

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB
The Villages, Florida
Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2021

Opening: A regular meeting of the Hometown Civitan Club was held at The Oaks on 44 Restaurant & Lounge at the Continental Country Club with breakfast pizzas being served at 9:00 a.m. At 9:30, President Mary Anderson welcomed everyone and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 11 members and 22 guests in attendance.

Program: The theme of this special location and breakfast was to honor and celebrate the Wildwood Middle High School Wildcats Boys Basketball Team who won the 2021 Class 1A Florida Championship. Laura McLaughlin was Master of Ceremonies. She did a recap of their season, then interviewed Head Coach Marcus Hawkins and the five Seniors - what it was like when they lost to The Villages Charter School, then coming back and winning it all. One of the Seniors spoke for the team and thanked each of the three assistant coaches and said how much they were appreciated. He also made sure others of the team were acknowledged for their special contributions to their performance during the season. Part of the basketball program is three girl managers and Coach Hawkins' daughter is their statistician. Two coaches' wives also provide vital support to the team. Laura asked Coach Hawkins to have the boys demonstrate how an offensive play develops. He explained the position each of the five took, the name of that position and how they moved around the floor – which was hard for them without a ball in their hands! There was lots of laughter and socializing and pictures – a very special recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievement of the Wildwood Wildcats Boys Basketball Team of 2021. To end the program, Mary and Laura and Betty and Judi spoke about the Junior Civitan organization being a part of Civitan International and the possibility of it coming to their high school. They were all given a copy of the Junior and CI Creeds, that we all stood and read aloud. Everyone enjoyed the gathering and said goodbye with smiles.

Our special thanks are given to Paulie, the owner of The Oaks, for opening his restaurant to accommodate this special event and provide breakfast pizzas, a new menu item for him – because he thought the kids would enjoy them. The dining room manager also decorated in their colors.

After the honorees left to go back to school, Mary **called the meeting to order** and passed the Happy Box with \$19 being collected.

Moments of Inspiration: Tory Palivoda spoke a piece on Perseverance, as it related to the basketball team.

Old Business: Mary wasn't able to attend the **VHA Awards ceremony** last month and thanked everyone for their participation representing HCC at the event.

Betty Rohan shared a lovely thank you note from Daisy Vargas with a picture with her lamb Bailey from the **Sumter County Fair** last month.

The **CI annual convention** this year is in Jacksonville, July 28 through 31. You can go in person or attend virtually. Be thinking about your level of participation as they will soon ask your preference for planning purposes. More details will be forthcoming.

Because of extensive issues with the school this past year, Lana Rosenberg reported that the **Servant's Heart Award** is put on hold/postponed until next year.

Social: Sharlene Floam gave a recap of the social outing at Bountiful Farms last month. Only five members were there but they had a really good time, lovely setting outdoors under the trees, delicious food prepared fresh, great menu. They are open through the end of May, reservations only. We all said we would love to go so Lana will schedule another date. She also offered an outing to a butterfly garden for future consideration.

Newsletter: The April 2021 edition is out – beautifully done, Diane Seymour! She thanked everyone for sending such good pictures and articles that filled three pages.

Membership: Now that COVID restrictions are minimal, we are looking forward to the scheduling of a New Members Welcome/Orientation session/luncheon.

New Business: Deb McCoy took on the huge task of completing the application to submit the Hometown Civitan Club for the **prestigious CI Shropshire Award for 2020**, to be presented at the convention this July. We are waiting with baited breath for the announcement of the winner . . .

Because of the positive interaction with the youth of Wildwood Middle High School, we all thought it is the ideal place to **foster a Junior Civitan club**. Betty and Sharlene will pursue that goal.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m. The next club meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4th at Bob Evans Restaurant at Colony Plaza. The speaker will be Linda Brenner on Holistic Medicine. The next BOD meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20th at Bob Evans Restaurant at Colony Plaza.

Minutes submitted by: Judi Higbee, Secretary

Approved by: Mary Anderson, President

Attending Members:

Mary Anderson, Judy Ferguson, Eve Fletcher, Sharlene Floam, Karen Goodman, Judi Higbee, Laura McLaughlin, Tory Palivoda, Lana Rosenberg, Diane Seymour and Betty Rohan with her guest Kris Tygrett.