Friends: Columbia Civitan Club; The Babcock Center
Outstanding Service to Special Friends: Columbia Civitan Club
Governor's Trophy: Columbia Civitan Club
Fruitcake Award: Greenville Civitan Club
Most Profitable Candy/Coin Box Award: Greenville Civitan Club
Servant's Heart Award: Sam Bennett, Greenville Civitan Club; Mauldin Miracle league
District Honor Keys: Sam Bennett (Greenville) and Gary Finley (Spartanburg)

Patsy Finley

Bill Tolleson & Beth Doudoukjian, Awards Chair

Wanda Simpson and Beth Doudoukjian

Belita Broadus, Betty Bagley not pictured

Governor Gary Finley presents Servant's Heart Award to Sam Bennett

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- Clubs can create a customized toolkit for your club.
- Civitan International financial statements are available on line.
- The "Servant's Heart"Award is global.
- Amy Roberts is available to direct a Zoom conference on any topic from the Research Center.
- New club platforms are being developed.
- We are reviewing the way we build clubs to adapt to our changing world.
- Prioritize Club Building over member retention.

Note: *Bob's entire presentation is available on line at: www.renewby22.com*

Saturday: September 21, 2019, Banquet & Installation

Bill Tolleson, Jim Stiver and Gary Finley

ABOVE:
Happy Birthday Columbia Civitan Club! " They're close to being 90 years old". Columbia is the oldest continuously operating Civitan Club in South Carolina,. The club chartered November 4, 1929 and incorporated October 24, 1972.

RIGHT:
The Governor's Trophy is presented to the Columbia Civitan Club. Accepting is Bill Tolleson and Jim Stiver. Congratulation Columbia.

Bill Tolleson, Gary Finley and Jim Stiver

Left to Right: Jennifer Walker, Patsy Finley, Mike Taylor and Misty Konow

ABOVE:
Governor Misty Konow presents Patsy Finley with the Governor Elect Pin.

RIGHT:
Our Immediate Past Governor, Gary Finley transfers the Governor's Banner to our 2019-2020 Governor, Misty Konow.

Misty Konow and Gary Finley

Meet our 2019-2020 District Officers

SC District Governor: Misty Konow
Immediate Past Governor: Gary Finley
Governor Elect: Patsy Finley
Secretary: Emily Wright
Treasurer: Mike Taylor

Directors:
Area 1: Beth Doudoukjian
Area 5: Bill Tolleson
Area 6: Jennifer Walker
Area 8: Sonja Wilson

Front Row, L to R: Gary Finley, Misty Konow and Patsy Finley Back Row, L to Right: Emily Wright, Beth Doudoukjian, Sonja Wilson, Jennifer Walker, Mike Taylor, and Bill Tolleson. Bob Jones performing the induction.

Governor Misty Konow shares her plans for the upcoming Civitan year nearing the close of the convention..

CIVITAN HANDS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD
2018-2019 Theme

CHAMPIONS OF SERVICE
DREAMERS | BELIEVERS
LEADERS | ACHIEVERS

The 2019-2020 Theme will serve us for four years

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.

Thank you

I respectfully give tons of appreciation to Patsy Finley who provided photos and summaries of the convention; and to LaBarbara Sampson who graciously shared her notes with me. Without these two great caring and selfless Civitans, this edition of the Civigram would not have been possible.

Yours truly,
Linda F. Neely, Civigram Editor