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CIVITAN CLUB OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

CHARTERED APRIL 12, 1921  
SECOND OLDEST CIVIC CLUB IN THE CITY  
SECOND CIVITAN CLUB IN FLORIDA  
NINETEENTH CIVITAN CLUB CHARTERED IN UNITED STATES

Second Quarter 2022

## SCHEDULED MEETINGS

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING (Board Members only) Second Wednesday, 3:00 pm Beach House

### OFFICERS

President.....Jan Ward  
President Elect.....Eddie Pringle  
Past President.....Terasa Heckert  
Secretary.....Barb Clark  
Treasurer.....Lauren Heckert  
Chaplain.....Norm Bungard  
Director.....Norm Bungard  
Director.....Jeanne Davison  
Director.....Karen Galinowski  
Public Information Chair.....Norm Bungard

### FOUNDATION BOARD

President.....Pete Meydag  
Secretary.....Mary Ann Fisher  
Treasurer..... Ron Wanek  
Director.....Steve Eckelbarger  
Beach House Liaison.....Lauren Heckert

## MEMBERSHIP

Karen Ashcraft  
Jim Belcher  
Ann Bridge  
Norm Bungard  
Corey Campbell  
Daniel Carrigan  
Maria Christiano  
Barbara Clark  
Suzanne Daniele-George  
Jeanne Davison  
Mike DeLancey  
Steve Eckelbarger  
MaryAnn Fisher  
Karen Galinowski  
Scott Gordon  
Lauren Heckert

Karen Higgins  
Kraig Jones  
Sharon Knighton  
Susan Lanson  
Elizabeth Lobiondo  
Greg Maurer  
Richard McKyton  
Peter Meydag  
Linda Moore  
Tom Muscarella  
Bob O'Neil  
Thomas Panos  
Theresa Pinnix  
Eddie Pringle  
Gary Puckett  
Magda Rodriguez

Bonnie Ruth  
Ellen Schellhause  
Susan Sersante  
Valerie Sewell  
Jim Seymour  
Maria Stafford  
Rebecca Starkweather  
Tammy Swift  
Laura Umile  
Ron Wanek  
Janice Ward  
Ann Marie Weather  
Jack Weather  
Darlene Zellner

## **VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITIES**

### **2022 Special Olympics Competition Dates:**

County Bowling: July 9th in Pinellas Seminole Lanes and Hillsborough Brandon Crossroads

Area Stand Up Paddle: July 10 at Mary Help in Tampa

County Swim: July 30 -Long Center in Clearwater

Area Bowling: Aug. 6 at Seminole Lanes in Pinellas

Swim: Aug. 28 at North Shore Aquatics in St. Pete

County Golf: Oct. 2 at Cove Cay in Pinellas

Area Fall Classic: Oct. 8 at Cypress Creek HS in Wesley Chapel

**If you are able to help, Please Contact: Jeanne Davison (727) 470-4686 civexgovjd@aol.com**

**Volunteers needed to help with parking from 3:00 to 5:00 pm Saturday July 2nd and Sunday July 3rd.** The St. Petersburg Civitan Club will hold public parking to (non-member) beach goers at the Civitan Beach House on Saturday July 2nd and Sunday July 3rd. The cost is \$15 per car per day. The lot will be open from 9am to 5pm on those days.

**Please contact Lauren Heckert (717) 542-9663 if you can help staff the lot.**

### **IMPORTANT MEMBER PARKING INFO**

We all enjoy having the perk of parking for free at one of the most beautiful beaches in the country, however you must display your Civitan Parking Pass in the front window if you don't want your car towed. It is a small task to keep our private club private. If you invite guests to park there, please put a note in their car stating they are a guest of yours, and include your name on the note.

**You have been warned! Cars without parking passes will be towed!**

### **FIRST QUARTER NEWS**

**Please welcome new members** this quarter; Ellen Schellhause, Valerie Sewell and Darlene Zellner. We look forward to seeing them at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party.

### **Civitan International is in the process of restructuring**

Civitan International Board developed a plan for restructuring corporate operations.

First, individual Civitan Clubs are the bedrock of the organization. Members of Civitan share a servant's heart and a desire to create positive change for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

The purpose of the corporate entity of Civitan International is to support Civitan Clubs as they strive to serve.

To effectively deliver service, operations of Civitan International are being restructured to function in geographic Regions to serve as "consultants". As of September 30, 2022, the Districts will no longer be a legal entity. Each Region will have volunteer Civitan Chairs for six (6) positions:

- Member Development Chair
- Member Engagement Chair
- Junior Civitan Chair
- Philanthropy Ambassador
- Communications and Marketing
- Planning and Procedures

Bonnie Ruth, our exiting governor has applied for Member Engagement for the Regional Leadership council.

Some of the duties she will have are:

- Implement, supervise and lead their region's engagement team in engagement/retention programs and projects
- Be the first contact with clubs in the region, leading their team to support all members
- Help develop and deliver engagement/retention training sessions for all members in their region on at least a quarterly basis
- Support the club training officer effort in the region
- With the help of C.I. staff, contribute to C.I.'s member newsletters and social media platforms when it comes to engagement/retention suggestions
- Promote club attendance at all region and international functions
- Coordinate and manage both the region and international awards programs

We wish Bonnie success in securing this position, there is no doubt she will do a fantastic job.

The **Civitan Foundation Annual Meeting** was held on April 10th at the Beach House. This was an annual meeting to give an overview of the Foundation's operations for the year. It was informative and entertaining. As part of the presentation, Pete Meydag shared important information on what is required to maintain an 85-year-old building. It takes a village, and a lot of money! The money, of course comes from the rental fees of the Beach House. The village comes in when we have work days to do our part. This involves cleaning up the grounds, painting, and whatever other small jobs we are able to tackle. Our next scheduled work day is October 18, please consider helping. The entertaining part of the meeting was the **Largo Florida Nature Park "Birds of Prey" Presentation**. We all enjoyed learning about the work this wonderful facility does. Plus, we got to see some amazing birds up close and learn about how they ended up being saved by **Largo Florida Nature Park**.

**Great Horned Owl**



**Eastern Screech Owls**



**Red Tail Hawk**



On April 19th, Norm Bungard coordinated Feeding Tampa Bay, a volunteer event to feed the homeless.



On May 24<sup>th</sup>, several board members took a tour of the Louise Graham Regeneration center. The Louise Graham Regeneration Center, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, provides employment for developmentally disabled adults through the recycling and sale of paper products. President Elect, Eddie Pringle suggested St. Petersburg Civitan may want to consider including them as one of the recipients of our contributions. Marketing and Development director, Amy Shore gave us a wonderful tour of the facility located at 2301 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. So. St. Petersburg. They provide employment and day training for the developmentally disabled by offering confidential document shredding, product packaging, product assembly and disassembly, bulk sale of high-quality toilet tissue, facial tissue, and hand towels. We look forward to working with these wonderful folks in the future.

### **Brick Paver Update**

We have received all of the brick pavers that have been ordered to date. The installation is scheduled to be June 26. At the same time, the National Registry of Historic Places plaque will be installed in the same location. Pictures to come after the installation. "Thank you" to all who bought bricks for this fund raiser.

### PARC Civitan Club Update:

The PARC Civitan club has 30 members who have attended at least half of our meetings! The formal application for approval to become chartered has been sent to Civitan International. The club members voted to have Pete the Civitan Pelican as their mascot. At today's meeting officers were elected.

In July we will begin planning our charter celebration which is tentatively scheduled for August 10. We are looking forward to having members of St Pete Civitan (the sponsoring club), attend the PARC Civitan charter event. If you would like to be part of the PARC Civitan sponsor committee, please contact Bonnie Ruth at 727-686-3806.



**Four Chaplin's Award** was given to St. Petersburg Mayor Ken Welch on June 16th. His busy schedule delayed the delivery of his award. The award was based on community IMCACT and duration.



### Chaplain Corner

Civitan helps the community in many ways: one being a demonstration of Faith by encouraging others. Most all Creeds and Faiths, regardless of denomination, does the same. It is in the Christian faith that we learn from Barnabas, who is known as an encourager, we are following Divine Will when we encourage others, regardless of their persuasions. The St Petersburg Civitan Club encourages others in so many ways, including clients at PARC where the Challenge Club is getting off the ground. Bonnie Ruth and others have encouraged clients already and PARC. We encourage members to share some volunteer time with great nonprofit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and others. We also encourage one another to learn more about the Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham. It is world renowned, and our club is a supporter. God Bless all Civitan members, family, and friends. Finally, encourage one more person to learn about our club and invite them to an event. Norm Bungard, Chaplain, Director

Don't Miss the Fun!!!

🎵 4th of JULY BEACH PARTY BBQ 🍔 🍺 🍷

FREE LIVE MUSIC 🎵 FREE FOOD 🍔 FREE BEER 🍺 🍹 FREE DRINKS

ON THE BEACH

LAWN GAMES - WATER 🌊 MELON CONTESTS (KIDS & ADULT)

FIREWORKS 🌟 WITH A WATERFRONT VIEW

5 PM at the Beach House