

**HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB**  
**The Villages, Florida**  
**Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2022**

**Opening:** A regular meeting at Evans Prairie CC Restaurant was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Laura McLaughlin who welcomed everyone, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and then the Civitan Creed.

Lana Rosenbaum and Chickie Holtzman were welcomed back after their surgeries. Carol Dawson had a shoulder replacement after her fall in the airport and will be going home soon. The Happy Box was passed with \$12 collected.

**Moment of Inspiration:** Judi Higbee shared a piece about finding happiness by helping others.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**President's Report:** Laura confirmed that total earnings for our Adopt-A-Precinct fundraiser from working the early voting polls for the General Election were \$16,288. One thousand dollars was transferred as our annual contribution to Civitans at the Helm on Giving Tuesday, November 29, along with \$334 contributed to the Junior Civitans All-In Summit (eventually we will receive triple credit for \$1,334 in that account). So, the current balance in the HCC Charity Donations fiscal account (held by Civitan International) is \$33,908.63.

**Member Recognition:** Deb McCoy was presented with her 25-Year Member pin. She told us how she first joined the Leesburg club - they didn't allow women back then and 3 men left the club because of her joining! It was only a few years later that she was elected President, and the rest, as they say, is history. What a difference one person can make!

Deb also worked the polls election day and donated the \$240 she made to the club.

**Center Hill Children's Mission Christmas Party** will be Saturday, December 17 from 1pm to 3pm. Kay Dando is chair of this project committee and reported that each child has been chosen by a member so all 15 will receive gifts. Joe Schwering will be Santa, we are also providing cookies. Car-pooling instructions will be provided next week.

**Bunco:** The fundraising party will be at the Eisenhower Regional Center on Friday, January 27, 2023. The doors will open at 5:30, games will be played from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., finishing by 9 p.m. Penny Badolato sold tickets and encouraged everyone to sell to their friends and neighbors.

**New Charity Event:** Betty Rohan told of a Valentine's party being planned for us by the girls at PACE. More info will be provided about an Evelyn & Arthur fundraiser for PACE as well.

**New Club Fundraiser:** Sharlene Floam told of plans being made for a garage sale in the Spring hosted by Chickie Holtzman.

**Next Club Meeting:** January 3, 2023. Program will be a speaker about the future innovations of the UF Health System in The Villages.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Everyone ordered their lunch and then Karen Goodman hosted our party and games with the gift exchange at the end. Lots of fun!

Respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary

**Attendees:** Mary Anderson, Penny Badolato, Sue Ann Baker, Anne Clark, Doris Field, Sharlene Floam, Karen Goodman, Beth Halstead, Judi Higbee, Chickie Holtzman, Arlene Kaplan, Deb McCoy, Laura McLaughlin, Betty Rohan, Lana Rosenberg, Diane Seymour, Kris Tygrett and Angela Vickers.

**Our Website** [www.HometownCivitanClub.com](http://www.HometownCivitanClub.com) is an excellent source for our Calendar of Events, Latest News, Photos & Videos, Club Minutes and publications, Who We Are and How We Serve.

**Newly Released Video** - The 2021-2022 Year In Review

**Updated Who We Are** - 2022-2023 Club Officers and Their Bios

**Updated Club History**