

HOMETOWN CIVITAN CLUB MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2025 Evans Prairie CC

Meeting called to order at 10:45. Judi WELCOMED EVERYONE! And led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed.

Program: Best Buddies International – Program Manager Brittany Bennett from Orlando and Bob Hamblin from The Villages Best Buddies Chapter presented information about their many programs in the area and specifically in the Villages. There are programs for young children, school programs and adult programs. One of the major fundraisers is the Friendship Walk.

The Best Buddies Friendship Walk around Lake Eola in Orlando is Saturday, April 26. Judi is Captain of Hometown's walking team which has a goal of raising \$600. To register, visit <https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/orlando/supporting/#judihigbee>. We hope some members will join in the walk this year or donate.

Guest Speaker Cindy Brown, Community Relations Representative with US Congressman Daniel Webster's office. Cindy informed us that their office is available to help with any of our questions or issues we might have with federal agencies. She shared examples of recovering money from IRS and for veterans.

UPCOMING EVENTS: This Friday, March 7 is a women's clubs expo from 9 to Noon at Ezell Rec Center. (International Women's Day is March 8.) Open to everyone with various speakers. Deb, Daniella and Judi will host a booth for Hometown.

March 11 is karaoke party from Noon to 1:30 at Sunrise Civitan Club, 35201 Radio Road, Leesburg. Please tell Deb McCoy if you want to go so she can arrange for you to have a background check done (that is good for 5 years).

Next Club Meeting: April 1st – Lenora Spence from Florida Consumer Services - Fraud and Scams.

April 19 – Social that is lunch in Leesburg then walk to the Palace Theater to see an action/comedy play by the Beacon College Theater group whose president is our scholarship recipient Calinda Strayhorn. Details will be forthcoming.

May 6 – Club's 10th Anniversary Celebration with special guest Bonnie Ruth, Civitan Region 2 Director. This is a MUST ATTEND and BRING A FRIEND! Lots of gifts and fun.

Bunco Game Night Fundraiser/Social – MARK THE DATE! Thursday, May 15, Lake Miona Rec. Center from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Committee: Doris, Betty, Mary & Ilene. Tickets will be available at the April 1st meeting.

SOCIAL: March Birthdays: Julie Stein on the 6th. Happy Box collected \$10. We distributed new club business cards and club brochures. Door Prize Drawing was won by Laura McLaughlin.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00. Lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Dando, Secretary