Summer is here!  The days of summer are upon us. The children are finished with school for the summer, daylight continues to get longer each day and people are talking about the summer trips they will be taking. But that doesn’t mean we stop as a Civitan Club. Last month we met and had Jim Strawn give a very good talk about the character books he has written. There are books for all ages and character is something we do need to get people to develop – good that is!

This past week we had our meeting and Bryan Cummings, an officer of the CAMC Foundation. He shared some really interesting information about the foundation and what they have done and plan to do in the future to help the community. One thing he asked us as a Civitan Club is to pass the word to young people that they will pay for someone to go to school for nursing and in return they will commit to working at CAMC for 3 years. He said the program is working great so far and most that have gone through the program, do not leave after their 3 years. So, it is a win-win for the community and the hospital since there is a severe shortage of nurse.

We held our club officer elections and basically the officers will remain the same with the exception of Jeanne Jarrett becoming President and Terry Hodge becoming President Elect.

The board is working on reviewing the club as a whole to determine what can be done to grow the club. In May they began on this effort and will continue at the next board meeting. If you have any ideas, please contact one of the board members.

SUMMER MEETINGS....
We traditionally only hold one meeting July. We know it will not be the first Friday in July since this is the day after the July 4th holiday. It will either be the second or third Friday. The same is up in the air for August as well. The dates and the plans will be determined at the board meeting next week. We will advise you by e-mail.

PROJECTS:
We have already been asked to work at the Charleston Long Distance Run Labor Day weekend to run the water station on Corridor G and Cantley Drive. So once again, we will be out there with our Junior Civitans passing out water and cheering on the hundreds of runners that take on this challenge.

JUNIOR CIVITAN UPDATE
Our Junior Civitans are finishing their year at the end of June. They held the district convention April 27 and the district officers were elected and they are all from our sponsored clubs: Jhanvi Sheth, GW, Governor Kinley Zeigler, JA, Deputy Governor Nilaya Kanouri, GW, Lt. Governor Lilly Sutherland, JA, PRC Lorelei Wright, JA, Secretary

It was a fun convention and Governor Emmy Gore was honored with a district key and Governor award; and Alexandra Holsclaw was honored as Junior Civitan of the Year.
There were 16 seniors who graduated from GW this year and they all walked in proudly to the ceremony wearing their Junior Civitan cord.

We do have 6 delegates going to the Junior Civitan International Convention in the Washington DC area. They will all participate in Dance-a-Thon at the convention.

August will roll around quickly and they will be back doing their many projects to make a difference in the lives of others.

**CARDINAL DISTRICT NEWS**

During the District meeting on April 13, Alexandra Holsclaw of GW High School was awarded the Cardinal District Scholarship. Congratulations Alex! The meeting was a day filled with lots of get information about retaining members in our clubs and how to get people to join our organization.

The district convention is going to be held the weekend of August 2. It will be held in Athens, OH, which is only a 1 and ½ hour car trip from Charleston. Details and registration information will be coming out soon so mark your calendars and plan to head to Athens!

**BIRTHDAY WISHES...**

We also want to wish a Happy Birthday and a healthy year to:

Wanda Hightower – June 10
Jeanne Jarrett – June 23
Stella Doughty – June 26

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