

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING Minutes

June 4, 2024

Evans Prairie Restaurant

OPENING: Call to order at 10:40AM.

Welcome by President Judi Higbee. Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed.

PROGRAM: June is Connect to the Community Month, so it is most appropriate that our speaker is from a nearby historic church that has a significant outreach program. Laura McLaughlin introduced our speaker Pastor Ken Scrubbs of the Adamsville Baptist Church.

Pastor Scrubbs described their church as civic minded with activities toward impacting the community. A few of their programs:

- They partner with Wildwood Food Pantry serving meals to seniors in the southern part of Sumter County on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.
- They visit 3 area Assisted Living Centers weekly spending time with the residents, some of them very lonely without family members nearby.
- They work with children through the 4 H program helping them learn about the animals, agriculture and computers.
- They are starting a mentoring program for children in August. As Pastor Scrubbs described it, it is important to invest in human capital.

Four members of the church who are volunteers for these programs also attended the meeting and shared their thoughts and experiences with us.

We appreciated hearing about their outreach activities.

SOCIAL: June Birthdays: 6 – Judi Higbee, 12 – Diane Seymour, 19 – Rebecca Randall

Passing the Happy Box collected \$19. The Door Prize drawing winner was Diane Seymour.

MEETING:

1. New members Barbara Morris and Maureen Carr were initiated. Sharlene Floam presented them with the new member packet and name tags.
2. This Saturday, June 8th, is our Welcome New Members Social and Lunch, hosted by our Board of Directors, at Panera Bread at Lake Sumter Landing. If you are attending, please wear your name tags.

3. This week and next everyone working the polls, for our major fundraiser Adopt-A-Precinct, will attend training sessions in preparation for the Primary Election on August 20.
4. Volunteering for our charities: Arlene Kaplan is the chair of our Charitable Service Projects. She has contacted all of the charities that have spoken at our meetings and that we have provided with supplies and/or grants since we started in 2015. She told them: "Our members want to increase our involvement by volunteering their time to help support the current needs of your organization. Please let us know where and how we can be of service."

If you would like to volunteer to help Our Moment Cafe, Wildwood Soup Kitchen, Operation Shoebox, Shepherd's LightHouse, LovExtension, YOUR Humane Society or Marion Therapeutic Riding Academy, please contact Arlene at akap1943@gmail.com for specific information.

5. **There is NO CLUB MEETING IN JULY.** The next club meeting will be August 6.
6. Next Board meeting: June 19, 9:00 a.m. at Fruitland Park Library.

ADJOURNMENT: at 11:45 Lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Dando, Secretary

Sixteen club members attended with Pastor Ken Scrubbs and 4 of his church members.

Our Webmaster has freshened the look and made some updates to our website. Check it out! View great pictures of our recent charitable events in the Photo Gallery and videos with music in the Video Channel. www.HometownCivitanClub.org