

# Civitan Chatter



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Belford Roberts 1975-1976 (Deceased)

Bill Rogers 1983-1984 (Deceased)

## HOW ARE YOU DOING!

First, I apologize for not sending a Chatter in recent months. This year has not been the best of times for all of us, including me! We all have been facing some intense personal/family issues and time slips by so fast. We say we are going to do something but then it doesn't get done.

Today I decided I must reach out to the members of the Charleston Civitan family and check on you all and am not going to let it slip my mind.

As you know, our club lost a member, Ray McNamara, in February. He was our oldest member at 97 years old and a man of great talents.

Other members in our club are having some health issues and our prayers continue for them.

Haven't seen or heard from some of you for a long time! Sure hope you are doing ok. We miss seeing our fellow Civitans and hope to see you soon.

## MEETINGS

As you know due to the pandemic, our club has only been meeting on ZOOM since 2020. We haven't been able to have hands-on projects as well. As a result, we did reduce our club meetings to once per month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month.

We know some of you don't like teleconference meetings but even those who were joining the meetings seem to have disappeared and we have only seen a couple of you all at our monthly meetings. We were hoping to have a live meeting but given what is currently going on with the Delta Variant, we are not sure if August will need to continue to be a Zoom meeting. Will definitely let you know how we will meet at our next meeting, which is Friday, August 20 at noon.

## THANKS TO THE MEDICAL TEAMS

The pandemic has been around for almost a year now. When it first happened, there were many people saying thanks to the hardworking medical teams – putting up signs,

lights in the windows, sending lunches, etc. The pandemic is still here but the thanks have dwindled but these teams haven't dwindled in their efforts! As a way to say thanks to them, the club will be sending boxes of healthy snack to the various teams in the hospitals. In addition, the George Washington and John Adams Junior Civitans are preparing individual thank you notes that will be given to the teams as well.

## JUNIOR CIVITAN UPDATE

There actually was a live Junior Civitan International Convention held in June in Tampa, Florida. Due to COVID, parents were not allowing many of our Junior Civitans to attend but we did have 2 delegates from the GW club who were vaccinated and were able to go. It was a much smaller convention than I can ever remember but it was great for the two of them to experience.

Our two clubs, JA and GW, both received Honor Club of Excellence for the great work they did during the past year, despite the

pandemic. These young people worked on projects in their own homes such as baking desserts for Manna Meal, putting together goodie bags for nursing home residents, making up bags of personal care items for the homeless. You may also remember the joint project we did with the Junior Civitans for the CAMC medical teams. Well, not only did they make enough cards for the 382 ER team members, but they went well beyond. They had a total of 800 cards that they brought to CAMC. The hospital CEO was so grateful and as a result instead of just thanking the 4 ER teams, their thank you cards went to an additional 16 other teams. This project was recognized as the International District Project of the Year at the convention!

The two clubs are getting ready to start their year again soon since school begins August 9. The hope is that they will be back in school and can meet and do projects together.

#### **DISTRICT NEWS**

The Cardinal District Annual Convention will be held on

Saturday, August 21, 2021. It is scheduled to be at the Women's Club of Dayton, OH and the registration cost is \$10/person. It will be a morning through afternoon convention so you can go home on Saturday. The deadline for registration is August 13. I know many of you won't be able to attend due to COVID but wanted to let you know about it in case you can attend.

#### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

The Civitan International convention was held this week in Jacksonville, Florida. I attended as a virtual delegate and was able to vote on-line. It was a very important election since there was the issue of the by-law changes which included elimination of the districts and going to a regional set up for the organization.

As a result of the voting, Dan Brown was elected International President, Joanne O'Toole as President-Elect, and Denise Phelps will be the Region 4 Director since Carol Wolter's term is ending.

As for the articles of incorporation changes, the vote was 77% for

approval so these changes will be done. Unfortunately, for the by-law changes which required 50% plus 1 votes, the result was that they were not approved or rejected. The votes were split 47% for the changes, 41% against the changes, and 12% went to the changes presented by our board. So at this time, I believe we are still where we were before the election. We will have to wait to see what the next steps will be for our organization.

The Champions of Service theme will continue for next year with the emphasis on the word "Believers"!

#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES...**

There were many birthdays that you all celebrated since our last issue of the Chatter. At this time for many of us, we don't even want to think about becoming another year older! But for all of you that celebrated a birthday recently or will celebrate a birthday soon, everyone in the club wishes you all a year of happiness and health.

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