

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2026 10:30 a.m. Evans Prairie CC

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WELCOME: President Deb McCoy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, then leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed. Attendance: 17 members, 3 guests.

MEETING: President Deb McCoy presented the slate of Officers and Directors to the membership in attendance, then called for a motion to approve the new Board of Directors. Past President Laura McLaughlin made the motion, seconded by Past President Mary Anderson. All in favor: 17. Those opposed: 0. The motion passed unanimously. (The new organization chart is attached to these minutes.)

INSTALLATION: Past International President and Hometown Civitan Club member Gay Arron presided and conducted the ceremony. She made it especially meaningful by telling the story of Civitan founder Dr. Shropshire, that he always had a red carnation on his lapel indicating service. Gay presented each board member with a sprig of miniature red carnations, some in full bloom, some still buds – Serve Together, Grow Together.

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBER: President Deb and Secretary Judi welcomed Keri Jo Land and her sponsor Laura McLaughlin. We have worked with Keri Jo over the past several years – when she gave us tours of Beacon College and hosted annual donor appreciation luncheons. With her help, we will explore the possibility of Hometown sponsoring and building a Campus Club at Beacon College.

PHILANTHROPY:

1. Laura McLaughlin read the thank you letter she received from My Special Place, for the \$1,500 grant we gave last month. (Secretary Judi had read to the board at their meeting, the thank you letter she received from Beacon College for the \$2,000 grant they were given.)
2. Guests Adie Silver and Maureen Anderson presented to Treasurer Ilene Hyams a donation of \$370 they collected from guests at Betty Rohan's 80th birthday party. Thank you!

CLUB HAPPENINGS:

1. Secretary Judi spoke of the Club award she received from CI of Admiral status, recognizing our contributions of over \$1,500 to Civitans At The Helm, including the CI Research Center, and Junior Civitans. The patches were presented to Steward Maureen Carr to attach to our banner.
2. President Deb has been a member of the national Finance & Audit Committee since 2024 and is honored to accept their request to be the organization's Volunteer

Treasurer for the year 2026-27. Deb gave us an update of the positive status that was presented at the August Convention and plans for future expansion. Civitan is growing!

CHARITIES & SOCIAL:

1. Giving Clubs Expo is October 24 at Everglades Rec. Center from 10 to 2. Hometown will have a table staffed by 5 members; everyone is encouraged to go and meet people from 53 other area charities.
2. The Special Olympics Festival of Trees is in December and our Board has decided to provide a gift basket this year with a budget of \$150. Barbara Morris volunteered to be a part of that committee and would love to have a couple of helpers. Please call her.
3. Celebrate Differences is having a Halloween Spooktacular Golf Tournament fundraiser on October 31 at Harbor Hills CC in Lady Lake. Judi sent out a flyer with details.
4. Night to Shine is being hosted by New Covenant UMC for the fourth year in February 12, 2027. Judi sent out a flyer announcing a General Information Meeting for All Volunteers at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2026. This is a 'Prom Night to Remember' for our special needs community, founded by the Tim Tebow Foundation. About 400 volunteers are needed.

NEXT CLUB MEETING: There will be no club meeting in November as that is Election Day. As a fundraiser, five members are volunteering in the Adopt-A-Precinct program at the Sumter County Bushnell Annex Phone Bank.

DECEMBER 1, 2026 – CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY, and GIVING TUESDAY. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting is 10:45 at Evans Prairie CC. Party/giving details will be forthcoming.

NEXT HCC BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m. at Deb's office: McCoy Behavioral, 3261 US Hwy. 27/441, Unit C-2, Fruitland Park, FL 34731. Budgets & Calendar.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:45 a.m. (Lunch was served during the meeting.)

Judi Higbee, Secretary - 10/13/26

ADDENDUM: 9/30/2026 – End of Year Financial Report by Treasurer Ilene Hyams

Hometown Club Checking Account:	\$3,954
Hometown Charities Checking Account:	\$6,216
Three CDs Totaling:	\$23,827