

Civitan Chatter



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March is arriving!

2020 is flying by – hard to believe we are going into our 3rd month of the year! Spring and daylight savings time will be arriving in the month of March so warmer weather, leaves, flowers, and getting to enjoy outside are not too far away.

We had a great month of celebrating Black History month. It began on Martin Luther King's weekend with Jim Harris presenting facts and very interesting information about black history at our January meeting. Then, mother nature delayed our first meeting of the month with snow, so our Annual Black History Quiz Bowl was held on Friday, February 14 at our meeting. The event was awesome as usual with lots of laughing as we watched our members try to answer the questions. This year it was the men vs the women and the WOMEN won!!! Sorry guys but I guess we remember a little better than you all do!

Our clergy appreciation luncheon was held on Thursday, February 27

and talk about awesome! It was held at the Goodwill Prosperity Center and we had the largest number of clergy in recent years. 16 clergy came to the luncheon and it was a great time of meeting, sharing, and recognizing these great men and women from all different faiths. They all left with a Civitan reminder – each of them received a Civitan pen and then selected their other gift which were Civitan tote bags, Civitan flashlights or Civitan cups. This luncheon not only showed our clergy appreciation for all they do but it was a great way to raise awareness about Civitan in the community with "reminders" going home with them. Thanks to Kathy McKinley for helping to arrange this wonderful luncheon at Goodwill Prosperity Center

We now look forward to meetings and projects in March, hopefully things will go smoothly and we won't get delayed by Mother Nature but you never know with her – you know they say March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb.

MEETINGS...

We will go back to the normal 1st and 3rd Fridays for our meetings in March. Here are the details:

Friday, March 6 at noon – our speaker will be Rod Blackstone, a director with WV Power. We will be meeting in the Charleston Room at the Goodwill Prosperity Center.

Friday, March 20 at noon – our speaker will be Keith Tyler, State Director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. We will be meeting at the CAMC Hospitality House.

PROJECTS:

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE DINNER PREPARATION

We do have a cooking project in March. On Saturday, March 14, we will gather with some of our John Adams Junior Civitans at the Ronald McDonald House to cook a meal for the families with little ones in the hospital. We will gather at 1:00 and it should only take a couple hours. Join us to don the aprons and enjoy the cooking experience.

FLOWERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Plans are being made to have our Good Neighbor Day at Oakridge Nursing Home. This is when we gather up all those bud vases and fill them with a carnation and greenery to give to each of the 75 residents of this facility. We will, of course, have our Junior Civitans to help us with this project. The plan is to do this early in April to bring some happiness to the residents.

FRUITCAKE UPDATE

The checks are still coming in but it looks like once again our club has done well with fruitcake sales which is our man fundraiser for the year. Thanks to Luster Doughty and Brant Withrow for the work they have done on this critical fundraiser.

JUNIOR CIVITAN UPDATE

The JA and GW Junior Civitans have been working through the winter months of 2020.

GW JCivs raised \$120 for the Australian fire victims. They also

raised money for Dance-a-Thon by having a Valentine Candy Gram sale in school. The residents at Brooks Manor had a great time with the dessert & bingo party they put on for them. They are currently working on their Social Cause Awareness project of making GW students aware of the dangers of Vaping and they are collecting food items to donate to the local food banks.

The JA JCivs made Valentine Cards for Vets that were sent to the VA Hospital. They networked with 3 other clubs and held an Awareness Week in their school to raise awareness about heart disease, genetic disorders, invisible illness, teen depression and suicide. They also helped Weberwood school with Parents' Night Out where they watched and worked with the students so their parents could go out.

DISTRICT NEWS

The Spring Cardinal District meeting will be held in Coshocton, Ohio on Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 am to

3:30 pm. It will be held at the Coshocton Village Inn and Suites. The registration form is being sent with this newsletter. Please note hotel reservations must be made by March 17 and meeting registration by April 8. The November meeting was very educational with ideas about projects. This meeting's theme is "Projection". I am sure there will be lots of good info at this meeting. Hope to see some of you join the other Civitans in Coshocton!

BIRTHDAY WISHES...

We didn't have any members celebrating birthdays in February, but we do have a very special young woman's birthday in March. Don't forget to wish Julia Noland a Happy Birthday on March 5! We all wish her a year of health, happiness and great times!

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.

