

Civitan Chatter



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Home Club of International Presidents

Belford Roberts 1975-1976 (Deceased)

Bill Rogers 1983-1984 (Deceased)

Our year as Champions of Service has begun!

The first month is already behind us. We began the year having Chris Akers of Mountain Mission giving us an update on what is going on with this organization who serves people in need in the Charleston area. There are several potential project we may do with Mountain Mission. During the meeting, it was decided that it would be good for the club to visit and tour the facilities. This will be held on November 15.

There are many changes in the world of Civitan International and during our second meeting we went over RENEW By 2022 which is a plan to help achieve financial stability, evolve our membership and focus on our mission.

At our first meeting in November we heard about the Secret Santa Foundation and how the program works each year to provide Christmas gifts for approximately 1400 children in Boone, Kanawha and Putnam Counties.

We didn't have projects in October due to several issues but the goal for this year is to hold at least one community service project each month (hopefully more than one!). November and December are filled with several projects and it is a good way to invite non-Civitans to help out with the projects in hopes that this may spark their interest in becoming a member of the Charleston Civitan Club.

MEETINGS....

Our next meeting is this Friday, November 15. It will be an "outing" meeting. We will be meeting at Mountain Mission, 1620 7th Avenue, Charleston (west side) at noon. Members are asked to bring a bag lunch and most of the meeting will be a tour of the facilities and services the mission provides for those in need.

There will only be one meeting in December since it is such a busy month with the holidays. It will be our Christmas Luncheon and our "steal the gift" exchange. We will be meeting on Friday, December 13 at Patty and Bill's Condo at noon.

So start looking for that special gift (only around \$10 or so) that you think will be the one that everyone will steal!

January is always a questionable month with winter weather but the plans are to go back to meeting on a regular schedule as we ring in the new year of 2020.

PROJECTS:

Here's the latest on upcoming projects:

Brooks Manor Thanksgiving Celebration – this is set for Sunday, November 24. We will be serving the meal at 4pm. Cooking and set up will begin around 2:30 pm

Children's Therapy Clinic Light the Way 5K will be held on Friday, November 22 in Coonskin Park. They need our help with water stations. We need to be there by 5:15 so we can get to the stations before the race which begins at 6pm.

Secret Santa Week – help is needed on Tuesday, Dec 3 with Toy Check

Off and again on Friday and Saturday December 6 and 7 at the South Charleston Community Center from 9am to nigh on Friday and again 9am to around 3pm on Saturday, as the gifts are organized for approximately 1400 children. If you can help, let Jeanne Jarrett know

Love Light Tree Day at the Mall will be Monday, December 9 to support Hospice. The times are 2 hour work shifts. So far we have 9am to 7pm filled with 2 people per shift with the exception of 1 to 3pm which only has 1 person.

Caroling at Hospice – this is still being worked on and an announcement will go out once we know the date.

JUNIOR CIVITAN UPDATE

Our Junior Civitans finished a very busy month in October working at so many elementary school Fall Fests and Carnivals. This month, the JA Junior Civitans have been artists, first making cards for the patients at the VA hospital for Veteran's Day and then making

Thanksgiving cards for the residents of Brooks Manor. The GW Junior Civitans will be working with our club to put on the Brooks Manor Thanksgiving celebration. They will also be helping the Secret Santa Foundation with Breakfast with Santa. They will be serving during this fund-raiser that will be held at Applebees, Kanawha City on Saturday, November 16 from 8am to 10am. So if you are in the area, you can stop in and have breakfast for \$5 per person and be served by our own Junior Civitans.

CARDINAL DISTRICT UPDATE

The Fall District meeting was held on Saturday, November 2 in Grove City, Ohio. It was a good meeting with groups sharing information about all the organizations they connect with in their projects. It was great to learn about all the things clubs do in their community and spurred ideas for other projects as well. We also heard from the Ohio Special Olympics and what is going on with this group. All in all it was a great day lead by Governor Ken Adkins. The next district meeting will be in April

followed by the annual district convention in August.

BIRTHDAY WISHES...

Our birthday wishes go to the following people whose birthdays were last week:

Patty Frame – November 4
Kathy McKinley – November 7

A note from Jeanne Jarrett...This year started out a little bumpy for me as President. Due to a reorganization in workplace, I went through weeks of uncertainty on my future. The decision has been made and I will be retiring earlier than expected at the end of November. Thanks for understanding and all the support you gave me through these tough times for me. I am now in the acceptance stage and actually looking forward to my retirement. I want to let you know that I will be more committed as President and do a better job once this month is past me and I will have the time to do things I want to do and not have to fit it in my work schedule. Thanks!

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.

