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Perth Civitan Express

President's Message

As my great grandchildren would say, "only 30 sleeps until Santa comes". However, as every Perth Civitan member knows, there are less than 14 "sleeps" before our Christmas party on December 8. Let's make this a joyous occasion and have a great turnout for the party. I know Bobbi Jo and her merry band of elves have some very interesting plans for the evening. This is a pot luck dinner and in the past our "luck" has been delicious. I know there will be oodles of food, so don't be shy in bringing a friend or two. Just let Bob know when he asks for attendance.

Many, many, projects this time of year. Christmas craft show, Christmas tree at the Crystal Palace, hall decorating, Glass turkey draw, Claxton Cakes etc., along with numerous Christmas parties and dinners. As I write this, we are preparing to serve over 370 people this coming weekend, and in December, over 400 at the small business Christmas parties, that Civitan Gayle organizes.

Civitan Bill McNicol and his crew have done a fabulous job decorating our hall for the Christmas season. I think this is the most festive I have ever seen it, with the fireplace and trees. Even the seminar room is sporting a new look with lots of decorations.

Speaking of the seminar room, if you haven't been in there lately, please take the time to check it out. The new sound absorbing panels have been installed and what a difference they make. I am going to show some nepotism and brag about my daughter Donna, who has been a driving force in making it a superb meeting room, painting the panels and supervising the installation. It's all coming together.

Every organization who has rented the room cannot praise it enough.

As per usual, I am going to put out my plea for help from both senior and new members. We are a huge club, and consequently, we are always looking for assistance in several areas, such as Bar, Catering, Bingo, Decorating and several projects that are on an ongoing basis. Please talk to me if you need more info.

That's it for now. If there is not an opportunity for me to write again before Christmas, I wish every Civitan, present and past, a very, very, merry Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous 2016.

See you at the Club.

Club Christmas Party

Bobbie Jo is planning our Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 8th. The meal will be a pot luck with the club supplying the meat portion of

the meal. There will be a Christmas Decoration exchange and if you wish to participate bring a decoration of not more than \$5.00. Bill promises to keep business to a minimum.



Board of Directors

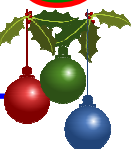
President Bill Kelleher, Past President Bob Farnel, President Elect Karen Lindop-Beckwith, Secretary Donna Ferguson, Treasurer Wendy Robinson. Directors: Bobbi-Jo Jarvis, Debbie Ryder, Bonnie Ennis, Bill McNicol, Ross Higginson and Chris Whittaker.

Christmas Craft Sale November 30th
Classic Cruisers Christmas Party December 4th
Senior's Christmas Dinner December 6th
Club Christmas Party December 8th
Small Business Christmas Party December 11th & 12th
New Years Party December 31st



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This month's birthday wishes go out to Gavin Currie, Bonnie Ennis, Ivan Jeacle, Bonnie King, Peter McTavish, Christine Piche, John



Newman and Debbie Ryder. Celebrating anniversaries this month are Brigitta and Hans Gretener and Jeanne and Dale Nugent.

Bingo Update

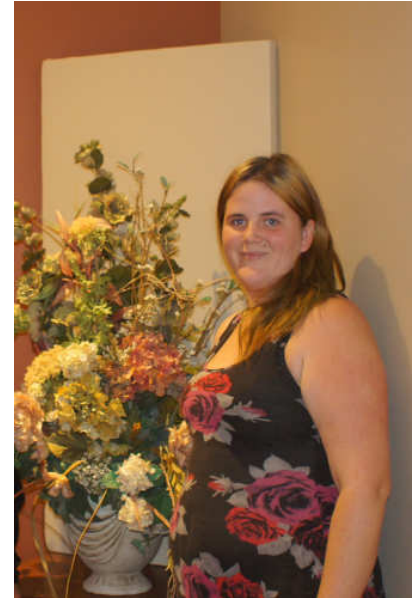
Bingo has been extraordinary in November. The Loonie Progressive prize was finally won on November 18th and Tammy Scott (pictured to the right), a regular bingo player, won over \$2,000.00. The average attendance for the 3 weeks is 168 and our income from bingo and the canteen has gone up accordingly.

We needed some extra help during this period and I would like to thank the members who stepped forward

and filled in those nights. Some members were there more than once and it made a busy bingo very enjoyable although there were some tired bodies at the end of the evenings.

Some volunteers are needed for a couple of the teams and I hope you will regard an invitation to join a team favourably.

Bob



25 Years Of Civitan

Congratulations to Grace Gamble on her 25th year of membership in the Perth club. International recognized this milestone with a plaque which was presented by President Bill Kelleher at our November 24th meeting.



ELECTRONS IN ACTION

Facebook is second nature to some and a complete mystery to others. If you have access to a computer, check our page out on Facebook. There are many posts there that will keep you up to date with our events and photos to keep you informed. Simply search for the Perth Civitan Club and you should find the Club's page easily.

If you have a photo, you can post it to your own page and I understand you can also post it to the Civitan page. Don't forget to 'share' it as well so it gets a wider audience. If nothing else, give the odd 'like' to the posts and let us know you are out there.

You will be able to keep up with the club activities much quicker through Facebook and the photos can be saved to your computer.

Don't forget the website at www.perthcivitan.org. Along with information for the public, there are photos and stories under 'Ongoing Events' and the current bulletin and calendar of events is there under 'Bulletin'. It has been updated with a new look. Check it out.

The calendar shows up to date listings of rentals, bingo and other events held at the hall. There is a current copy of our By Laws and Policies as well as a blank membership application and a project report. You can download these items so they can be submitted to the club.

December 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Bridge Club Thursdays at 6p</div> <div>Senior's Exercise Class Tuesday & Thursday 9.30a—11.00a</div>		1 Executive Meeting 7 pm	2 Artistocats Canteen Trish McConnell Suzanne Bourbonaise Quilters Lunch	3	4 Classic Cruisers Christmas Party Special Crew 6p-1a	5
6 Senior's Christmas Dinner Lunch and Super sittings	7 LCCJ Fund Raiser Special Crew	8 Club Christmas Party 	9 Senators Canteen Carol Smith Nelda Wark	10 Bridge Club Christmas Party 5.30p-8p	11 Business Christmas Party 6p-1a Crew #4	12 Business Christmas Party 6p-1a Crew #5
13	14	15	16 Mouseketeers Canteen Sherri Barr	17 Exercise Group Christmas Party 12p-2p	18 Kiwanis Christmas Party 5p-9p Special Crew	19
20	21	22	23 Super Daubers Canteen Pat Massey Cathie McCabe 	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26
27 	28	29	30 A Team Canteen Carol Kelleher Donna Ferguson	31 New Years Eddie & The Stingrays Special Crew		<div>Quilters 1st & 3rd Mondays</div>



Great War Memorial Hospital Foundation

We presented a cheque for \$6,000 to Margo Hallam, Director of the Great War Memorial Hospital Foundation, at our last meeting. Margo is pictured in the centre receiving the cheque from President Bill Kelleher and he is supported by many members of the club.

Margo spoke to the club thanking us for the donation and reported we have donated in excess of \$200,000 towards

the GWMHF over the years. I know we reached the \$100,000 level during the millennium year, so we have donated over \$100,000 in the last 15 years.

The GWMHF is planning its annual Black Tie Bingo to be held April 9th, 2016 with funds earmarked for an Auto Coagulation Analyzer for the Laboratory Department.

Christmas at Civitan

This is a truly busy time of the year. Not only is Christmas shopping high on your to do list, but I hope Civitan is right up there as well.

Events in December needing our attention are Senior's Christmas Dinner, Business Christmas Parties, dinners for other Christmas Parties, bingo events and bars. Oh yes, don't forget the Eddie & The Stingrays New Years Party. If you want tickets for this event, you better call now!

These events take some effort to organize and to help out with at the time of the event. However, you get to work with other members and have the satisfaction of knowing you are raising funds for **YOUR** community.

If you haven't seen the hall yet, you are in for a treat. Bill has been busy with the Christmas decorations and it is very festive.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.