

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB

The Villages, Florida

Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2022

Opening: A regular meeting at The Oaks Restaurant & Lounge, Continental Country Club was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Mary Anderson who welcomed everyone then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members in attendance and the 3 guest speakers. Mary passed the Happy Box with \$21 being collected.

Civitan Business: Laura introduced our new Florida District Governor Bonnie Ruth who is on a mission to visit all of 'her' clubs this year. She acknowledged Hometown's success as a 'young' club and what we have accomplished. Registration is now open online (civitan.org) for the Annual International Civitan Convention July 4-7 in San Antonio, Texas. She is hoping for a good representation there of Florida clubs.

The Florida District Board is planning their last convention and Bonnie is checking out possible locations in The Villages area.

Our Florida Area 1 Director Kathy Hall of the Leesburg club has had to step down from her duties.

Speakers: Laura introduced Traci Oliver and Kaley Howard of the Sumter County Board of Elections Office who spoke about some new procedures being implemented this year, the timeline for training of new poll workers in Bushnell and experienced workers online. Everyone will be personally contacted as to their expected participation. The Q&A time addressed everyone's concerns.

Old Business:

- **Community Service** - Adopt-A-Precinct program. Laura has signed up 36 volunteers to complete two teams of workers. She turned in all of the required signed commitment forms to the Sumter County Board of Elections office on Monday, February 28. (The 2022 Early Polling dates are August 13 through 20 [8 days] for the primaries, and October 25 through November 5 [14 days] for the mid-term elections.)
- **Purses of Purpose Tea Recap** – Ten HCC members attended this luncheon and silent auction on Saturday, February 19th. Over 300 attended the 'Alice In Wonderland' themed affair (see pictures on the website). Individually decorated tables competed and Penny's table decorated by Tory won First Prize for Elegance! Rebecca Randall announced that they hope to move into a new and larger house in August.
- **Social** –Fourteen members attended the tour of the historic Baker House in Wildwood on February 22 and went to lunch afterwards at Belle Glade restaurant.
- **Hometown Happenings newsletter** – March 20 is the deadline to get your articles and pictures in to Diane Seymour for the April 2022 issue.

New Appointment: Sue Ann Baker has been appointed as the Club Photographer for all meetings, events, socials and noteworthy happenings of the club. (Anyone and Everyone is welcome to submit their pictures for publication in Hometown Happenings, www.hometowncivitanclub.com and Beth Halstead for the scrapbook.)

Next Club Meeting & Speaker: April 5, 2022 speaker will be Rebecca Randall, HCC member and Director of Development for Hand In Hand/Ruth House. **She has requested that we collect gently used clothing and shoes for donation to the women of Ruth House and bring them to the April meeting.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next BOD meeting will be March 15 at Judi's house.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary.

Attendees: Mary Anderson, Sue Ann Baker, Karen Chlebek, Kay Dando, Paula Goldstein, Ellen Grivas, Beth Halstead, Ilene Hyams, Arlene Kaplan, Laura McLaughlin, Linda Meng, Betty Rohan, Lana Rosenberg, Diane Seymour, Shirley Stauffer, Angela Vickers.