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A Message from Our Governor



SC District Governor
Richard Gay

After travelling to seven different clubs during September and October for officer installations, I have come to the conclusion that the South Carolina Civitan District is emerging from the pandemic year with a positive attitude and clubs with goals that will spur growth not only in membership but in projects as well. Most clubs have already moved back to in-person meetings and projects and are planning new projects to ensure that 2021-2022 will be a banner year for their clubs. This positivity within our clubs is what we need and what we need to share with our communities.

Another great part of visiting clubs is finding out about the truly unique and great projects that the clubs are doing. I believe that clubs throughout the district need to be applauded for the work they are doing, and

because of this, I would like for clubs to share information at district meetings about what their clubs are doing. At the first district meeting on December 4th in Rock Hill, part of the meeting will be set aside for clubs to report on the activities of their clubs or to highlight one project or activity.

I want to commend Bill Tolleson and the Columbia Civitan Club for their efforts while working on building a new club in Blythewood. Their efforts in working to start this new club show a true dedication to Civitan and its ideals. Hopefully by the time of the district meeting, we will be able to welcome members of the new Blythewood club to our organization.

During my forty-four years of working with Junior Civitan, I always stressed the importance of communication to advisors and clubs, and it is definitely true for Civitan clubs to communicate with their members for the district and international to communicate with the clubs. The best way to facilitate this is for clubs to report their officers to international, and unfortunately nine of our clubs have not sent in officer reports to international. Without this information, it makes it difficult for the district and international to get needed information out to clubs. If your club has not sent in this information, please send it to international and to me as soon as possible. In order to help with communication, I have included upcoming dates that are important.

Upcoming Important Dates

November 13 – Junior Civitan FunFest in Columbia

November 30 – Giving Tuesday

Deadline to complete club officer training

Last day for Junior Civitan Dues not to be considered delinquent

December 1 – International Awards and Honor Club Form due to International

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- December 1 – Shropshire Scholarship forms open
- December 4 – District Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill
- January 31 – Club Project Grant Applications Due for Impact Areas
 - Deadline for Shropshire Scholarship Applications
 - Deadline for Quality Achievement Award Applications



Club Presidents:

Please bring a gift basket from your club to the District Meeting for drawings to raise money for the South Carolina District.

All types are welcome, toiletries, food, snacks, theme items, etc.

South Carolina District Meeting Agenda
Covenant Presbyterian Church
1830 Celanese Rd., Rock Hill, SC
December 4, 2021

- 9:00 Registration Opens, Coffee and Fellowship
- 9:30 Welcome, Devotion, Pledge, and Creed
- 10:00 Club Building – Bill Tolleson
- 10:15 Membership Retention – Misty Konow
- 10:30 Junior Civitan Report
- 10:45 Civitan International Impact Areas Presentations
- 11:45 Raffle Drawing and Updates
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Second Business Session and Club Reports
- 2:30 Adjourn
- 2:45 District Board Meeting



Civilians at the Helm is the way your club can support our flagship program, the Civitan International Research Center. Donate on Giving Tuesday, November 30, 2021. The Chesapeake Club will match all donations received on Giving Tuesday.

Donation levels are:

Helmsman: \$10 per member average

Navigator: \$25 per member average

Captain: \$50 per member average

Commodore: \$75 per member average

Admiral: \$100 per member average

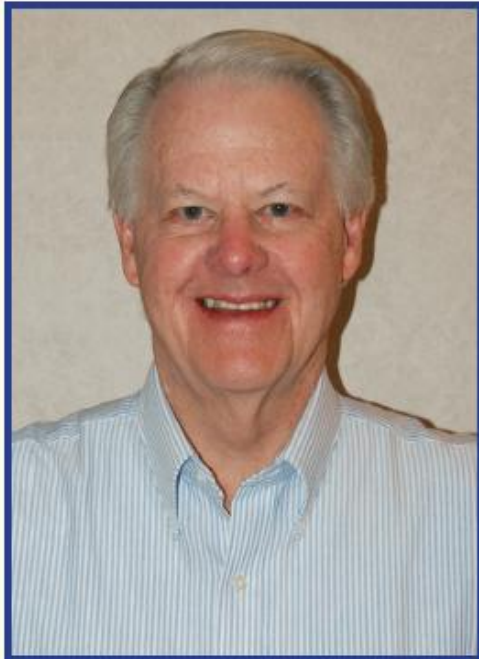
Admiral of the Fleet: \$200 per member average

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

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

OLD TIMEY ROCK AND ROLL

I love old timey rock and roll. It is the music that soothes my soul. Those words are from a song way back in my teenage years. They describe how much I truly love rock and roll music.

Now that I have grown up a little, or in terms of years (I am 77 now), I find that hymns soothe my soul much more powerfully than old timey rock and roll.

One practice I have developed is praying through hymns. Hopefully all reading this have a hymnal in your house. Pop it open to your favorite hymn or just any old hymn. No matter that is a Christmas hymn or any old hymn. One I just opened is Joy to The World. No matter that is a Christmas song. It puts Christ into Christmas as He should be.

"The Lord is come." That reminds me that I do rejoice in His coming into the world to save me and to walk with me hour by hour. I therefore make room for Him in my heart. His blessings indeed flow into my heart as I think upon Him. If you do that, His blessings will flow into your heart as well. They will be magnified if you share your testimony with all you pass by daily. Simply say: "have a blessed day". Or, if they say to you, "have a nice day", you can respond "every day is a nice day with Jesus".

- Jim Seeley

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Congratulations Loris



Loris Civitan Accepts Congressional Plaque.

Tom Rice is U.S. Representative for South Carolina's 7th congressional district. On October 26, 2021, staff from Congressman's Rice's office visited the Loris Civitan Club. The Loris Club was presented with a plaque certifying recognition into the Congressional Record.

The special event is the result of the Loris Club receiving the Civitan International Award for the highest membership growth. Congratulations Loris. We are so proud of you.

(Excerpted in part from the Loris Facebook page)

2021 - 2022 Calendar

OCTOBER

- 1 2021 - 2022 Civitan Year begins
- 22 Articles/Pictures submitted for Palmetto Civigram
- 30 Giving Tuesday

NOVEMBER

- 12 - 14 SC Junior Civitan FunFest / Charleston

DECEMBER

- 1 Deadline for International Awards Application
- 4 Fall District Meeting / Rock Hill

JANUARY

- 31 Shropshire & SC Scholarship Awards Application Due

FEBRUARY

- 1 - 7 Clergy Appreciation Week
- 5 SC Junior Civitan Winter Service Project / Columbia
- 15 IRS 990s tax filings due

MARCH

- 17 Founder's Day
- 25 Articles/Pictures submission for Palmetto Civigram

APRIL

- Civitan Awareness Month
- 2 World Autism Day
- 6 Last day to submit articles/pictures for Palmetto Civigram

APRIL

- 30 Area Directors' Mid-year Report due

MAY

- 14 Spring District Meeting / Columbia

JUNE

- Junior Civitan International Convention TBD
- Register for International Convention / San Antonio
- Donate to SC District's Junior Dance-A-Thon Team
- Elections for Club Officers
- Submit new officers to International

JULY

- 15 - 23 International Convention / San Antonio, Texas
- 31 Submit Pictures/Articles for Palmetto Civigram
- Palmetto Civigram mailed

AUGUST

- Submit Applications for SC District Awards

SEPTEMBER

- SC District Convention TBD
- Club Officers Installation Ceremony
- 12 - 20 Submit Pictures/Articles for Civigram
- 30 Area Directors' Year-end Reports due
- Palmetto Civigram mailed

Please send articles and pictures for the Civigram to lindafreely@AOL.com. The next submission deadline is April 6, 2022.

Rock Hill Honors Veterans



Our club put out flags to honor all of our veterans. Governor Richard Gay helped for the first time on a chilly November morning. Martha Hinson assisted in training Richard on the procedures.

-Ella Messer



Governor Richard aligns flags.

SC District Meeting Registration

December 4, 2021

Please send reservations for all attendees.



NAME _____ CIVITAN CLUB _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00

MAIL REGISTRATION FEE(S) TO:

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CIVITAN
C/O MIKE TAYLOR
139 LINCOLN INN ROAD
COLUMBIA, SC 29212

_____ Enclosed is my personal check.

_____ My club will pay my registration fee.

Amount Enclosed: _____



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS

Source: <https://civitan.org/impactareas/>



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS HEALTH & WELLNESS

for those with intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Civitan help create avenues for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to focus on their physical, emotional, and mental health while financially supporting integral research to bring better therapies and treatments.



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

for those with intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Civitan advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach their fullest potential through the classroom, job experiences, and other continued learning.



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

for those with intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Civitan are committed to making our world open and welcoming to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, both seen and unseen.



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

for those with intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Civitan stand behind those who love people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the agencies that support them, so opportunities can be realized.

Why were Impact Areas created for Civitan?

- Return to a focus on the Civitan International mission
- Help Civitan become known for something both locally and Internationally
- Not a sustainable long-term strategy to try to be all things to all people
- Help clubs and members share the story and mission of Civitan
- Help clubs understand how specifically we can impact the I/DD community
- Help clubs focus and streamline their service projects
- Help clubs recruit like-minded members
- Provide clubs with project resources
- Provide club with engaging marketing materials

Impact Area Logos for Download are available at: <https://www.mediafire.com/folder/23919c8111aax/Main+IA+Logos>