

# Civitan Chatter



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Belford Roberts 1975-1976 (Deceased)

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## **A message from your President...**

A belated Happy New Year to everyone! Our staff at Union Mission Ministries is slightly 'down-sized' so we're trying to cover multiple tasks, which makes for a busier schedule than originally planned. I trust that even though we're only having one meeting in January, we plan to have two meetings each month with the second meeting each month being at Southridge Panera Bread. This way you will always know that third Tuesday of each month is a dinner meeting at 6pm. The first meeting of each month (starting in February) is still subject to change, but the Board is working on this situation. I trust that you are excited about the upcoming opportunities to serve our community through Civitan! God bless! Terry Hodge, President

## **What's Been Going on?....**

The 2018 holiday season is now just a memory but we did sell our fruitcake, worked the Lovelight Tree at the Mall for Hospice and had a fun Holiday luncheon with our Charleston Civitan family.

There wasn't too much "stealing" going on the gift exchange but we all had a great time filled with laughter and good company.

January has definitely been a month of weird weather – one day it is 55 degrees and then we are in an arctic blast. The snow hasn't been too bad yet but the winter is still with us.

We did hold our meeting in January at the CAMC Hospitality house, Kanawha City. This is the old Ronald McDonald House that the CAMC foundation took over and is available for people to stay. As you know the Ronald McDonald House can only house people with children under 21 in the hospital. This facility is available for families with adults in the hospital. They did a great job of remodeling the facility and are very hospitable to all. We had a great meeting with the staff and received a tour of the facility. They enjoyed having us there and offered their room for future meetings of our club. Which brings us to our next meetings in February!

## **FEBRUARY MEETINGS....**

As you know February is **Black History Month** in our country. Our own Jim Harris has come up with a way to further enlighten our club on black history. He has it all planned out and it will be held over the two meetings in February.

I know we are trying to hold one meeting at lunch and one in the evening but since this is a special presentation and will not work in a restaurant in the evening, both meetings will be held at noon. In fact, we are going to hold the meetings at the CAMC Hospitality House in February. They were so happy to have us in January, when they heard about our Black History program in February, they offered their facility!

Therefore, the meetings will be held at the Hospitality house on:  
**Friday, February 1 at noon**  
**Friday, February 15 at noon**  
Please try to attend so we can all experience what Jim Harris has prepared to enlighten us on Black History Month. Hope to see you there!

## **PROJECTS:**

Since it is January, we don't plan projects due to the unpredictable weather. The GW Junior Civitans are leading a project in February and if anyone wants to help, it would be great. Here's the details:

### **Sunday, February 24 – Brooks**

**Manor Dessert & Bingo Party.** This will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 and should be done by 5:00. Desserts & refreshments will be served first followed by rounds of bingo games for the residents. Dessert donations as well as prizes for bingo will be appreciated. Remember on prizes – no candles! Come join our great JCivs as they make the day happier for the lonely residents of Brooks Manor.

**Clergy Appreciation** – plans are in the works for this annual event. We are having difficulty finding a place available but it looks like it will be sometime in March. Once we have the plans set, we will be sending invitations. Please submit to Patty Frame the names and addresses of any clergy members you would like to invite. Remember, it can be clergy from other churches in our area as well as your own.

## **WANTED: NEW MEMBERS**

We need new members. We are hoping that perhaps having one meeting in the evening will enable people who could not attend noon meetings to join our great club. So please invite people you may know to our meetings and projects with the hope they will see what great things we do in the Charleston Civitan Club and want to be a part of this great team. It could be someone in your church, workplace, neighborhood, etc. Invite them to one of our upcoming meetings.

## **JUNIOR CIVITAN UPDATE**

Our Junior Civitans were busy in December helping with Secret Santa to make Christmas happier for approximately 1200 children. The JA club sang Christmas Carols at the Hospice Hubbard House. Thanks to Patty Frame for joining with these great young singers! The Junior Civitans also had fun with their own secret santa event among members that ended with each finding out who their secret santa was at holiday parties held at each club.

Just like Civitans, it is hard to plan projects in January due to the unpredictable weather. But the JA

club has already made Valentine Cards for Vets that are being sent to the VA Hospital in Huntington. The GW Club held their collection selection project at school. They collected items for the Ronald McDonald House's Happy Wheels - and they did great – collected 801 items!! These include personal care items, crayons, coloring books, snacks, books, activity books, etc. They are given out to the children and their families at the hospital.

## **CARDINAL DISTRICT NEWS**

Mark your calendars for the Spring District Meeting that will be held in Berlin Ohio. The meeting will be on Saturday, April 13. There is a event on Friday evening where the group will be attending a show in the area. The district newsletter will be issued in the next weeks and will have all the details.

## **BIRTHDAY WISHES...**

There are no birthdays in our Charleston Civitan family during the month of January but we do hope that anyone with a birthday in this month will have a year of good health and happiness!

**The Mission of Civitan worldwide is to build good citizenship in providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.**

