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Duane Capps
2016-17
International
President

100 Years of Service!

Greetings Civitans!

This centennial year is flying by so fast! By the time you read this, we will have observed our 100th birthday on March 17th. I hope each of you took the time to reflect on what Civitan means to you and your community. I have seen all of the projects going on to serve and celebrate this milestone.

As I have traveled around or read about all our clubs are doing in their communities, it makes me proud to be a Civitan. You have reached so many people with all you do.

I encourage you to continue to share your "why" with those you come into contact with. Share not just what Civitan has done but make it personal with what it has done for you.

Just a reminder. You do not want to miss the annual convention as we come together with our Juniors to celebrate 100 years of service. There is plenty of room for all who wish to attend. Sign up now before the rate increase. Many exciting events are being planned. I am looking forward to meeting many more Civitans.

I cannot express how honored Lisa and I have been to serve you this year. Getting to visit and work with many of you at projects has been so rewarding and impressive. Thank you for all you do to serve so many.

Yours in Civitan,

Duane Capps
International President
2016-2017



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The Camellia is the official state flower of Alabama, where Civitan was founded in 1917.

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Mission Statement

The mission of Civitan worldwide is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.



United States
1917



Canada
1925



Norway
1969



Germany
1970



Sweden
1970



South Korea
1974



Japan
1975



Bangladesh
1990



Denmark
1991



Hungary
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Jordan
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India
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Russia
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Ukraine
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Romania
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Nepal
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Slovakia
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Sierra Leone
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Nigeria
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Ghana
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Pakistan
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Philippines
2001



Netherlands
2002



Thailand
2007



Liberia
2008



Cote d'Ivoire
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Taiwan
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Meet Your New International
President Duane Capps



Meet Your 2016-17 International President,



Duane Capps is the Civitan International President for the 2016-2017 year. A Civitan for more than three decades, Duane has the distinction of leading Civitan International into the centennial year. He greets the challenge with equal parts humility and a sense of purpose.

"I know I am more due to the impact Civitan has had on me," he says. He feels that Civitan has the unique ability to affect the lives of the people helped by projects while transforming those who participate. "That is something you cannot put a dollar value on, nor can I ever repay it."

Born in the Julian area of North Carolina, near the central part of the state, Duane still lives in the same area. He is a family man, a baseball fan who has visited almost every major league park in the country, and a business leader in a small community where helping your neighbor is a way of life.



Duane Capps

Duane has been married to his high school sweetheart, Lisa, for 38 years. Civitan has been a part of their marriage for most of that time. In fact, Lisa's father invited him to a meeting in 1983 and it quickly became an important part of his life and he has passed that sense of service to others along. Duane and Lisa have two children, Melissa and Jacob. Melissa, who is a member of Civitan with Duane, has three girls, Kyra, Aleah and Breonna. Kyra and Bre are members of Junior Civitan in school. Duane and Lisa's son Jacob attends Clear Creek Baptist College and serves as youth minister at First Baptist Church of Walnut Grove.

Civitan has crossed many bridges in 100 years. The organization has weathered wars and civil unrest and, in many ways, has led its members to be better people through it all. Long before the civil rights era, Civitan broke the color barrier in the United States. Civitan was also the first formerly all male organization to admit women to full membership. Now, as the organization faces its second century it must find a way to appeal to a new generation of community leaders.

"My hope for the future is simple," Duane says, "to make us more attractive to all people." Duane takes the Golden Rule, so closely associated with the values of Civitan, to heart. "We need to have membership from all age groups and all ethnic backgrounds. We have to turn the focus of our membership back to the communities they serve first."

Duane lists the 1987 International Special Olympics games in South Bend as a favorite memory along with working with Junior Civitan projects. His favorite project has been working with his own club to support the Greensboro Grasshoppers. Meeting other Civitans and watching them grow through service is an important part of his time.

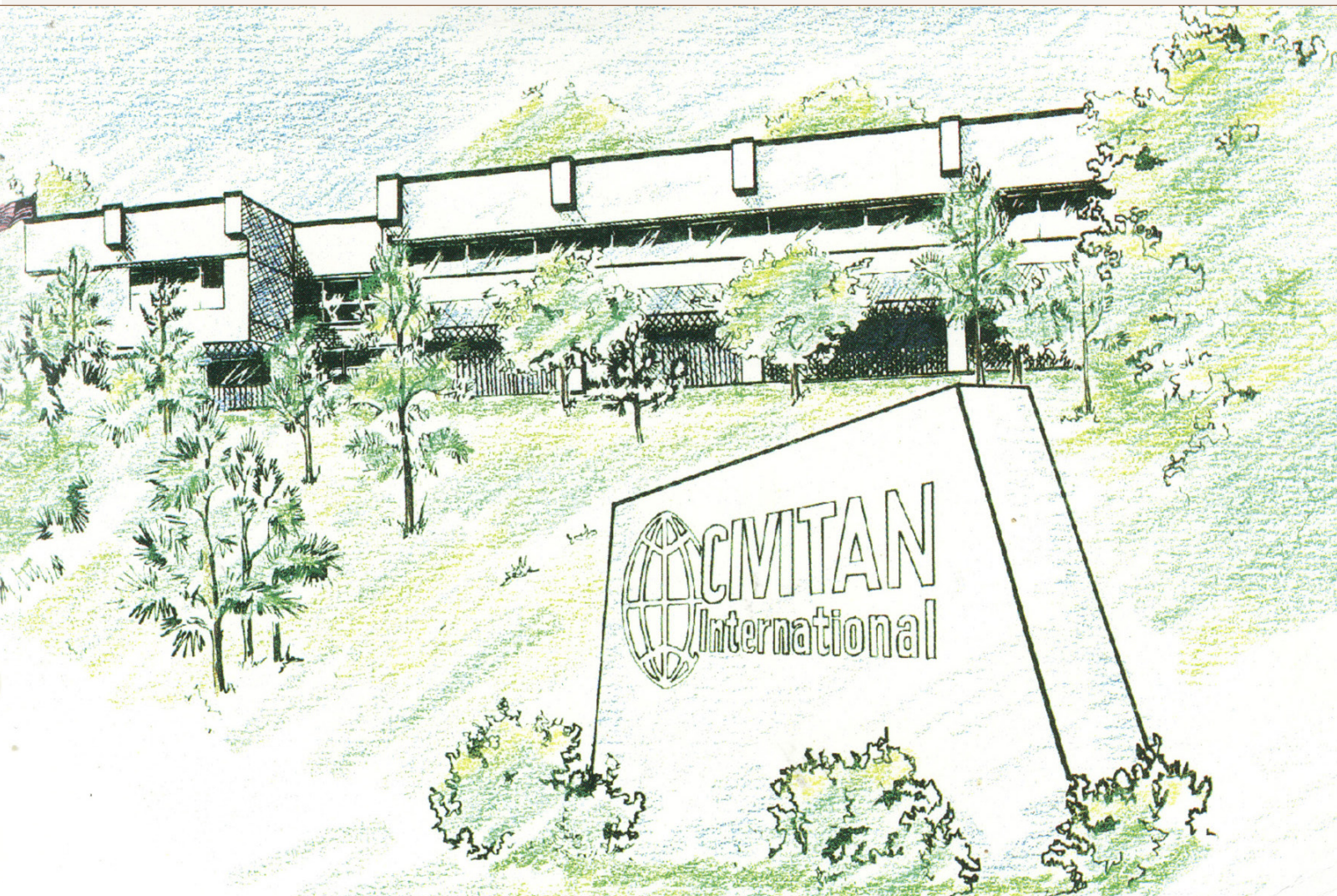
"Civitan has introduced me to so many people all over the world," he says. "Something I would never have imagined growing up. People ask where would your community be without Civitan. I prefer to ask what we would be like without the impact Civitan has had on our lives."



A Centennial Reflection

As Civitan International celebrates 100 years of life—and looks forward to the next century of service to others—our purpose is as important today as it was in 1917. Though much has changed in society, the need for local citizens to engage local needs is ever present.

As the first half century of Civitan came to a close, founder Dr. Shropshire passed away at the age of 88 in 1965—two years shy of the 50th anniversary.



A rendering of the Civitan International headquarters which was built in 1976.

International expansion into Europe began with the Oslo Club in Norway.

1969

Civitan International begins an official association with Special Olympics

1973

The Hamilton, Ontario, Canada Civitan's first club in Asia opened in Seoul, South Korea. The next year, a club opened in Japan..

1974

1972

Canadian Junior Civitans hold first Sno-Do fundraiser.

1974

At the convention in Boston, Civitan becomes the first formerly all-male service club to accept women as members..

on: Looking back on our second 50 years

The 1960s were difficult for many organizations due to civil unrest and the unpopular Viet Nam war. Membership growth stalled briefly but many of the programs we know today began in Civitan's second 50 years.

In this issue of Civitan Magazine, we honor many of the milestones of the second 50 years and look forward to the new century of service.



Civitan dedicated \$20 million for the Civitan International Research Center in 1989 and broke ground on the facility in 1992.

Civitan International built the current headquarters building in Birmingham, Alabama.

1976

Civitan International voted to dedicate \$20 million to establishing the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC)

1989

Civitan marks 100 years of service with a combined convention in Birmingham.

2017

1976

Civitan adopted the Candy Box fundraising program.

1992

Civitan began expansion into Hungary, Ukraine, Russia and Romania

BORDERLESS CIVITAN

Changing Lives in Communities Around the World

Water is Life

The Civitan Club of Seine et Marne, in Paris France has embarked on its first project to construct 4 hand pump water well in the Portee community, east end of Freetown.

The purpose of the project is to create a Sustainable Supply of Water and to Increase availability, accessibility, and hygiene in this community.

The available tap water in the community is only able to support only few, as it is only available once a week and it is during the day when children are at school and parent went to work. The community has a population of over 15,000. Therefore none of the school children get clean water for drinking. Our primary focus is to provide clean drinking water to the community and follow it up with a clean drinking water for schools.

As a part of this initiative we have already constructed a well in the community at an overall cost of \$5,100. The photographs shared right will give you an idea of the project. This project was completed using personal funds as well as from friendly donors who were interested to help the cause. The project has helped the community to fulfil some of the requirements of clear drinking water but there is a requirement for 4 more wells to ensure that the community has sufficient water for its requirements.

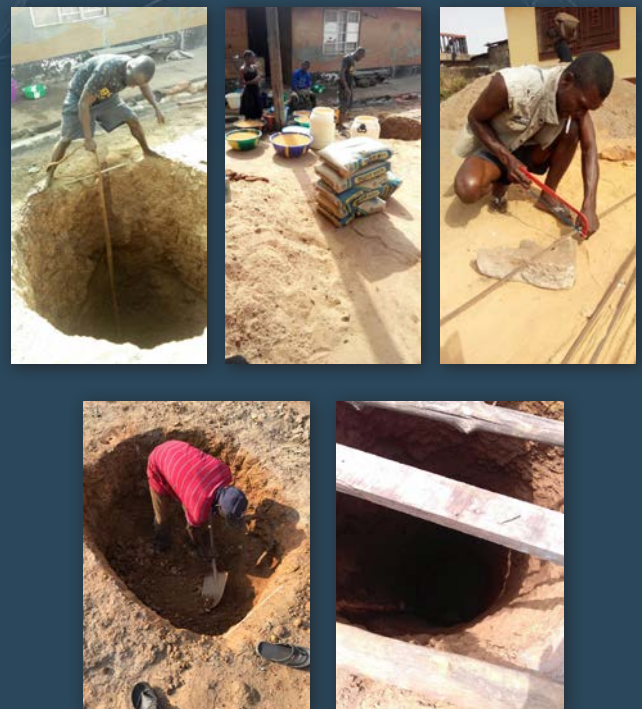
Civitan Club of Seine et Marne set up a campaign to raise fund through GoFundMe link below,

<https://www.gofundme.com/water-well-for-portee-community>

We will aim to provide clean drinking water to 7,500 people of the community. There will be 4 wells that will be constructed for the purpose. The wells will be traditional wells but will have casing and concrete to make the wells stable and permanent. Please refer to the figure above for the final well snapshots. There will also be pumps that will be attached to the wells so that water can be drawn mechanically rather than by hand drawn methods. The set-up will also include a storage so that people can get their water requirements during any time of the day.

The Civitan Club is appealing to everyone to help us achieve this life saving project for this community.

We thank you all in advance.



Restoration Fund

Open Letter to All Civitans: From Jay Albertia, Past International President and Chairman of the Centennial Celebration & Restoration Committee.

Dear Civitan Family:

Our Restoration Campaign has been very successful and we have decided to extend the campaign through the end of this Civitan year. Your International Headquarters is receiving much needed repairs and remodeling, to make it a safe and functional home for Civitan for years to come. As we celebrate our Centennial Celebration this year in Birmingham, what a wonderful time for you and your family to make a donation to the Restoration Fund. There are several ways to insure that the legacy of our organization lives on for future generations by donating today.

Individually You Can Become A:

1. Brick Sponsor for a one-time gift of \$100.00, you will be recognized at the convention for your donation.
2. Cornerstone Sponsor for a one-time gift of \$1,000, you will be recognized at the convention and be invited to a special sponsor only event.
3. Room Naming Rights for a one-time gift of \$10,000 - \$30,000, you can be a room sponsor and have your name displayed outside your sponsored room. There is a very limited amount of these opportunities and you need to act fast. You will be recognized at convention, invited to a special function and receive a Major Gift Award for your donation.

Club's & Districts Can Become A:

1. Brick Sponsor for a one-time gift of \$100.00, your club/district will be recognized at the convention for your donation.
2. Cornerstone Sponsor for a one-time gift of \$1,000, your club/district will be recognized at the convention for your donation.
3. Room Naming Rights for a one-time gift of \$10,000 - \$30,000, you can be a room sponsor and have your club/district name displayed outside your sponsored room. The club/district will be recognized at the convention for the contribution. There are a very limited amount of these opportunities available and you will need to act fast.

Honors and Memorials

You can also honor someone with either a Brick or Cornerstone Sponsor and they will be recognized at the convention. What a special way to give an honor to someone that will become a lasting tribute to them and their work for Civitan.

Civitans, you are a very generous and giving group. Please consider helping us finish this restoration, so future generations of Civitan can benefit from an International Headquarters that they can be proud of for years to come. Thank you for your donations and remember, help us encourage others to give back to our wonderful organization that has given so much to us and others around the world.

See you in Birmingham!!


Jay



To donate to the Civitan International Restoration Fund, please contact the Development Department at International Headquarters at 1-800-CIVITAN. To find out more about the Restoration Fund, visit the page on Civitan.org, under Fundraising in the Member Resource Center.

Civitan's

Civitan's sponsorship program recognizes members who excel at recruiting new Civitans. Any Civitan distinguished in this way receives a Member Sponsorship Team (MST) pin. There are two ways a member can earn this honor:

- By sponsoring four or more members in the previous fiscal year.
- By sponsoring 50 or more members in total – Civitans who achieve this goal are given life-member status as a MST.

If you earn MST status by sponsoring four or more members during the fiscal year, you maintain that status for the following fiscal year. To remain on the MST Honor Roll you must sponsor four or more members during the current fiscal year.

Civitan members recognized on the Distinguished Sponsorship Team (DST) have sponsored a minimum of 150 members. DST is a very prestigious symbol to appear after a Civitan's name. Currently there are 16 members who are on the DST honor roll. We added two new members to our DST level this past year as we welcomed Civitan International President-Elect Kendyl Massey and Morris Hudgins. Our newest level introduced at the 2015 convention is the Executive Sponsorship Team (EST). Civitans recognized on the Executive Sponsorship

Team have sponsored 300 or more members. Currently there are 3 members who are on the EST honor roll. The initials MST, DST or EST appear after a member's name on Civitan International recognition lists, etc. Each Civitan who sponsors four or more members receives a MST pin stamped with the year he or she qualifies. 100 members earned this pin last fiscal year. Each lifetime MST member earns a MST pin showing the recruitment level he or she earned. Each person qualified as a DST or EST receives a DST or EST pin. We want you to be a part of our super recruiter team by sponsoring people into Civitan. Set a goal to sponsor one member per quarter this year. Then, the next time you see the initials MST appear after someone's name, it will be yours. Share your volunteer successes with people around you and sponsor them into your Civitan club. Earn your 2016-17 MST Pin!



Top Recruiters For 2015-2016

Recruited the most members between October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016



Wynester Sherrer
Uptown Civitan Club
Florida District (39)



Tiberio Mantia
Palermo Civitan Club (Italy)
European Clubs-at-Large District (36)



Kendyl Massey
Volunteer ACTION Civitan Club
Appalachian District (25)



Mark Wright
Aylmer Civitan Club
Canadian Northern Lights (25)



Leola Smith
Greater Titusville Civitan Club
Alabama Central District (19)



Kristina Winkler
Tryon Civitan Club
North Carolina District East (19)



Debbie Juhlke
Heart of the Rock Civitan Club
Heartland District (17)



Edie Emmons
Kingston & District Civitan Club
Canadian Northern Lights (14)



Daniella Nevells
Leesburg Civitan Club
Florida District (13)



Steve Teasley
Owensboro Civitan Club
Valley District (13)



Winona Wentworth
Randleman Civitan Club
North Carolina District West (13)



Member Sponsorship Team

Sponsored a minimum of 4 members in 2015-16 or sponsored 50 or more members total!

Alabama Central

Michael L. Brown, Birmingham*
K. Dee Hutsler, ACTION*
Robert Raiford, ACTION**
David Rigdon, Brent*
Leola Smith, Greater Titusville
Louis M. Stephens, ACTION*
Jim Yerkey, Associate Member*

Alabama North

Ray Cahoon, Associate Member*
Robert Davis, Jr., Huntsville*
John W. Gant, Pisgah*
Joel Hallman, Scottsboro
Randy Harvell, South Huntsville
Ed E. Higdon, Priceville*
Cameron Kay, Tusculumbia
Pat Jex McKemy, Guntersville Ladies*
Sarah Precise, Scottsboro
Shirley Sudduth, Addison*
Paul Talley, Scottsboro
Bob W. Walden, Gadsden*
Joann Walls, Hanceville*
Debbie White, Scottsboro

Alabama-West Florida

Larry Bell, Dothan*
Randall H. Eckhoff, Cottage Hill**
Jerry L. Goodson, Sr. Enterprise*
Paul Hill, Associate Member*
James C. Jones, Prattville
Josephine Roper, Montgomery
Jim E. Smith, Pensacola*

Appalachian

Ryan Duncan, Bluegrass
Tiffany Duncan, Bluegrass
Daniel Farley, Associate Member*
Judy Fleming, Associate Member*
Nathan Higdon, YP Knoxville
Sheila Idol, Decatur**
Genny B. Kidd, Maryville-Alcoa*
Dave Mahon, Bluegrass
Caroline E. Moody, Northern Kentucky*
Leonard Travis, Winchester**

California

Larry Beaver, Live Oak Golf*
Amy S. Fogo, San Marcos*
Sandie R. Shapiro, Live Oak Golf*

Canada TRUE NORTH:

Louise Kinney, Chateaugay
Bruce Skelhorn, Greater Petawawa*

Canadian Northern Lights

John Carr, Kingston & District
Edie Emmons, Kingston & District
Peter Guthrie, Almonte*
Heather Legge, Carleton Place & District
Stacey McKeown, Quinte
Renee Webster, Napanee & District
Mark Wright, Aylmer

Cardinal

Edward Baum, Athens*
Fon H. Coffman, Pioneer Ladies*
Tom Daugherty, North Columbus

Chesapeake

Sylvester Bieler, Baltimore
Dominick Halse, Northern Shenandoah Valley
Vera Kanova, Capital Region
Camille Kime, Frederick
Ann Hallawell Krome, Associate Member*

Ginger Malone, Catoclin
Eugene Kinder, Martinsburg*
Richard Lagana, Friendship*
John Markey, Roanoke**
Cynthia McKoy, CFS Proud Hearts*
Crystal Payne, Waynesboro Area
Lawrence E. Payne, Waynesboro Area
Denise Phelps, Frederick
Fon Smith, Frederick*

European Clubs-at-Large:

Tiberio Mantia, Palermo

Florida

Philip H. Baker, Gainesville*
Robert Lee Dietz, Lake Eola*
Joanne E. Dotson, Clay County
Polly Forester, Treasure Coast*
Martha J. Mattie Fraser, Uptown*
Helen C. Galloway, Frontier Central*
Arlene Kaplan, Hometown
Nereyda B. Kircher, Naples**
Robert Kircher, Naples
Deborah L. McCoy, Leesburg*

Daniella Nevells, Leesburg
Babe Rogers, Hometown
Wynester Sherrer, Uptown

Georgia

Sylvia Arnold, Atlanta Skyline*
James Lamar Barrett, Associate Member*
George H. Chandler, Winterville*
Joe Chesney, Sun City
Louise Crapps, Marietta*
Terry Crouch, Duluth*
Faye E. Evans, Atlanta Skyline**
Mary Greenway-Karras, East Cobb*
Shannon Hammond, Oconee County
Ray Marden, Lanierland
Vanessa Mitchell, Cook County
Heath Patterson, Dalton
EH "Coots" Turner, Associate Member*

Great Southwest

Lonn Andrews, De Colores**
Noel D. Behne, Associate Member*
Dan Brown, City of Vision*
Curtis R. Schuyler, Sandia*

SUPER Recruiters



Executive Sponsorship Team

Sponsored a minimum of 300 members



Adrian Edge
Mississippi North District
Booneville, Mississippi



Tammy Pearson
Appalachian District
Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia



Sherry Garrett
Mississippi North District
Nettleton, Mississippi



Distinguished Sponsorship Team

Sponsored a minimum of 150 members



Jay Albertia
Valley District
Clarksville, Tennessee



Brian Connolly
North Central District
Ann Arbor, Michigan



Hertisene Crenshaw
Alabama Central District
Tuskegee, Alabama



Mark Eisinger
Heart of the West District
Henderson, Nevada



Ken Fournier
Canadian District East
Perth, Ontario



Morris Hudgins
Chesapeake District
Disputanta, Virginia



Debbie Juhlke
Heartland District
Round Rock, Texas



Dr. Harold R. Lannom
Florida District
Hialeah, Florida



Patricia J. Koepsel
Chesapeake District
McClean, Virginia



Kendyl Massey
Appalachian District
Maryville, Tennessee



C. Wayne Mullis
North Carolina District West
Salisbury, North Carolina



Joe G. Parker
North Carolina District East
Durham, North Carolina



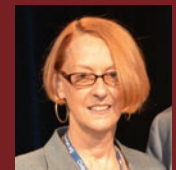
LeRoy C. Parks
Valley District
Clarksville, Tennessee



William R. "Bob" Snyder
North Carolina District
West
Lexington, North Carolina



Dr. Bobbie L. Walden
Alabama District North
Gadsden, Alabama



Carol Kline-Watson
Great Southwest District,
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Heart of the West

Virginia Campbell McAfee, Idaho Falls*
Donald N. Hanak, London Bridge*
Jerry Harvey, Roadrunner*
Glen Lattin, Bannock*
Carl Mangelsdorf, Ill, Roadrunner**
Ann McCarty, Bannock*
Teresa Wakeman, Bannock*

Heartland

Rita Blackwood, Hot Springs*
Harold L. Connell, Wichita*
Dr. James C. Conner, Wichita Falls
Cynthia Dawson, Little Rock
Marcia Dechand, Topeka
Jack Fournier, West Little Rock
Karla Fournier, West Little Rock
Steve Jackson, Cabot*
Frank Kelley, Lawrence ACTION
Kim Kelley, Lawrence ACTION
Harry Buddy Matson, Little Rock*
Terra Morehead, Orchids*
Norma J. Pew, West County*
Fred S. Norman, Argenta*

Magnolia

Rosie Jackson, Okotoma
Keith Wilson, North Bay*

Mississippi North

Deborah Blaylock, Nettleton Ladies

New England

Neill Sachdev, Windsor

North Carolina East

Duane Capps, Southeast Guilford*
Dewey M. Corn, High Point*
Harriett Covington, Hawfields*
Jessica Clodfelter, YP Greensboro
Loriann Harker, Tryon
Erma Kuboushek, Triangle Luncheon
Janice LaBarbera, Civitan on the Pamlico
Henry Martin, New Bern*
Louise Pinkelton-Hofer, Gateway**
Kate Oliver, Civitan on the Pamlico
J.B. Price, Seymour Johnson AFB*
Bonnie Rose, Hawfields

Michelle Shields, River Time
Ken Smithwick, Cypress Creek
Edison E. Temple, Four Oaks*
Kathi Whitfield, Tryon
Leigh A. Wilkinson, Tryon*
Kristina Winkler, Tryon
Tony Workman, Southeast Guilford

North Carolina West

Renee Bryant, Randleman
Curtis C. Farlow, New Market*
Frank Goodnight, Salisbury*
George Jordan, Cooleemee*
Jerry L. Laney, Monroe*
Dr. Jerry McGee, Associate Member*
Lanny T. Merrell, Granite Quarry
Donald F. Parker, Race City*
Lena Reinsvold, Mocksville*
Alfred Thomas, New Market*
Keith Wall, Randleman
Winona Wentworth, Randleman
Norman E. Wilson, Race City*

North Central

Richard Brown, Merrillville
Chuck Blasgen, Merrillville*
Marlene Dean-Doran, Westland*
Ron Falkner, Livingston*
Carroll Hamner, Vincennes**

South Carolina

Lura S. Boggs, Greenville
Belita Broadus, Greenville
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Steve Doudoukjian, Dutch Fork
Richard Gay, Lancaster
Kirby Hood, Myrtle Beach
Misty Konow, Rock Hill
James W. McIlrath, Myrtle Beach*
Benjamin D. Moore, Associate Member*
Anna C. Smith, Greenville
Jimmy Sweatt, Lancaster
Jane G. Warner, Sunrise*
Derek Willis, Lancaster

Valley

Leslie Benmark, Joelton
Lisa Burns-Kirby, River City
Lewis Dossett Foster, Cordova*
J. Dwight Ragsdale, Dickson**
Robert Rhinerson, Owensboro
Phyllis Riley, New Providence
Steve Teasley, Owensboro
Rob Winfrey, Hendersonville
Brandy Willoughby, North
Cheatham
David Winter, Hendersonville

* Sponsored more than 50 members
** Sponsored more than 100

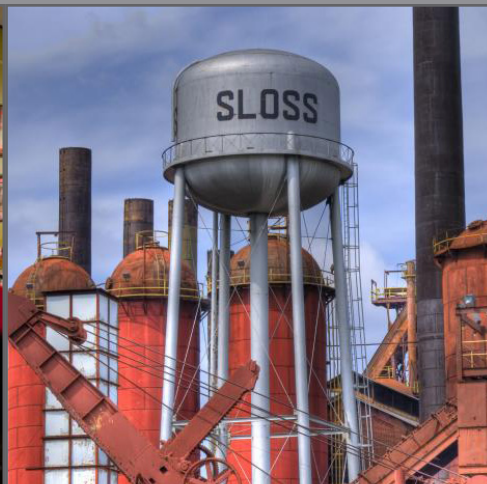
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BIRMINGHAM

Next
Registration
Deadline
Approaching:
April 1

Like most cities, Birmingham has its own list of largest, greatest, oldest places and things to brag about. One of the most special in the city is home to Civitan World Headquarters where it all began. Here are a few:

- With a metropolitan population of more than a million people, Birmingham is the largest city in Alabama.
- The University of Alabama at Birmingham's UAB Hospital is an international leader in health care.
- Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum has the largest collection of vintage and contemporary motorcycles in the world.
- Barber Motorsports Park hosts the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama, making Birmingham the only Deep South city on the North American Indy circuit.
- In 1995 Mercedes Benz chose a site just west of Birmingham to build its first assembly plant outside Germany.
- Birmingham's role in America's Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s placed the city at the center of the most significant domestic drama of the 20th century.
- Birmingham is known as the founding city for the recognition of Veterans Day and hosts the nation's oldest and largest Veterans Day celebration.
- Birmingham is the only place in the world where all the ingredients for making iron are present—coal, iron ore and limestone, all within a ten-mile radius.
- Vulcan, the mythical god of metalworking, is the largest cast iron statue in the world and is second in size only to the Statue of Liberty. The statue sits high atop Red Mountain as a symbol of Birmingham's birth in the iron and steel industry.
- The Birmingham Museum of Art houses 10,000 pieces of Wedgwood, the largest collection outside England.
- With the opening of Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, the state became the "Godfather of Great Golf." Two of the RTJ courses are in Birmingham, one of them the third longest course in the world.



This is just a sampling of Birmingham's impressive history. Join the Civitan family t

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- Birmingham is home to the nation's oldest baseball park, Rickwood Field, which opened in 1910 and hosted baseball greats such as Jackie Robinson, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Lorenzo "Piper" Davis, Willie Mays and "Shoeless" Joe Jackson.
- Sloss Furnaces produced iron for nearly 90 years during the early days of the city's emerging as an industrial giant. Today it is a city-operated museum and recognized as a National Historic Landmark, the only facility of its kind being preserved anywhere in the world.
- Country singing legend and Alabama native Hank Williams spent the last night of his life at Birmingham's Redmont Hotel before leaving for a New Year's Day performance January 1, 1953.
- The Alabama Theatre is one of only a handful of 1920s movie palaces still in operation. The "Mighty Wurlitzer" pipe organ still rises from beneath the theater floor for live accompaniment to silent movie screenings and other events.
- The Irondale Café is a home-style cafeteria with strong Hollywood ties. The café was the inspiration for author and actress Fannie Flag's successful novel *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café* and hit movie with half that name.

Sheraton Birmingham Downtown

Special Civitan Guest Room Rates:
\$115 single/double/triple/quad

Book your room online
via www.civitan.org/convention



Join this June for Civitan's Centennial Celebration!

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IMPORTANT

PLEASE READ THIS SECTION FIRST

Two events are separately ticketed events and are not included in any base registration fee. Following are the options available for registration of Civitans and Guests.

REGISTRATION ONLY FEES

Civitan Program Registration ONLY \$160.00 for all non-ticketed functions including:

- Opening Ceremonies with Entertainment
- First Business Session
- Seminars and Workshops
- Host Hospitality, Supply House
- Civitan International Research Center Presentation
- Membership Extravaganza with Entertainment
- Elections Business Session

Guest Program Registration ONLY \$200.00 In addition to Civitan Program includes:

- Sunday tour
- Monday tour

SEPARATELY TICKETED EVENTS

Following Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, a themed Welcome Party. Tickets for the Welcome Party are limited. Once the Civitan Business has concluded Tuesday morning, we will wrap up the convention with the Closing Installation Banquet. Both of these events are separately ticketed and are not included in any other base program registration, but are included in packages as noted below.

Saturday's Welcome Party (Civitans, Guests and Youth)
\$25.00 (limited number of tickets available)

Tuesday's Closing Installation Celebration Banquet **\$70.00** for Civitans or Guests

EVENT PACKAGES

Civitan Event Package = \$245.00

Includes complete Civitan Program in addition to the Welcome Party and Closing Installation Banquet

Guest Event Package = \$290.00

Includes complete Guest Program in addition to the Welcome Party and Closing Installation Banquet

Mail or fax form with payment or payment information to:

Fax: (205) 592-6307
Civitan International Convention
P. O. Box 130744, Birmingham, AL 35213-0744 USA

2017 Cancellation Policy: Requests for registration refunds postmarked before May 1 will be assessed a \$15 processing fee. Requests for registration refunds postmarked before June 1 will be assessed a 25 percent processing fee. Requests postmarked after June 1 and before June 23 are eligible for a 50 percent refund. Request for refunds of ticketed events will not be accepted after June 20. Cancellations due to bona fide emergencies (death or illness) will be honored, less the \$15 processing fee, if received no later than August 15. No requests for refund will be honored after August 15. All requests must be received in writing.

Convention Policy: Registrant name badges will be required to attend ALL convention functions, including general sessions, elections and workshops. These will be included in your convention packet, and provided upon arrival. Thank you for your understanding.

Convention Spotlight

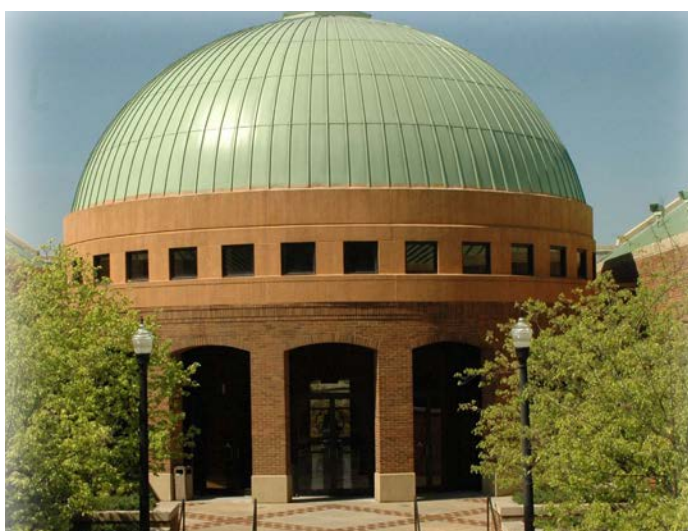


Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Photo Credit: John Morse

As one of his last acts in office, President Barack Obama designated the Birmingham Civil Rights District as a National Monument. The area, encompassing several city blocks in downtown, was a focal point in the civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

The designation places the area under the oversight of the National Park Service, which will staff it with park rangers and make it eligible for federal funding for maintenance and marketing. The district includes the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, 16th Street Baptist Church, Kelly Ingram Park, the 4th avenue business district and the Carver Theatre—home to the Alabama Jazz Hall of Fame.

The district will be one of the tours available to Civitans at the convention this summer. For several years, the Birmingham Club met in the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.



Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, courtesy BCRI



Carver Theater

2015 – 2016 Financial Statement for Civitan International

This financial statement is a portion of our annual report prepared by the audit firm of Pearce, Beville, Leesburg, Moore, P.C.
which conforms to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Civitan International • Audited Condensed Statement of Activities for the Year Ended September 30, 2016

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$260,238
Investments	1,462,460
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$20,000 for 2015 & 2014	23,627
Inventories	96,677
Grant receivable	225,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets.....	45,599
Property and equipment, net	327,256
Property held-for-sale.....	91,700
Investment in cash surrender value of life insurance.....	39,612
	<u>\$2,572,169</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$151,263
Scholarships and grants payable.....	377,027
Accrued and withheld taxes	3,223
Other accrued expenses	174,926
Line of credit	250,000
	<u>\$956,439</u>

Net Assets

Unrestricted:	
Board designated	\$1,640,705
Undesignated	(1,183,844)
	<u>\$456,861</u>
Temporarily restricted.....	648,424
Permanently restricted.....	510,445
	<u>\$1,615,730</u>
	<u>\$2,572,169</u>

Revenue and Other Support

Membership Dues.....	\$ 921,530
Liability and insurance premiums	41,227
Supply sales	139,936
Recording and initiation fees	125,890
Enrollment and charter fees - Junior Civitan clubs	119,728
Royalties	130,888
Investment income.....	41,200
Realized and unrealized gains on investments.....	81,750
Candy box receipts	237,314
Convention registration.....	155,020
Contributions.....	1,207,946
Capital Campaign Contributions.....	326,247
Other income	4,150

\$3,532,826

Functional Expenses

Program services

Member services.....	\$457,535
Convention	121,328
Grants	425,000
Scholarships	16,000

\$ 1,019,863

Supporting services

Management and general.....	1,167,409
Fundraising.....	599,403
Membership and general.....	511,279
Cost of supply sales	98,405

2,376,496

\$ 3,396,359

Civitan Contributions to the UAB Civitan International Research Center, 1989 to 2016

\$18,275,000*

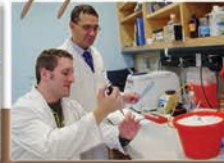
**Goal:
\$20,000,000**

*Includes grants of \$4,700,000 from the Foundation for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Chesapeake District, Civitan International, Inc.



Making Miracles Happen Everyday

Research Report



Civitan Researchers Publish Peer Article on Memory

Civitan researchers publish peer reviewed article, "Adult-born neurons modify excitatory synaptic transmission to existing neurons."

Linda Overstreet-Wadiche, Ph.D., and Jacques Wadiche, Ph.D., both research scientists at the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Civitan International Research Center, have published their latest contribution which is focused on a part of the brain that helps form memories — the dentate gyrus of the hippocampus. "There is mounting evidence that the cellular machinery that controls cell death also controls the strength and number of synaptic connections," Overstreet-Wadiche said. The research outlined in the

paper sought to determine how the dentate gyrus creates new neurons throughout life that contribute to encoding distinct memories. By understanding how developing neurons establish appropriate synaptic connections, researchers hope to one day prevent or reverse memory loss in patients.

Funding for this research came from Civitan International Emerging Scholars awards, and National Institutes of Health. Established in 1989 by a grant from Civitan International, The Civitan International Research Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham studies brain-related developmental disabilities such as Autism, Down Syndrome and Rett Syndrome, among others.

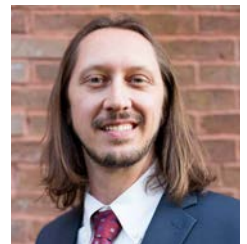
YPs are Making an Impact!

YP Civitan Club of Greensboro gathered to clean up West Market Street in Greensboro, North Carolina. Board members delivered gifts to the Christine Joyner Greene Education Center for three children with special needs during the holidays.

Triangle YP Civitan members volunteered at the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina. Members donated items from the club's "Holiday Sweater Party" which provided food to make over 60 meals! The club also packaged crackers from bulk delivery to family-sized bags for distribution around Eastern North Carolina.

YP Civitan Club of Winston-Salem helped build a home through Habitat for Humanity.

Nathan Higdon, YP Civitan Club of Knoxville member and governor-elect of the Appalachian district, sprang into action when the recent fire that ripped through the Great Smoky Mountains into Gatlinburg. He helped make 2,000 biscuits and collected supplies including water, energy bars, socks, baby wipes and more to take to those in need.



NATHAN HIGDON



YP OF GREENSBORO



WINSTON-SALEM YP



TRIANGLE YP



FLAT ROCK CINEMA Big Game FUND RAISER

Flat Rock Cinema held a successful fundraiser for the Hendersonville Civitan Club and Victory Junction during the recent NFL championship game. The Civitan Club helps special needs children thru local activities and medical research at their International Research Center at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Victory Junction, in Randleman NC, enriches the lives of children with medical conditions or serious illnesses by providing life-changing camp experiences at no cost to the child or the family.

Over \$2600 in raffle prizes were donated for the event by Monster Energy, Budweiser, Ace Hardware, Whit's Custard, Miller's Cleaners, and many other local businesses. Several Civitan members and their spouses coordinated the event including Howard Molton, Wayne Wesson, and Joe DeStefano. (Pictured). A special thank you to those in the community who attended and helped make this event successful.



Alabama North District Collects Blankets for the Needy

Alabama North District held a district wide project at their Winter meeting. Clubs brought new and gently used blankets to be distributed to the needy throughout our district. There were 152 blankets collected and they were given to over 12 organizations.

Cherokee County Civitan Club Provide Funds for Handicapped Swings in City Park

Written by John Hyatt, President

The Cherokee County Civitan Club, working in conjunction with the Cedar Bluff Town Council recently installed handicapped swings in Cedar Bluff's downtown park. Civitans provided the funding to acquire the swings, while the Cedar Bluff staff installed the equipment and the handicap access ways.

Because the swings in Cedar Bluff's park have been so actively utilized by our county's special needs children, Cherokee Civitans have committed to also provide funds for the same type swings to be installed in Centre's City Park. The Centre City Council will support the installation of that equipment, which will be done in 2017.

Civitan International is an organization of volunteer service clubs around the world, dedicated to helping people in their own communities. Civitans have been helping people since the organization's founded in 1917, by a group of business people committed to making improvements to their community's quality of life. In the 1950's, Civitans adopted a special emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. Civitans were major supporters of Special Olympics International, and thousands of Civitans still support similar local events.

The Cherokee County Civitan Club has several annual fund raising activities to general the funds which are almost exclusively dedicated to Cherokee County. Those activities include a Chili Supper, sale of Vidalia Onions, installation of U.S. flags on all major holidays and Christmas fruitcake sales. We encourage your participation in our fund raising activities and invite you to attend one of our monthly meetings and consider becoming a member of our Civitan Club. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at Pat's Perfections in Centre. You will enjoy the dinner, the interesting speakers and the camaraderie of Civitans.





Civitan Centennial Day

Members of the Civitan Club of Birmingham and representatives from the Civitan headquarters traveled to Montgomery, Alabama on February 22, 2017 to receive a proclamation from Governor Robert Bentley. The governor declared March 17, 2017 as Civitan Centennial day in the state.

Shown in the photo around Governor Bentley, from left: Wendell Harless, Alan Hand, Terry Schrimsher, Laura Sappington, Senator Jabo Waggoner, Dee Hutsler, Duane Capps and John Rynearson.

Governors Elect in Birmingham

The Civitan Governors-Elect visited Birmingham in January for a time of intensive training, team-building and fellowship called the Governors-Elect Academy. The group studied a variety of topics related to Civitan including recruitment, social media, club building and leadership.

Here, the Governors-Elect and International President-Elect Kendyl Massey are shown at the closing reception at The Club in Birmingham.



Award of a Lifetime



Don and Christine Bergen, of London Bridge Civitan, were awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteerism by President Barack Obama. The award is part of the President's Volunteer Service Award and recognizes individuals who have completed 4,000 or more hours of service in their lifetime.

The couple are from the Lake Havasu City area in Arizona and have dedicated much of their time to Civitan and Special Olympics causes over the last 26 years.

Civitan Shropshire Scholarship Recipient Builds a Career out of Helping Others



Dr. Jane N. Geiger founded Grace Ministries Inc. 21 years ago. While studying for her Master of Arts in Agency Counseling, she was the recipient of a Civitan Shropshire scholarship.

"I was hoping to get all the help I could to go to graduate school," says Geiger. "When they awarded it to me, I was so grateful I sobbed all over my jacket. It was a fortune to me."

Dr. Geiger is the author of three published books and pens a monthly column for BLUSH Magazine. Her counseling ministry has reached clients in Alabama, Tennessee, Arizona, Virginia and Florida. She is just one example of many lives impacted by the work of Civitan—and she is paying it forward.

Our Accomplishments for 2015 - 2016

By Debbie Juhlke, DST

I am honored to have served as your 96th President. My term has come to an end, and I'm reflecting on our many accomplishments for 2015 through 2016. We achieved so much because of your support, generosity, and commitment. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to serve you. Below is a list of many goals accomplished this year:

- Increased usage of social media
- New Social Media Award started/updated website
- Updated the policy on usage of social media and CI Trade Mark trademark
- Board started consent agenda
- Minutes available on line for both the membership and board
- Webinar training on line with Governors and workshops started
- Webinar training for Governor-Elects Academy
- Two bylaw changes approved:
 1. Dues increase; and
 2. Electronic magazine
- Increased attendance to 2016 Convention in Norfolk in several years
- First-time corporate sponsorship of golf benefit
- More Governors participation in both golf benefits and 'Putt & Chip'
- Now using UBS flash drives instead of printed materials
- Numerically grew the organizations
- New Web Leadership Academy approved
- Raised more money and level of participation in the Capital Campaign
- Approved the first Leadership Academy to grow to foster leaders
- Created a Succession Plan for the EVP
- Approved and hired a search firm
- New supplier for the supply house
- New updated phone system
- Visited 5 five countries
- Begin restoration of headquarters

As you can see, we have all been key players in paving the way for our centennial year. Again, it has been my pleasure to have served you during this year, and am proud of our accomplishments..



Civitan Magazine and You

Magazine Submissions

Civitan Magazine is published four times a year to club members around the world. So we need your news stories, events, and pictures! Is your club finishing an exciting project, organizing an event in your community, or approaching a special milestone? Just email magazine@civitan.org, call us, or mail your story to the address to the right, and your club could be

in the next issue of Civitan Magazine. Please include as much information as you can – funds raised, how the event impacts your community and/or club, and any other important details. Pictures are always welcome, too - please send in jpeg format, sized 200k or larger. We hope to hear from you soon!

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If you have moved recently or changed email addresses, you can update your information by contacting Beth Towns in the Membership-Leadership Department via email, telephone, or mail at the address to the right. Many Civitans have a spouse or partner who is also a member, but only wish to receive one issue of Civitan Magazine at a time. Beth Towns can also help you remove any unwanted duplicate deliveries.

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“We Believe in sharing our time, talent and treasure. We have never regretted giving any of those away for a good cause. As Mother Teresa said "Joy is the sign of generosity. Sharing our gifts brings us great Joy!"

- Dr. Timothy and Debbie Juhlke

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