

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB

The Villages, Florida

Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022

Opening: A regular meeting at Evans Prairie CC Restaurant was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by President Mary Anderson who welcomed everyone then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of 2022 Grant Awards: Arlene Kaplan presented each charity representative with their grant check, they each spoke about their organization and what that grant money would be used for, then President Mary Anderson joined them for a group picture taken by John Higbee. A video of the Grants Presentation is available on the Home Page and Photo Gallery of our website www.HometownCivitanClub.com. A total of \$12,375 was given.

Pace Center for Girls, Marion – Carole Savage – provides supplies and support

Hand In Hand/Ruth House – Rebecca Randall – Second house has opened, 28 women in the program

Marion Therapeutic Riding Assn. – Jenna Rovira – so grateful for our support

Center Hill Children’s Mission – Bettyann Klein – provides Internet service for one year.

Patriot Service Dogs, Inc. – Sandy Laing, Michael Appelbaum and Darcy – so grateful for our support.

Voices For Children of North Central Florida, Inc. – Sue Carpenter and Jeff Cohen – provides the Tree of Angels project to see that every child receives holiday gifts

Sumter County School Board, Exceptional Student Education Dept. – Katherine Dustin, Director and Sally Moss, School Board Chair – provides iPads for the Speech Pathologists to communicate with students and their parents.

Meeting – Old Business: Hometown Civitan Club extends our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all members and volunteers who donated their time and wages for working in the Adopt-A-Precinct early voting polls. Those funds are dedicated to providing annual grants to our selected charities.

New Business: Paula Goldstein resigned her position as club Treasurer. Judi Higbee has agreed to serve in that position until a successor is found.

Next Club Meeting: October 4 – Florida District Governor Bonnie Ruth will install our club officers for 2022-2023. Special presentation of Business Leader of the Year award to Diane Hintzen, manager of Evelyn & Arthur, for her fundraising efforts that benefit PACE and Hand In Hand/Ruth House. We meet at 10:30 a.m. at Evans Prairie Country Club restaurant.

Adjournment: Mary led us in reciting the Civitan Creed. The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary

Attendees: Mary Anderson, Dana Buss, Sharlene Floam, Karen Goodman, Claire Gore, Beth Halstead, Judi Higbee, Ilene Hyams, Arlene Kaplan, Deb McCoy, Lana Rosenberg, Diane Seymour, Kris Tygrett, Angela Vickers. **Grant Recipients:** Rebecca Randall, Carole Savage, Jenna Rovira, Bettyann Klein, Sandy Laing, Michael Appelbaum, Sue Carpenter, Jeff Cohen, Kathy Dustin, Sally Moss. **Photographer:** John Higbee

'Hometown Happenings' newsletter deadline is 9/22 – Diane Seymour

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