

# HOMETOWN Civitan Newsletter

July 2024

## President's Corner



IT'S JULY!! SUMMER VACATION!! INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS!! Even though we aren't working at a career anymore, we still enjoy the slower pace, by necessity, of the warmer weather months and relaxing after the many events we participated in over the past three months.

Eleven members and friends enjoyed a social gathering in Leesburg on April 20 for lunch at McCracken's Irish Pub and then walked the 3 blocks to The Palace Theater to see three plays written and performed by the Theater Club of Beacon College. We were delighted to support scholarship recipient Calinda Strayhorn who is founder and president of the Theater Club. See details in the Photo Gallery on our club website [www.HometownCivitanClub.org](http://www.HometownCivitanClub.org).

On April 27, eight members and friends spent a beautiful morning participating in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk around Lake Eola in Orlando. Our team raised \$575. The Opening festivities included a special choir singing the national anthem, a special dance group, a special motivational speaker and hundreds of participants who raised \$145,000 for their programs. Many thanks to Honorary Member John Higbee for recording the event with great pictures posted in the Photo Gallery and a video with music posted in the Video Channel.

Our 9<sup>th</sup> year anniversary was celebrated at the May club meeting when we heard from scholarship recipient Calinda Strayhorn and Director of Financial Aid Chrystal Ingram of Beacon College. Calinda told us about student life at the campus and Chrystal spoke of how donations and financial aid provide funding to their intellectually and developmentally disabled students at this almost one-of-a-kind four-year college in next-door Leesburg.

Three new members were initiated into the club this quarter – Julie Stein, Maureen Carr and Barbara Morris. Three ladies transferred from the former Leesburg Civitan Club – Gay Aaron, her sister Diane Iacone and Daniella Nevells. Our newest member is Laura Wall who joined at the New Members

Welcome Social and Lunch at Panera Bread on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We are now 37 strong! A special thanks to their sponsors: Margie Brower, Mary Anderson, Laura McLaughlin and Deb McCoy.

August 6 is the next club meeting and Deb McCoy will give us the history of the Leesburg Civitan Club that was the first one to be chartered in the state of Florida. Oh, the changes they experienced!

Enjoy this beautiful community, safe travels, wishes for good health. And keep an eye out for Lana's summer social announcement.

Judi

**No Meeting in July-  
See you August 6<sup>th</sup>!**

## Welcome New Members Luncheon at Panera



## Monthly Guest Speakers

### APRIL



Speakers Maureen Quinlan Development Manager and Kim McGlothan acting community affairs Manager told us about Kids Central. providing services in Marion, Lake, Sumter, Hernando and Citrus Counties. They provide foster care, Independent Living, adoption Prevention. Their primary goal is reunification of the biological family if possible. Currently they serve 1600 children. Chickee Holtzman generously gave them a Donation

### MAY



Speakers Calinda Strayhorn Scholarship recipient and Crystal Ingrash Associate Director of Financial Aid at Beacon College spoke to us in May. Calinda appreciated the grant from Civitans. She's a member of several clubs including Theater Group while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average.

### JUNE

Laura McLaughlin introduced our speaker, Pastor Ken Scrubbs of the Adamsville Baptist Church. The church does all sorts of outreach programs including Wildwood Soup kitchen. He brought 4 ladies that help him out at the church and providing services from the church. They are looking for volunteers to help with various programs.

## Welcome New Members!



Barbara Morris



Diane Iacone



Maureen Carr



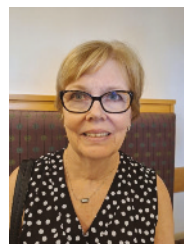
Daniella Nevells



Gay Aaron



Julie Stein



Laura Wall





A group from Valleybrook Way in The Village of Dunedin gathered at the Margevicius Mansion for a Roaring 20's Murder Mystery dinner. The mystery was solved- It was our very own Kay Dando aka RaRa Sis Boomba who was the culprit!

My sincere appreciation to Sharlene Floam Deb McCoy and Judi Higbee for providing Photos for this issue. You all take much better photos than I do!

**We can only blame ourselves for all the crime and violence today.**

**We removed all the phone booths and now Superman has nowhere to change.**



## JULY

20 -Angela Vickers

21- Doris Field

## AUGUST

1-Sandra Pugrant

8- Mary Anderson

## SEPTEMBER

9- Diane Iacone

15- Marilyn Ettman

17- Maureen Anderson