

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING

September 5, 2023 10:30 a.m. Evans Prairie CC Restaurant

OPENING: President Laura McLaughlin called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed.

Special guest Cindy Brown from U.S. Congressman Daniel Webster's office joined us for the grants presentation.

New member Jayne Fossler, sponsored by Judi Higbee, was recognized and told us a bit about herself.

The Happy Box was passed with \$27 collected.

Special Member Recognition was for all of those members present (and all absent volunteers) who worked the Adopt-a-Precinct polls to earn the money the club donated for today's grants.

Upcoming Events:

1. The Hand In Hand/Ruth House "Purses of Purpose Ladies' Tea & Purse Auction" will be Saturday, September 16 from 10am to 1pm at Life Pointe Church, 3551 E. Orange Avenue in Eustis. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a table - contact Allison at 352-638-0222 or Connie at cmshamus@gmail.com
2. Beacon College Parents Weekend this October 6th and 7th. See Lana for how you can volunteer at this special event.

PRESENTATION OF 2023 CHARITABLE GRANTS - \$2,000 each

Hand in Hand/Ruth House - received by Rebecca Randall

PACE for girls - received by Carole Savage

Our Moment Café - received by Joan Bender, Dick Boyden and Jack Davis

Patriot Service Dogs - received by Sandy Laing

Voices for Children - received by Susan Carpenter

Maddie Cutler, Senior Reporter on Charities for The Villages Daily Sun took pictures and will write an article to appear next week. John Higbee took pictures for the club website and guests.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. Updated Hometown Bylaws were handed out to all members present for their review. Any and all comments to be emailed to Judi Higbee by Tuesday, September 12. The board will then give final approval for submission to Civitan International for their approval. Final adoption by the club is scheduled for December 5, 2023.

2. The Civitan fiscal year begins October 1st and runs through September 30th, 2024; which means Annual Dues of \$150 are payable now through November 7th, 2023. Treasurer Ilene will accept your payment at the October 3rd and November 7th club meetings. Snowbirds and members unable to attend either of those meetings, please give/mail your dues payment to an officer or director (whose address may be found on the club roster) by November 7th.
3. Speakers from the Tim Tebow Foundation will be at our October 3rd meeting. This is a MUST ATTEND meeting as we will learn about the special Night to Shine event on February 9, 2024.
4. October 21 we are hosting the Civitan Southeastern Regional meeting at Laurel Manor. Officer training will be provided as well as installation of our club officers. Many Florida clubs will be there. Hometown members are urged to participate and show our hospitality!
5. October 28 we will have a table/booth at the Giving Clubs Showcase - 10a to 2p at Ezell Regional Center. Last year we found this to be a great opportunity to find out about other clubs as well as showing/telling them what we do.
6. November 7th meeting program will be about Operation Shoebox.
7. December 5th will be our holiday party and \$10 gift exchange.
8. December 7th - Special Olympics Festival of Trees at Waterfront Inn

ADJOURNMENT at 11:40 followed by socializing over lunch (the club hosted the guests and new member).

Attendees: Penny Badolato, Kay Dando, Karen Goodman, Jackie Harris, Judi Higbee, Ilene Hyams, Laura McLaughlin, Rebecca Randall, Betty Rohan, Lana Rosenberg, Carole Savage, Karen Schwering, Diane Seymour, Kris Tygrett, Angela Vickers (15), Daily Sun reporter Maddie Cutler, photographer John Higbee, new member Jayne Fossler, Cindy Brown, 6 guests. (25)

Respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary

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View a video of today's program by clicking on the picture on the home page or going to the Video Channel

Every event/meeting is listed in the Events Calendar under Take Part.

See what we did this past year in Club History under Who We Are.