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A Message from Our Governor



SC District Governor, Patsy Finley

By the time you read this, two months will be gone from our new Civitan Year! What has your Club accomplished during the two months? Have your officers been elected? Do you have a full slate of officers: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer? Are all of your officers trained? Because of the limitations imposed due to the COVID-19 virus dilemma, Civitan International extended the deadlines for the election of officers and the training of those officers. No longer do the incoming President and President-Elect have to travel to receive the training provided by Civitan International. The training, being presented online, is necessary to be properly informed of the responsibilities of the office accepted for the Clubs.

Having a full slate of officers and those officers obtaining the Civitan International sponsored training are criteria required for a Civitan Club to be certified. This training will include information that will prove to be valuable in maintaining your Officers' knowledge of Civitan matters and your Club's privilege of having well trained officers. Also, in order for delegates from your Club to be able to vote on items presented at District Meetings or for your Club to receive awards at the Banquet at the end of the year, your Club has to be certified. Time is getting short! Make sure your Club has personnel in all four offices and that these officers are trained.

Has your Club started back having meetings in person? If not, are you meeting virtually? Well, I guess that is enough questions for now! Let me tell you about something new for the District! We now have our own paid Zoom account! We can have virtual meetings without having the 45-minute time limit for meetings that the free Zoom accounts have. If you are interested in having a meeting using this account, please contact me at pfinley1@gmail.com.

Now for the next 10 months South Carolina District will have a meeting on January 9, 2021, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1500 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia. District Areas 3 and 4, Columbia, Dutch Fork, Palmetto, Rock Hill, and Chester Civitan Clubs, Area Director Bill Tolleson and Area Director Jennifer Walker, will be in charge of part of the day, presenting us with a project and telling us about ways other non-profit clubs maintain their memberships and gain new members. They will also be in charge of decorations for the tables, getting the snacks ready for break, putting out the food for lunch and cleaning up afterwards, and at the end of the meeting, making sure the rooms we use are clean and straightened up. On May 15, 2021, District Areas 1 and 2 will be in charge of part of the day! This will be the Myrtle Beach, Loris, Lamar, Hilton Head,

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and Walterboro Civitan Clubs, Area Director James McIlrath and Area Director Beth Doudoukjian. The instructions for what you are to do are the same as above. The South Carolina District Convention is tentatively set for September 10 – 12, 2021. District Areas 5 and 6, Greenville, Mauldin, Honea Path, Foothills, Spartanburg, Sunrise, and Union Civitan Clubs, Area Director LaBarbara Sampson and Area Director Sonja Wilson, will be in charge of parts of these days. If any of the Area Directors anticipate a problem with these assignments, please contact me and we will discuss options. I am putting this information out early so you can make plans now to adjust your schedule, if possible, to be able to attend these meetings.

In conclusion, let's think about our Creed for just a few minutes. Do you have a favorite line that seems to speak to you every time you hear it? With all the turmoil in the world today, the one line that seems to echo in my mind is: MY EARS hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, and progress and unity. This was made especially clear when recently, I received an email from Civitan International President, Frank Kelley. President Frank had received a request from a fellow Civitan, George Kingsley of the Maryland County Civitan

Club in the nation of Liberia, who was requesting assistance for the children in the capital city of Monrovia, where his Civitan Club is located. Civitan George wrote him about critical needs in his community in three main areas:

1)School Needs; 2)Sanitation/COVID – 19 Intervention; and 3)Education Support. According to Civitan Kingsley, for a donation of \$100, a child's school related expenses can be paid for an entire year. Even though the items suggested for the school needs and COVID-19 can be purchased in Liberia, the funds to make the purchases is needed. With a donation to the Civitan International Global Sponsor Program, you can make a difference in the lives of the children in need in Liberia. Please consider donating to this fund. Individual and Club donations can be made online through <http://www.civitan.org> or mailed to Civitan International, PO Box 130744, Birmingham, AL 35213-0744. Please be sure to designate your donation for LIBERIA and note whether it is for SCHOOL, SANITATION, or EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT.

DO YOUR EARS HEAR THE CRY OF THESE CHILDREN IN LIBERIA?

Remember another line in the Civitan Creed
MY HOPE IS FOR A BETTER WORLD THROUGH
CIVITAN.

You ARE Civitan!

From Our Governor Elect



Richard Gay, Governor Elect

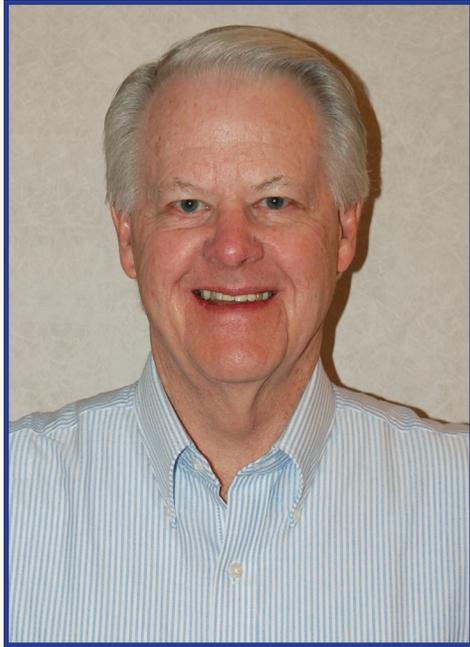
The late columnist Sydney J. Harris once wrote, “Most people are mirrors, reflecting the moods and emotions of the times; few are windows, bringing light to bear on the dark corners where troubles fester. The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.” As a retired teacher, I definitely agree with Harris about education, but I believe you could very easily substitute service to others for education and you would easily encapsulate what we do in Civitan. Assuredly we bring light to the troubles of our world, and this makes our purpose even more important with the dire troubles that are currently darkening our world. Unfortunately, too many people have become mirrors that reflect the serious moods and emotions of what is happening, not just in our country, but throughout the entire world. But we can be better—better people, better citizens, better neighbors. This is why it is so important for people to be involved in service organizations such as Civitan.

This has truly been a stressful year, and we are about to enter what some consider to be the most stressful time of the year, the Christmas season. But we need to learn to take each day as it comes and focus outward rather than inward. What matters most in this world is what we do for others, not what we do for ourselves. This is why it is important to be involved in an organization such as Civitan. Because of what this organization stands for and what its members do on a daily basis, we are focused on the needs of others and not ourselves. Even though we may be doing “the work of the world” in different ways than in the past, we are still keeping our eyes on those who need us the most. Hopefully because of our work, we will be able to cope with this unprecedented time and keep moving forward with the indomitable Civitan spirit. We need to remember to be windows and not mirrors and to focus on others and not on ourselves.

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.

"The Chaplain's Corner"



Jim Seeley, Co-Chaplain

- A** A great and close friend
- L** Love
- M** Mighty
- I** In dwelling
- G** Great
- H** He in you
- T** Three in One Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Y** You in Him
- G** Gathered with All Believers
- O** Only one and only God
- D** Defeat over Satan

Read the above letters and each thought next to them and concept they brought to my mind. Consider how each concept put together with each of the other concepts can be used by you to formulate prayers for you to pray each day, be they are prayers of praise, petition, forgiveness, prayers for healing for you or others, or prayers of joy. You do not have to pray on your knees, but sometimes it feels necessary to do so. You do not have to pray in tongues, but sometimes He may lead you into babbling words aloud. Try it sometime and then ask God what prayer you were trying to deliver to Him and ask Him to give you the answer in plain ordinary language you understand. Lastly, share your prayer contents and the contents of the answers you receive with your close confidential friend whom you know to be a great prayer warrior. Then discuss and pray together the answers which God brings to light during this conversation.

End your time with your friend singing Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine.

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Outstanding Service to Special Friends: DUTCH FORK



Steve Doudoukjian, Misty Konow & Mike Taylor

Outstanding Overall Service to Youth: ROCK HILL



Misty Konow & Jennifer Walker

Outstanding Community Service: Foothills



Gary Finley, Misty Konow and Patsy Finley

Outstanding Overall Service to Special Friends: SPARTANBURG



Misty Konow & Fred Lockman

Outstanding Overall Service to Community: GREENVILLE



Misty Konow & Samuel Bennett

Outstanding Website: ROCK HILL



Misty Konow & Jennifer Walker



Awards & Recognitions

Outstanding Newsletter: SPARTANBURG

Civitan of the Year: Jennifer Walker, ROCK HILL



Misty Konow & Gary Finley



Misty Konow & Jennifer Walker

Best Recruiter: Patsy Finley, SPARTANBURG

John Doudoukjian Award: Fred Lockman, SPARTANBURG



Misty Konow & Patsy Finley



Misty Konow & Fred Lockman

District Honor Key Recipient: Katie Lockman, SPARTANBURG

District Honor Key Recipients: Patsy Finley & Emily Wright



Misty Know & Katie Lockman



Patsy Finley: SPARTANBURG, Misty Konow, Emily Wright: LEXINGTON

The Governor's Trophy Goes to: Dutch Ford Civitan Club



Debbie Doudoukjian, Steve Doudoukjian., Mike Taylor & Peg Taylor

Other Awards and Recognitions Photos Unavailable

Club Officer of the Year
Martha Hinson, ROCK HILL

VIP Award for
Outstanding First Year Civitan
Krystal Wilson, SPARTANBURG

Otis Jeffcoat Award
Martha Hinson, ROCK HILL

Ryan's Law Update

Lorri Unumb, Council of Autism Services Provider's member and author of Ryan's Law was guest speaker of the convention. Lorri is an attorney, professor and mother of three children. Ryan, fourteen is on the autism spectrum.

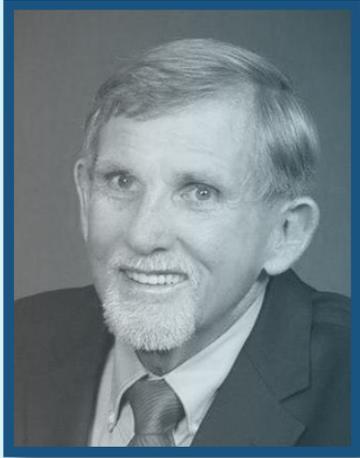
Lorri spearheaded the autism insurance legislation known as "Ryan's Law" in South

Carolina. Lorri gave updates on south Carolina's Legislature passing Ryan's Law.

After many years of determined effort and advocacy, Ryan's Law has passed in all fifty states.



Lorri Unumb



BOB (Kent) JONES
Civitan International President
2018 - 2019

Bob Jones, a great Civitan, died today, December 1, 2020, at Grand Strand Memorial Hospital in Myrtle Beach.

It is quite appropriate that this was the day that he left us. Today was Giving Tuesday, the day we were encouraged to give to Civitans at the Helm, supporting the mission of Civitan International. Over his years as a Civitan, Bob, as he liked to be called, gave his time and his talents to Civitan. Today, he gave his all, a mission for which he was prepared.

South Carolina Civitans, I ask that you keep his wife, Judy, and their two sons and families in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you,

Patsy H. Finley, Governor
South Carolina District Civitan

A Brief introduction to Civitan Place

There will be a Presentation, with an Architect Conceptual Drawing, during our District Meeting on January 9, 2021.

Civitan Place is an Inclusive Community for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). The initial complex will include a Training Center and Housing for 40-50 people. Total service, to the I/DD Community, at any given time, is an anticipated 250-300 people. Ideally, the complex will be located close to stores and public transportation.

As Governor and Area Director, I have long sought "Think Big," "Outside the Box," "Mediocrity Behind Us" Ideas.

Lorri Unumb, Emily Wright, and Steve Doudoukjian gave Legs to this Large and Worthy Project just a few weeks ago. Everything begins with ideas. We have models to go by; Inclusive I/DD communities, of this type, are currently trending.

I believe our timing is right; we have Civitans with the will to accomplish and excellent skills to accomplish.

This is obviously a long-term project. Smaller amounts of money will be needed to execute the project and present the concepts. Large amounts of money, land, buildings, etc. can be donated. "Buy-ins" are already a consideration.

All of us have something to contribute: Support, thoughts, ideas, money, elbow grease, etc.

We would certainly entertain participation from other Areas, the South Carolina District, and Civitan International.

Bill Tolleson,
SC District, Area 3 Director

2020 - 2021 CALENDAR

Note: Some dates are not available or are subject to change.

DECEMBER

- 21 Winter Begins
- 25 Christmas Day

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day
- 9 [Fall District Meeting](#)
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1500 Sunset Blvd.
West Columbia, SC
- 31 [Quality Achievement Award Application Due](#)
- 31 [SC District Scholarship Application Due](#)

FEBRUARY

- Junior Civitan All In Summit*
- 2 Groundhog Day
- 3-7 *Clergy Appreciation Week*
- 15 [Clubs' 990 IRS Filings Due](#)
- 15 President's Day
- 14 Valentine's Day

17 [Civitan Founders Day](#)

MARCH

- 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Spring Begins
- 21 World Down Syndrome Day

APRIL

- Civitan Awareness Month*
- 1 World Autism Day
- 2 [Last day for Civigram submissions](#)
- 4 Easter
- 22 Earth Day

MAY

- 1 [Junior Civitan State Convention](#)
- 9 Mother's Day
- 15 [Spring District Meeting](#)
- 25 [Junior Civitan Dance-a-Thon](#)

31 Memorial Day

JUNE

- 15 Areas 5 & 6 Submissions for Civigram
- 20 Father's Day
- 20 Summer Begins
- 24 -26 [Junior Civitan International Convention](#)
(Tampa, Florida)

JULY

- International Convention*
(Jacksonville, Florida)
- 4 Independence Day

AUGUST

- 1 [District Awards Applications Deadline](#)

SEPTEMBER

- [Club Officers Installation](#)
- 6 Labor Day
- 10-12 [SC District Convention](#)

Columbia Club gets 2020-21 Civitan Year off to Early Start



Civitan members present for check presentation; Lee Huber and Jody Hodge (holding check), Bill Tolleson, Steve Cox, and Darlene Cox keeping banner straight.

On October 5, the Columbia Club donated \$600.00 to Epworth Early Intervention Center (EEIC). EEIC is on campus with Epworth Children's Home. EEIC provides morning schooling and development for preschool-age children who have Intel-

lectual and /or Development Disabilities or show early signs of I/DD.

The donation will provide I/DD preschool children a new Sand and Water Table...old one was well used and well worn.

Remembering Bobby Huguley



Bobby Huguley and Betty Huguley

On November 27, 2020, Columbia Club lost our oldest and longest serving member with the passing of Bobby Huguley, age 90. We also lost a great Friend and a Great Patriot. Bobby Huguley had been an active member of Columbia Civitan Club since 1957. He was a Past President and had served on a myriad of Committees. Columbia Club had "125 members in 1957"...increased to 150 by 1965."

On November 26, 2018, Columbia Civitan Club Honored and Recognized Bobby Huguley for his 60+ years of Civitan Service. During a Special Event in the Three Rivers Room at Laurel Crest, West Columbia, SC. The presentation of a framed Medallion Certificate, with accompanying Medallion Lapel Pin was made to Bobby.

Members also thanked Bobby and wife, Betty, for their 60+ years of Service to Civitan, and their Friendship. Bobby said he was "overwhelmed" by this recognition. Bobby also stated that he joined Civitan to "become a part of his community" and that "it was an important way of serving his community."

Bobby Huguley was also a retired Army Reserve full Colonel, and very active member of his church. He was a graduate of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina, Bobby had served his profession as President of the Life (Insurance) Underwriters Association.