



# HOMETOWN Civitan Newsletter

## December 2022

### President's Corner



As we enter a new calendar year and I conclude the first quarter of my Presidency, I can't help but take a look back at the last three months with pride, and look to the future with anticipation.

Hometown again accomplished a huge feat by participating in the 2022 Adopt-A—Precinct Program. Not only did we serve our community in a big way by volunteering as poll workers in both the Primary and General elections, but we amassed a total of almost \$29,000 which we will grant to deserving non-profits in the future. A big thank you to everyone who stepped up including our supporting cast of friends, neighbors, husbands and significant others.

Our club is a little over 7 1/2 years old, and so far in grant money alone we have donated over \$70,000! I challenge anyone to find a club here of our membership size who has been that magnanimous!!

Not only have we granted money, but we have given in so many other ways.

The Christmas party for the children at Center Hill was a big success. Thank you Kay Dando, Arlene Kaplan, Sharlene Floam, Kris Tygrett, Santa, and his special reindeer associate Karen Schwering for spearheading the event. Additionally Center Hill was presented with \$400 that day—money raised by our friends at Evelyn and Arthur who continue to partner with us.

We have an exciting agenda of speakers planned thanks to Karen Goodman. Please refer to the club website for details. And, most importantly, invite a friend to be with us at any general meeting or social event. We must make a concerted effort to increase and strengthen our membership.

And one more thing...Mark your calendar for January 27. Once again we're all getting together for a fun night of BUNCO. All you need is a ticket (\$15) to enjoy great fun, food, fellowship and a chance to win big \$\$\$\$. Contact me or Karen Schwering for further details. All Villagers are welcome.

Happy New Year to all of you. Finding ways to make Hometown Civitan grow is one of my resolutions for 2023.

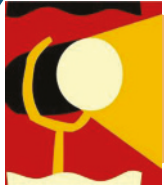
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**Kay Dando receives a donation from Diane Hintzen of Evelyn & Arthur for Center Hill.**

**Laura McLaughlin pins a 25 year pin on Deb McCoy**





## Member Spotlight

### Kay Dando



Meet Kay Dando. She was instrumental in planning and executing the Center Hill Children's Christmas party- but was quick to point out that she was part of a team of ladies that made the Christmas Party so special. She's a born project manager.

Kay and her family lived in Madison, WI until she was 13. Then they moved to New York then Pennsylvania. After graduating college in 1972, she worked in information technology- and at the time there were not a lot of females in programming. She eventually became a project manager developing software in the insurance industry.

Kay retired in 2007. She and her husband came to the Villages 4 years ago. For 2 years they were snowbirds doing 6 months in each place, but tired of the back and forth travel so became full time residents 2 years ago.

She and her husband have been married 30+ years. They have no children, but have had dogs. Currently they do not have a dog as they want to travel. They are going to New Zealand in January, (as it's summer then) have already been to Africa, Peru and Ecuador.

Not comfortable in the Spotlight, Kay was happy with the results of the Christmas Party, due to the team effort.

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## Monthly Guest Speaker



Our guest speaker for November was Anita Stevenson from the Sumter County Library system. She mentioned programs available to residents, books on tape, books to download onto an electronic device, entertainment and meeting rooms availability.

Betty Rohan receives large basket in the grab bag shuffle at our December meeting



## Social Trip- September

Our September social was a trip to Ruth House. Rebecca Randall shown with a tray of croissants for lunch prepared by the resident ladies as a thank you for all that Civitan has provided for them.

We toured the home and then several of the girls/ladies shared their stories with us! - they were all so thankful for Ruth House!!





## Calling all BUNCO players!

Our 2nd annual HOMETOWN CIVITAN BUNCO party is now planned for Friday evening, January 27, 2023. It will be from 5:30 pm to 9 pm in the card room of The Eisenhower Center. Tickets are \$15 per person. Light appetizers, desserts, and soft drinks will be served. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

Please mark your calendars and email one of the ladies below with your ticket request:

Karen Schwering at karenmae119@gmail.com  
or

Penny Badolato at pennyb.51.pb@gmail.com

Let us know how many tickets you would like.

We have 112 to sell. You can pay with cash or check. Members, husbands, friends, neighbors, (strangers too) are all invited!

Let's support Hometown Civitan!



**Hometown volunteers for early voting**

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Anne Clark became a new member at our December meeting. She has known Laura McLaughlin and Judi Higbee since they were "Donut Dollies" during the Viet Nam war. Ann moved here recently and we welcome her!

## What is Civitan?

*"Civitan is an international service organization that does service projects for the benefit of those in need in our community with a focus on persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I am privileged to be a member of our local chapter. Would you like to come see what we are about?"*

Our own Mary Anderson will be performing for the Ms. Senior U.S.A. & Ms. Senior Universe pageants show early 2023.. Team Captain Elin (center with arms up) to compete in pageant Ms. Senior U.S.A.!



## CENTER HILL CHRISTMAS

The Center Hill Children's Christmas party was a huge, heartwarming, success. Joe and Karen Schwering did a great job as Santa and his elf. The kids were delighted with their gift and every one of them said "thanks".

The moms decorated the room with a large balloon archway over Santa's chair. Cookies, soda and snacks were provided. It made for a festive occasion.

Thanks to all who participated.



### Next Civitan Meeting:

**Tuesday January 3 at 10:30 am**

**Evans Prairie Golf Course**

*My Thanks to Sharlene Floam who continues to send me photo's that she's taken at Civitan Events. They are soooo appreciated!*



### January

Karen Schweirng 1/19

Karen Goodman 1/21

### February

Kay Dando 2/13

Penny Badolato 2/23

Ilene Hyams 2/23

### March

Carol Dawson 3/4

Tammy France 3/9

Vicki Findley 3/21

Yesterday I wore something from 5 years ago and it actually fit!!! So proud of myself.

**It was a scarf...But still, Let's be positive here!**