# Perth Civitan Express

-Bob Burch, Engineer

President's Message

This past weekend was the Region 5 convention in Alliston, at the Notawasaga Inn, sponsored by two Canada District West Clubs, namely London-Middlesex and Brampton. Friday night was designated as a 50's Sock Hop, and as a result, Civitans Karen Lindop-Beckwith, Bonnie Ennis and Donna Ferguson were dressed up as teen-agers?? All three were wearing flared skirts, complete with crinolines and white blouses, with white bobby sox, and shiny beads on their blouses with the first initial of their name. On the back of Donna's blouse was the word "THE", and on the back of Karen's was the word "TWISTED", and on the back of Bonnie's was the word "SISTERS". Their chaperone, Civitan Carol Kelleher also wore the same get up and also failed to look like a teen-ager.

The male chaperone, (me) was dressed in a brown wig and did a wonderful impression of Elvis Presley, but strangely, they asked me to stop trying to sing. There was a mini-golf tournament for everyone that evening and we were joined by Maxine Leggett on our team. Naturally, the Perth Club WON!!! And received a beautiful tin cup, complete with a \$10.00 Tim Horton's Gift Card. There were

many events that evening, including a wonderful barbeque, but I won't bore you with everything.

We did meet our new International President Debbie-Bruce Juhlke, a lovely lady from Texas. She introduced the theme for 2015-2016 which is "We are the Key". Lots of photos were taken and hopefully we can post some of them at the club and in the bulletin. Awards and honours were given out to deserving Civitans. I know there will be a report from some of our attendee's in more detail.

Well, the summer is over, (almost). We had our installation of officers and two new members last week, and I know the new executive are anxious to get to work. Please support them. I need more volunteers for the catering projects. We have numerous coming up this fall and need help. Please speak to me anytime and I will give you the details. I will be calling a catering meeting in the near future at the hall.

I know this is short, but for some strange reason, after a five hour drive, I am weary. Please attend the next business meeting, where the budget will be discussed.

### Civitan Used Medical Equipment Lending Bank

Jim Phillips looks after the Perth Civitan Used Medical Equipment Lending Bank and is helped by Scott Chamberlain, Ted Glugosh and Barry King. They have served about 800 customers this year and have approximately 1600 items out on loan.

Some of the items in stock are hospital beds, wheel chairs, crutches, bath benches, bath stools, bath seats, raised toilet seats, commodes, bed rails, walking casts, two and four wheel walkers, back braces, scoot-

ers, bed pans, urinals, jiffy poles, leg lifts, body lifts, canes and extension grabbers.

The bank is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 12.30 to 1.30 pm and as well there is a delivery service at low cost usually done by Mark Stiller. Items are picked up locally from nursing homes and individuals as required and a daily call in service for help and information is maintained.

Board of Directors
President Bill Kelleher, Past
President Bob Farnel, President
Elect Karen Lindop-Beckwith,
Secretary Donna Ferguson. Directors: Debbie Ryder, Bonnie
Ennis, Bill McNicol, Ross Higginson and Chris Whittaker.

Budget Meeting October 13th Advanced Election Polls October 9th to 12th Classic Cruisers Pot Luck October 18th Canadian Election Day October 19th Halloween October 31st





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This month's birthday wishes go out to Barb Currie, Carol Kelleher, Carol Eardley, Jean Nugent, Heather McParland, Joan Dillon, Sandy Clifford, Suzanne Bourbonnais, Arnold



Horne, Jim Phillips, Tyler Serwa and Wayne McNamee. Celebrating anniversaries this month are Judi & Emil Roy, Karen & John Lindop-Beckwith and Heidi & Richard Peskett.



### STAY TUNED FOR OUR FALL SEASON...

The next three months are a busy time for Civitan members with many events being planned and the hall busy most days. Here is a schedule of upcoming events and projects:

Bingo every Wednesday evening. Claxton Christmas Cake sales. Glass Turkey Ticket sales.

Civitan Used Medical Equipment Lending Bank every Tuesday and Thursday 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Bars during rentals for Weddings, Stag & Does and fund raising events.

Catering for various events including Weddings, seminars and other events.

Civitan Country Jam September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 25<sup>th</sup>, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinic November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Civitan Community Halloween Party at the Glass Palace October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Civitan Christmas Craft & Gift Sale with Christmas Tea Room available November 29th.

Senior's Christmas Party Sunday, December 6th.

Business Christmas Party December 11th and12th.

New Years Eve Party with Eddie & The Stingrays December 31st.

There are also other weekly events at the hall such as the Seniors Exercise Class every Tuesday and Thursday 9.30 to 11.00 am and the Fall Prevention Class that follows it, Quilters Club and Duplicate Bridge Club. Don't forget meeting room rentals for meetings, trainings and small parties and Elections Canada is having the local advanced polls at the hall.

Do not be overwhelmed by the sheer number of events, but be aware we need your help, so please get involved and help make each of these events a success.

### Adopt a Highway

The fall Adopt a Highway activities have been cancelled by the County of Lanark due to the wild parsnip invasion we are experiencing in many areas. We will be informed about the future of the program next spring.

Hans Gretener



### Congratulations

Donna Ferguson was this year's Civitan of the Year and received the award at our Installation Meeting.

She is pictured here with District Governor Bill Lawrence.

Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

# October 2015



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Senior's Ex Tuesday &	e Club lys at 6p tercise Class & Thursday -11.00a	Quilters 1st & 3rd Mondays		1	Decorating for Wedding	3 Wedding 4.30 p-1.00 a Crew # 5
4	5	6 Executive Meeting 7 pm	7 Mouseketeers Canteen Sheri Barr Ross Higginson	8	9 Election Canada	Election Canada
Election Canada	Election Canada	Budget Meeting 7 pm Meal Team 1	Super Dauber Canteen Cathie McCabe Pat Massey	15	16 Stag & Doe 8p-1a Crew # 6	17 Wedding 5.00 p-1.00 a Crew # 7
Civitan Classic Cruisers Fall Potluck 4p-8p	19	20	A Team Canteen Carol Kelleher Donna Ferguson LGBT Meeting	22	23 St Pauls Anniversary Dinner Crew # 10 6p-1a	24 Catering Event 7a-5p No Bar Birthday Party 8p-1a Crew # 8
Perth Sountry Jam	26	27 Entertainment Meeting 7 pm Meal Team 5	Artistocats Canteen Trish McConnell Suzanne Bourbonaise	29	30 BBDE 8p-1a Crew # 12	Wedding 5p-1a Crew # 4



# Bingo News

Bingo has been busy lately with an average of 135 players per event since April. These numbers should give us a great year as the average attendance in the first half of our year was only 109.

There has been some turnover in bingo workers recently but we have new volunteers to maintain our teams. It is a good night to work and all help is greatly appreciated.

The computer assisted check in is working well and making our nightly balances more accurate. The data is now kept on a memory stick and the computer stays at the hall to be available for meetings.

Bingo has recently gone naked! No, that's not a dress code—it just means each of the garbage containers at the end of the aisles have no garbage bag inserts. The refuse

is just paper, so we are emptying these containers into the larger containers at the end of the night. The caller has been asking customers not to put liquid in them. It has been working well so far and saves us cash as garbage bags are getting expensive.

The canteen sales are up with the increased attendance. Prices are very reasonable for items purchased in the canteen but we are still making a reasonable profit. We are working to streamline the products we sell so we do not have too many hot dogs and hamburgers and only carry the chips and daubers that are popular. The lower prices also keep the bingo players happy and being repeat customers.

#### **Visitation Committee**

We have a group in the club who visit those who are not feeling well and send cards and memorial donations. However to function properly they need to be told when there is an illness or death in the family. Please contact

Nancy Smith or Donna Ferguson. Or, just reply to your bulletin mail out and I will see the message is passed on.

## Perth Civitan Club Honours



The Installation Meeting was September 22nd and as well as installing our new executive there were some awards given out. Donna Kelleher was Civitan of the Year and that story is on Page 2.

Rookie of the Year honours went out to Suzanne Borbonaise for her dedication to Civitan during her first year as a member.

Trish McConnell was awarded a Club Honour Key for her dedicated service to the club. She is pictured here with Honour Key Committee Chair Wilf Raeder and Club President Bill Kelleher.

Bob Robinson was honoured with a Life Membership to the club. The honour is in recognition of his dedication and service to our club and his recent service as International President.

We are still the largest club in the world and still attracting new members. Bryan and Julie Wiltsie, Maxine Leggett, John Baarda and Sandra Fyfe were installed at this meeting.

Canadian East District 2014-2015 Governor Bill Lawrence and 2015-2016 Governor Mark Wright were at the event to help with the installation of our new executive.