

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB

The Villages, Florida

Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021

Opening: A regular meeting at Perkins/Lady Lake was called to order by the sounding of the bell at 9:30 a.m., by President Mary Anderson who welcomed everyone then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 21 members and 3 guests in attendance including the speaker. Laura introduced her friend, Anne Clark, and Marilyn Laurent introduced her friend, Meryle Bedard. Mary passed the Happy Box with \$18 being collected. December birthdays were noted: Arlene Kaplan, Marilyn Laurent, Linda Meng, Deb McCoy and Laura McLaughlin.

Collaborative Fundraiser for Pace: Diane Hintzen, Manager of Evelyn & Arthur, explained a special fundraiser at the store in Brownwood. You can donate your own personal care products at the store; or, if you donate \$10 or more to Pace, you will receive a 20% off coupon; or, if you make a purchase worth at least \$75, you will receive 20% off.

First Member Sponsored commemorative pin awarded by letter from CI President, Frank Kelley to: Ellen Grivas, Judi Higbee, Chickie Holtzman and Laura McLaughlin.

Special Award: On behalf of HCC, President Mary Anderson presented a framed certificate to Secretary Judi Higbee in recognition of 2021 Civitan Member of the Year.

Speaker: Laura introduced Diane Delano who is the Director of the Wild Horse Rescue Center down in Webster. She explained that Nevada has the largest area of public lands, Herd Management Areas, where mustangs/wild horses and burros live, managed by the Bureau of Land Management. She has adopted animals from that program and brought them home to her sanctuary. Diane also rescues abused animals recovered by Sumter County Animal Control. The horses are cared for, gentled and re-homed. The sanctuary is a place of acceptance, healing, love and hope with many opportunities to volunteer.

Old Business:

- **New T-shirts** are here. Marilyn Laurent is in charge of sales. \$15 for S to XL, \$20 for XXL and larger. She also has a few of the men's style.
- **New Club Meetings Location** - Still in the works but we will be notified in time for the January 4, 2022 meeting.
- **International Awards applications** have been mailed (Shropshire Outstanding Club, Outstanding Club Website, Outstanding Club Newsletter, Outstanding Community Service Project, Honor Club) and Judi read the cover letter to the judges.
- **Bunco Fundraiser** update by Karen Schwering. Almost sold out. January 17, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Eisenhower Center. Cash prizes. Light appetizers and desserts.
- **Center Hill Children's Mission** Christmas Party is at 2 p.m. this Saturday, 12/11. All cash donations will be given directly to Director BettyAnn to cover daily food costs.

New Business:

- **New Director Position:** Beth Halstead has accepted the position of club Historian.
- **On January 1, 2022**, Karen Goodman will assume the duties of President-Elect and Paula Goldstein will take over as Treasurer. Due to location and better services, Paula has requested that our checking account be moved to Mid Florida Credit Union. Penny Badolato made the motion to that effect, seconded by Chickie Holtzman. By show of hands of the 21 members present, and no dissensions, the motion was carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership – On November 15, 2021, a New Member Lunch & Orientation was hosted by Sharlene Floam at her home with 15 attendees. We welcomed seven new members: Debbie Abbott, Janis Darby, Paula Goldstein, Jackie Harris, Marilyn Laurent, Linda Meng and Kris Tygrett. Karen Goodman and Sharlene reported on, and invited everyone to the Christmas Party for Center Hill Children's Mission on December 11. (Members present: Mary Anderson, Sue Ann Baker, Sharlene Floam, Karen Goodman, Ellen Grivas, Judi Higbee, Chickie Holtzman, and Laura McLaughlin.)

Social – Lana Rosenberg confirmed the next social event will be January 11, 2022 with a visit to Marion Therapeutic Riding Association in Ocala. We will meet first for lunch at Scrambles Café and then to MTRA at 2:30 for a tour. Lana will send an invitation to all with full details and directions.

Newsletter – Diane Seymour requests all pictures and articles for the January 2022 issue of Hometown Happenings be emailed to her by December 22, 2021.

Next Club Meeting & Speaker: January 4, 2022; speaker will be member Rebecca Randall, Director of Development at Ruth House/Hand In Hand.

Adjournment: Mary led us in the Civitan Creed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next BOD meeting will be December 21 at Lana's home.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary.

Attendees: Debbie Abbott, Mary Anderson, Penny Badolato, Sue Ann Baker, Lorna Etchison, Karen Goodman, Claire Gore, Ellen Grivas, Beth Halstead, Jackie Harris, Judi Higbee, Chickie Holtzman, Ilene Hyams, Arlene Kaplan, Marilyn Laurent, Laura McLaughlin, Rebecca Randall, Lana Rosenberg, Karen Schwering, Diane Seymour, Kris Tygrett, new member Meryle Bedard, guest Anne Clark, speaker Diane Delano.