

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2026 10:30 a.m. Evans Prairie CC

www.HometownCivitanClub.org

www.HometownCharities.org

WELCOME: Past-President Judi Higbee welcomed everyone then led the Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed.

MOMENT OF INSPIRATION: 'Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.'

Maria Robinson

PROGRAM: Debbie Caskey, VP of CARING NEIGHBORS CLUB, spoke about this Villages club that was founded in 2016, served eight villages that year and obtained 501(c)(3) rating as a nonprofit organization. Today they are in 63 villages with almost 1,000 volunteers. They are dedicated to helping seniors with nonmedical services such as transportation, errands, friendly home visits, meal pickup at Wildwood Soup Kitchen, and more. New groups are forming, to see a complete list go to their website at www.VillagesCaringNeighbors.org For more information about starting a group in your village contact ellen.broedlin@VillagesCaringNeighbors.org

MEETING: Due to a change in policy at the Fruitland Park Library and thus having to pay \$50/hour for use of one of their meeting rooms; starting in October, the new location for Board Meetings will be Deb McCoy's office in Leesburg. Details to be provided soon.

Open Officer and Board of Directors positions for next fiscal year (10/1/2026 through 9/30/2027) are President-Elect and two Directors. See the attached organization chart for available places to serve. Contact Deb, Judi or Ilene if you are interested in a position. Most jobs don't take much time and only require that you be interested in the fellowship and service of Civitan.

FUNDRAISING: August 18 is Primary Election Day, four volunteers will staff the Phone Bank, earning \$840 in the Adopt-A-Precinct program for Hometown Charities. (Deb McCoy, Maureen Carr, Judi & John Higbee)

CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONVENTION: Laura McLaughlin, Deb McCoy, Gay Aaron, Diane Iacone and Betty Rohan will represent the club and attend from August 19-22 in Louisville, Kentucky.

CHARITIES & SOCIAL: Since we aren't involved in any active projects right now, keep an eye out in The Villages Daily Sun for fundraisers for My Special Place and Celebrate Differences that you can participate in on your own – like dining at certain restaurants on certain days, writing the name of that particular charity on your bill so a percentage is donated to them.

Diane Hintzen at Evelyn & Arthur is collecting donations and giving discounts as a fundraiser for PACE for Girls – Citrus County.

NEW MEMBER BELATED GIFT: Judi presented our 10th Anniversary logo mugs to Michele Sprada and Jacki Wasserman.

BIRTHDAYS: 7/20-Angela Vickers, 7/21-Doris Field, 8/8-Mary Anderson

NEXT HCC BOARD MEETING: August 26, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at Fruitland Park Library. All members are invited to attend.

NEXT CLUB MEETING: September 1, 2026 – GRANTS PRESENTATION. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meeting is 10:45 at Evans Prairie CC.

HAPPY DOLLAR BOX: \$7 was collected. Lana is going to have hip surgery on 8/18, a couple members are ill and several are traveling. In Attendance: Judi, Maureen, Ilene, Regina, Laura, Jacki, Michele and Betty.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Laura was the winner of the prize provided by Celebrate Differences.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:45 a.m. Lunch followed.

Judi Higbee, Secretary on 8/4/26