

## HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB

The Villages, Florida

### Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022

**Opening:** A regular meeting at Evans Prairie CC Restaurant was called to order at 10:45 a.m. by President Laura McLaughlin who welcomed everyone, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, then led us in the Civitan Creed. Guests were introduced and the Happy Box was passed with \$20 collected.

**Program/Speaker:** Karen Goodman introduced Anita Stevenson who is Director of Operations for the Sumter County Public Library System. She provided everyone with an information sheet – one side listed all of the five library locations and hours as well as the website address to access the Calendar of Events for each location. ([www.SumterPublicLibrary.org](http://www.SumterPublicLibrary.org)) The second side of the handout showed the six featured library apps and she spoke to the subject of each. There are many more apps available online which are all accessible once you get a library card and set up your account with a password. You can search for a book, an author, check out ebooks and eaudio books, read newspapers, listen to music, schedule time with a librarian for technical assistance with your laptop or other portable device, even rent a canoe for the weekend when your grandchildren are in town. Anita answered all questions and helped several members apply for their first library card.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Moment of Inspiration:** Betty read a piece by Mother Teresa valuing peace within and having faith in yourself and others.

**Reports by Treasurer & Secretary:** We have about \$6,000 in the bank. Current membership is 32 and 22 have paid their dues.

Karen Goodman was unable to attend the Installation of Officers meeting and Judi presented her with the Vice President's pin.

**Welcome to newest member** Anne Clark, sponsored by Laura, who has just moved here from New Hampshire. She came to the meeting, filled out the membership application form, paid her dues, was presented with the new member packet of information and lavalier with member pin by Sharlene, and Judi gave Anne her HCC name tag. We knew Anne was coming!

**AAP Fundraiser:** The twelve days of early voting polls for the General Election were worked from October 25 through November 5. We hope to receive the check from the Supervisor of Elections office for those earnings by our December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Opportunities to Serve Fulfilled:** Sharlene Floam has volunteered to be club photographer for the time being and take pictures at meetings and events. Penny Badolato has agreed to chair the Fellowship subcommittee and will send birthday cards and get-well cards to the membership.

**T-Shirt Sales:** Dana Buss brought her basket of t-shirts, demonstrated some for size comparison; she also has men's sizes. Judi bought one for her husband.

**Member Recognition:** Laura presented Diane Seymour with a gold Civitan pin in recognition and thanks for her loyalty to the club, and for being someone Laura could count on to perform requested tasks using her creativity and IT skills.

**Charities:** Arlene read several of the thank you notes received after our distribution of grants from Pace, Hand In Hand/Ruth House, Patriot Service Dogs and Voices For Children.

**Center Hill Children's Mission Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 17 from 1pm to 3pm.** Kay Dando is chair of this project committee and provided everyone with guidelines for purchasing gifts for the 15 kids as well as a chart with their first name, gender, age, clothes size and a wish list for each. We are also providing cookies. Contact Kay if you want to participate – 570-651-0662 or [kdando50@gmail.com](mailto:kdando50@gmail.com)

**Bunco on January 29, 2023:** Karen Schwering announced that plans are being made to have another fundraiser to support our club at the Eisenhower Regional Center on January 29. She needs some volunteers to help with setup and organization, all members are needed to sell/buy tickets (112 total). The doors will open at 5:30, games will be played from 6:00 to 8:30, finished by 9 p.m.

**Next Club Meeting: December 6, 10:30 a.m. at Evans Prairie CC restaurant – Holiday party with \$10 gift exchange, games and fun!** (after a very short business meeting)

**Next Board Meeting: November 30** at Betty's house.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Higbee, Secretary

**Attendees:** Mary Anderson, Penny Badolato, Dana Buss, Kay Dando, Sharlene Floam, Karen Goodman, Beth Halstead, Judi Higbee, Arlene Kaplan, Laura McLaughlin, Betty Rohan, Karen Schwering, Diane Seymour. **New Member:** Anne Clark. **Guests:** Beth's sister Kim Kendig, Karen G's friend Marilyn Ettman, Sharlene's friend Lisa Kliebert-Witt.

**Our Website** [www.HometownCivitanClub.com](http://www.HometownCivitanClub.com) is an excellent source for our Calendar of Events, Latest News, Photos & Videos, Club Minutes and publications, Who We Are and How We Serve.

**Newly Released Videos:**

The 2021-2022 Year In Review

2022 Grants Presentation

**Updated Who We Are:** 2022-2023 Club Officers and Their Bios

**Photo Gallery New Event:** 2022 Florida District Civitan Convention at Laurel Manor

**Updated Club History**