

Club History

Hometown Civitan Club, Inc. (HCC) was founded as an all-women's club in 2015. It is a dues based, 501(c)(4) organization and part of Civitan International (CI), which is a 501(c)(3). A portion of the dues goes to CI, supporting a number of charitable efforts including the Civitan International Research Center, a world leader in the research and treatment of Intellectual and Developmental Diseases (IDD). HCC's focus is on IDD and underserved women and children in the local communities of Sumter, Lake and Marion counties.

Over the years, members have donated countless volunteer hours for local charities and causes in addition to over \$90,000 in cash grants. Twenty-four charities have benefited from this support. Several charities have benefited from club members for their fundraising activities and support as active charity board members.

Funds have been raised from hosting social events, golf tournaments (2015 & 2016) and by participating in the Sumter County Adopt-a-Precinct program (2018, 2020, 2022 & 2024), where volunteer poll workers donate their wages to the club.

In 2024, HCC decided to expand its fundraising capabilities to provide a greater impact for our constituents. We founded a fundraising wing in the form of Hometown Charities, Inc. (HCI), which is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds to support charities in Central Florida.

The general membership meets on a monthly basis. Each meeting has a speaker, most often from a local charity aligned with the specific interests of the club members. Often visits/events are held at the charities that received grants in the current year. Separate, purely social gatherings are held each year.

The club has been blessed with strong and dedicated leadership over the decade of service with Presidents Betty Rohan (founder, 2 years), Penny Badolato, Karen Schwering, Babe Rogers, Mary Anderson (2 years), Laura McLaughlin and Judi Higbee (2 years).

The club has received a number of awards including CI Outstanding New Club (2015), District Civitan of the Year - Betty Rohan (2015), Villages Homeowner Advocates "Volunteer Club of the Year" (2020) and Outstanding District Club (2022), as well as many Honor Club awards from Civitan International.

Hometown Civitan and Hometown Charities operate a joint web site at HometownCivitanClub.org & HometownCharities.org.



10Th Year Celebration

May 1, 2015 to May 1, 2025



Charter Officers

Betty Rohan	President, Founder
Sheri Rowe	President-Elect
Nancy McGee	Vice-President
Lana Rosenberg	Treasurer
Vicki Findley	Secretary
Eve Fletcher	Chaplain
Karen Schwering	Project Director
Beth Halstead	Project Director

Charter & Current Members

Angela Vickers	Beth Halstead
Betty Rohan	Deb McCoy
Lana Rosenberg	Pat Rusk
Penny Badolato	

Current Officers

Judi Higbee	President
Deb McCoy	President-Elect
Kay Dando	Secretary
Ilene Hyams	Treasurer
Laura McLaughlin	Past President
Mary Anderson	Director
Lana Rosenberg	Director
Doris Field	Director
Sharlene Floam	Director

Anniversary Program

May 6, 2025

Evans Prairie CC Restaurant

Welcome - Judi Higbee, HCC President
Pledge of Allegiance, Civitan Creed
Guest Speakers:
Bonnie Ruth, International Director, Region 2
Gay Aaron, Past International President
Deb McCoy, Past President, Leesburg Club
Betty Rohan, HCC Founder, Past President
Penny Badolato, Past HCC President
Karen Schwering, Past HCC President
Mary Anderson, Past HCC President
Laura McLaughlin, Past HCC President
Judi Higbee, Current HCC President
Deb McCoy, HCC President-Elect
11:45 am - Lunch Served,
Noon - Celebration Cake

