



HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

a report to the membership



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Recent Happenings



Operation Bless Wildwood speaker was Pat Worcester. The mission of this 501(c)(3) organization is to create a culture of generosity and partnership within the community through collaborative efforts with local churches, businesses, and civic groups. Their vision is to make a positive impact in the community, particularly by supporting the Wildwood public schools, with the belief that “As the Schools go, so goes the Community.” Website: BlessWildwood.org for more info.



A New Member Orientation to Civitan International, the Research Center at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, and Eleven Years of Hometown was held at the Fruitland Park Library conference room. The excellent 21-minute video, compiled and created by John Higbee, is posted on our website. Everyone should watch the production. You will be amazed and so proud of what we are, how we serve, and what we have done.



Debbie Caskey, VP of CARING NEIGHBORS CLUB, spoke about this Villages club that was founded in 2016, served eight villages that year and obtained 501(c)(3) rating as a nonprofit organization. Today they are in 63 villages with almost 1,000 volunteers. They are dedicated to helping seniors with nonmedical services such as transportation, errands, friendly home visits, meal pickup at Wildwood Soup Kitchen, and more. New groups are forming, to see a complete list go to their website at www.VillagesCaringNeighbors.org

Future Happenings



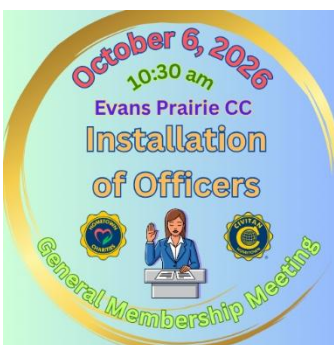
Hometown Charities is again staffing the Phone Bank for the 2026 primary and general elections. Volunteers for the primary include Judi Higbee, John Higbee, Deb McCoy and Maureen Carr. This fundraiser will earn \$840 for the club.



Our International Convention is being held in Louisville, Kentucky this year. Our Club will be represented by Betty Rohan, Laura McLaughlin, Deb McCoy, Gay Aaron and Diane Iacone.



Please join us for the awarding of our 2026 GRANTS. This annual meeting represents the culmination of selecting charities who deserve the Club's financial support through our periodic fundraising efforts.



Open Officer and Board of Directors positions for next fiscal year (10/1/2026 through 9/30/2027) are President-Elect and two Directors. Contact Deb, Judi or Ilene if you are interested in a position. Most jobs don't take much time and only require that you be interested in the fellowship and service of Civitan. We will install the Officers at October 6th meeting.



We are looking for volunteers to staff our booth at the Giving Clubs Showcase at Everglades Rec Center on 10/24. This is a great event for getting the word out on our Club and an opportunity to see the other giving clubs in our community. Contact Judi Higbee to volunteer.



The Club is staffing the Phone Bank for the 2026 general election.

Volunteers include Deb McCoy, Judi Higbee, John Higbee, Maureen Carr, Laura McLaughlin and Betty Rohan.
Fundraising total is expected to be \$1,260 for this event.



The Holiday Party is a fun event, as much social as an opportunity to bring a gift for a youngster who is part of the Guardian Ad Litem organization.

Details for the gift donations will be provided in October.