

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB
The Villages, Florida
Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2021

Speaker: President-Elect Beth Halstead introduced HCC member Linda Brenner, a licensed massage therapist, who spoke to us about Holistic Medicine. She said that we have 85% control of our health. Ninety percent (90%) of all disease starts in the gut/gastrointestinal system. Controlling what we eat gives us control over most diseases. Genetics is the gun in your body. Knowledge of your gene 'heritage' helps you to choose whether to load it and shoot. Microcirculation and increased oxygenation are primary areas of focus in obtaining the best quality of life.

Opening: A regular meeting of the Hometown Civitan Club was called to order at 11:30 a.m. at Evans Prairie CC by Beth as President Mary Anderson was unavailable today. There were 13 members, including the speaker, and two guests. Arlene Kaplan brought her friend Joan Manili, and Judi Higbee brought her friend Sue Ann Baker. Each guest told us a bit about themselves and were provided with a membership application. Beth welcomed everyone and passed the Happy Box with \$20 being collected. Tory Palivoda shared an inspirational reading and poem.

Old Business: The annual Civitan Convention will be July 28 through 31 in Jacksonville. C-I wants to know approximately how many plan on going in person or virtually, but we don't want to commit until we know if our Hometown Civitan Club won the prestigious Shropshire Award.

I-Past District Governor Mattie Frazer is in charge of the Hospitality Suite and would appreciate volunteers to staff it. HCC (Karen G.) has sent her a check for \$30 to help provide snacks and candy for the goodie bags. Tory and Judi will provide a gift basket from the club for the silent auction.

Membership: The **New Member Welcome & Orientation will be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 10:30 a.m.** at Shirlee Thaler's home. (3609 Alzarine Terrace, 306-451-7536) Personal invitations will be sent to the five new members as well as several guests who expressed an interest in learning more about the club. The meeting is also open to any member, just be sure to tell Shirlee that you are coming so she can be prepared with food and seating, A special video will be shown about Civitan, as well as presentations by Board members on 'Hometown – Who We Are and What We Do'. Recently updated Welcome Kits will be given to the new members and a club pin.

Committee Reports:

Social – Lana Rosenberg has reserved a table for 8 at **Bountiful Farms Bistro on Saturday, May 22** at 12:30 p.m. Contact her if you would like to go.

Website – Judi Higbee announced that all of the Board members have submitted their bios with some pictures that are posted on the website under the tab 'Who We Are'. Betcha didn't know . . .
www.hometowncivitanclub.com

New Business: Last month's club meeting celebrated the Wildwood Middle High School 'Wildcats' Boys Basketball team who won the 2021 Florida Class 1A Championship. Laura McLaughlin was masterful in leading the festivities, drawing everyone in, making sure everyone had a fun time.

Head Coach Marcus Hawkins was very interested in working with Betty Rohan and Sharlene Floam to **start a Junior Civitan Club in Wildwood.**

When Laura learned that the **Wildwood Booster Club was sponsoring a banquet** at the Wildwood Community Center on Thursday, May 20 at 6 p.m. to present the team members with their championship rings, she immediately reserved a table for eight. Lana has filled another table with club members. We are so proud of that team! Featured speaker will be Charlie Ward – Heisman Trophy winner at Florida State University, former player in the NBA for the NY Knicks, high school football coach and FSU basketball coach.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. by Beth who led us first in the Pledge of Allegiance and then in the Civitan Creed. The next club meeting will be June 1st, speaker will be the Mayor of Wildwood. The next BOD meeting will be May 18th with an event planner speaking to the Board about fundraising.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary

Attendees: Penny Badolato, Linda Brenner, Eve Fletcher, Karen Goodman, Claire Gore, Beth Halstead, Judi Higbee, Arlene Kaplan, Laura McLaughlin, Tory Palivoda, Betty Rohan, Lana Rosenberg, Karen Schwering.

Guests: Joan Manili – joanmanili@gmail.com

Sue Ann Baker – sueannbaker150@gmail.com

April Guest: Kris Tygrett – ktygrett@gmail.com