



Bob Burch, Engineer

Perth Civitan Express

Happy Valentines

President's Message



This past month has been relatively quiet with only a few bookings. It has been nice to have this little break for a rest after the past few very busy months.

A few reminders for members that if you are not on a bingo, bar or catering crew please consider helping out in these areas, we are in need of help in all areas. Also Project reports need to be handed in, there is a new file box marked project reports by the bulletin board. If anyone is having trouble filling one out, please ask for help. By getting the reports in on a timely fashion helps the ones that do the recording of volunteers and the treasurer do their job. There are blank report forms in the filing cabinet and clearly marked.

Our Civitan Games night was a great success. Some playing Euchre and some playing dominos, there was a few who tried to cheat at dominos. A great variety of munchies, excellent fellowship and fun was had

by all. I think we need to do this more than once a year.

Upcoming events: Winter Family Fun Day on Bennett Lake at Ennis Cottages on Sunday, February 19th, 9 to 3. Come out for some Canadian winter fun of ice fishing (no license required as it is free family fish weekend) even if you have never ice fished and would like to try your hand in at. Maybe you would like to come out and ice skate. There will be a cañteen and a shelter. Also in February is the Big Brothers, Big Sisters Wii Bowling. This is also a lot of fun and a great organization so concern coming out and showing your support. Watch your inbox or check out our website for more information on this event.

Yours truly,

Karen Lindop-Beckwith
President of the Perth Civitan Club

Go Civitan!

I was at the Perth Curling Club Interservice Bonspiel on January 14th. During the presentations and dinner one of the more senior members of the curling club spoke about the history of the event. It started in 1981 and has been continuous since. Originally the event was male only until Perth Civitan

said they would not participate unless women were included. This elicited some cheers of 'Go Civitan' from the dinner guests and not all the voices were contralto. It is nice to be reminded of Civitan's positive influence on our community.

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Board of Directors

President Karen Lindop-Beckwith, Past President Bill Kelleher, President Elect Bryan Wiltsie, Secretary Donna Ferguson, Treasurer Wendy Robinson. Directors: Bonnie Ennis, Bill McNicol, Bill Kelford, Paul Anderson, Carol Smith and Cathie McCabe.

Valentine Day February 14th
Family Fun Day February 19th
BB/BS Bowling February 25th
Country Jam February 26th
Blood Donor Clinic March 13th
Civitan Awareness Month is April
Civitan True North District Convention
May 13th



This month's birthday wishes go out to Bryan Wiltsie, Carol Buchanan, Carol Rubino, Elaine Ennis, Jo-Anne James and Sharon Blair.



An anniversary will be celebrated by Carol & Brian Eardley, Donna & Joe Ferguson and Nancy & Larry Smith.

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Best Wishes to all.

Treasurer's



Now that our busy Christmas season is over, here are a few interesting facts - (1) Bar - HST income was \$19,492.36 for Q1 (Oct 1 - Dec 31) (2) Catering - HST income was \$16,103.00 for Q1 (Oct 1 - Dec 31) (3) Bingo - income was \$15,626.30 for Q1 (Oct 1 - Dec 31)

There were many other activities that took place between October 1st and December 31, 2016 that also contributed to our revenue accounts. Even though the above figures are before expenses being deducted, we still had a terrific 1st quarter! Thank you to all of our hard-working members of this fantastic club!

If you have a specific question about our financials, please do not hesitate to ask! If you are wondering about something, chances are there are others who are wondering the same thing!

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Seems we just have started this year and soon we have to think about the next one. Nominations for next year's executive will open in one month.

So, give some thought to serving on the executive next

year. It is generally a rewarding experience and you get to have firsthand input on club operations and donations. The news has many examples of what happens when people do not participate.

PERTH SENIOR OF THE YEAR 2017

After discovering that Perth did not have an award in place to specifically recognize the outstanding seniors we have in town, *Carolina Suites* have decided to launch the 1st ever annual PERTH SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD. This award is launched to recognize Perth's growing number of seniors and to showcase the people that do so much for the community and individuals living within it. This award is seen as a GOOD SAMARITAN award, someone who goes above and beyond to make a difference, whether in the community or in someone's life.

Please come forward and nominate someone you feel is a perfect candidate! We all know someone who deserves this honour. These people should be recognized.

TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE

You must fill out a Nomination Form. You can pick these up at Carolina Suites (12 Alma Street) or have one mailed to you. To do so or if you have any question PLEASE CONTACT

Call: [613-267-7000](tel:613-267-7000) (Ext 201) Email: mfyke@carolinasuites.ca

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something

February 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Senators Canteen Carol Smith Nancy McNicol Health Unit Rental	2	3	4 Wedding Early Bar 4p-8p Team # 4 8P-1A
5	6	7 Executive Meeting 7p	8 Mouseketeers Canteen Angie Stinson Jo-Anne Coutts	9	10	11 Tay Care Fund Raiser 8a-1p Team # 2
12 Wedding Early Bar 4p-8p 8p-1a Team # 3	13	14 General Meeting 7p 	15 Super Dauber Canteen Cathie McCabe Trish <u>McConnell</u> Seminar in MR	16	17	18 Lanark Stewardship Group 7p-11p Team # 5
19	20	21	22 A Team Canteen Carol Kelleher Donna Ferguson	23	24	25 BB/BS Bowling Fund Raiser
26 Bar: Richard Carter	27	28 Entertainment Meeting 7p	1 Artistocats Canteen Suzanne Bourbonaise Patty Kauffeldt	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Quilters 1st & 3rd Mondays</div>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Bridge Club Thursdays at 6p</div>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Senior's Exercise Class Tuesday & Thursday 9.30a—11.00a</div>

From the Past

The Executive (2003)

A stodgy name for a dynamic group. They have tremendous influence on the direction of the club and how it donates monies to the community. Kirsten Cote, with her back to the camera, is practising for her stint as President next year by chairing these meetings.

Elections are held in May, so plan now to participate in the executive in some capacity. Let someone know your interested so they can nominate you. Don't be put off because you haven't been in the club long enough'. New members bring new ideas. I know this theme is revisited every year, but we need members to stand for the executive.

Civitan Medical Bank (2003)

The Perth Civitan Medical Bank has been in existence for a couple of years now and is flourishing under the direction of Larry Smith. Although the aim is to have equipment available for individuals who need assistance, the bank recently donated \$10,000.00 in assistive devices equally to Lanark Lodge and Perth Community Care. These items were donated by a Civitan Club in Maryland. Larry is now spearheading an attempt to complete a joint US/Can transfer of medical equipment to Afghanistan.

Stan and the Can (2004)

Each Bingo we separate the soft drink cans from the rest of the garbage. Did you ever wonder why?

Stan Clark picks these cans up and crushes them. They are sold to a scrap metal dealer in Smiths Falls earning between \$100 and \$200 a year. The money is then donated to the International Research Centre. I have a barrel at our camp to collect the soft drink cans and it nets about two large garbage bags of cans a year for Stan. There is another anonymous member that drops off cans at the back of the hall. You can get involved in this by collecting and dropping your drink cans off at the back of the hall or in Stan's driveway. Please secure cans in a plastic bag.

The Fine Art of Fines (2003)

Fines seem to generate great misunderstanding among members. They are meant to provide an opportunity for interaction between members and/or guests in a creative and cheerful manner. The President or Chair opens fines after the invocation and toast and closes them before the meeting. All members and guests are able to levy fines and be fined.

The Chair appoints a Sgt at Arms and Judge Advocate prior to the meeting. The Sgt at Arms levies fines and collects fines levied by other members. The Judge Advocate hears the appeal of a fined member and rules whether it is in order or not. Anyone may be appointed Sgt at Arms but the Judge Advocate must be a Past President. He may not levy fines nor be fined while acting in that capacity.

A member may levy a fine by rising after fines have been opened, addressing the *SGT AT ARMS*, clearly identifying the member being fined and the reason for the fine. The Sgt at Arms will then attempt to collect the fine from the offending member who may either pay the fine or appeal to the Judge Advocate. The decision of the Judge Advocate is final, no matter how wrong it is, and the fine must be paid after the decision is pronounced. There is no procedure in our By Laws for an appeal of the Judge Advocate's decision. There are automatic fines such as failing to wear your dinner badge and pin, failing to give your guest a name badge, swearing, throwing a missile, not addressing the 'Green Hornet', being late, or purchasing alcohol after the meeting starts and before the break. Other fines mentioned in the By Laws are failing to address another member as Civitan when formally addressing them, vulgarity, a breach of etiquette or a social gaffe. Real or imagined slights, leaving the room without permission having two deserts and sitting with a spouse are 'offences' that have been the subject of a fine in the past.

The only limit to the fine is the 'offence' must have occurred at the meeting. Hard to believe, but in the past members have been fined for being seen wearing shorts downtown and displaying less than attractive legs. Fines are set at the princely sum of 25 cents except for throwing something and purchasing alcohol after the meeting starts. Throwing a missile is 1 dollar and purchasing alcohol is a fine equal to the price of the alcohol. There was, in that distant past, a tendency to throw dinner rolls at one another.

A member may not fine another more than 3 times during a particular meeting. This was implemented to discourage members picking on one another and, after all, the purposes of fines are to bring us closer together and to develop the ability to address a group.



L to R: Wendy Robinson (Advisor), Jennie Duchane, Paul Anderson, Ashley Robinson (front), Stephanie Killeen, RJ Robinson, Vanessa McLeod, Matt Vielinski and Dustin Bowes.

Perth Civitan Winter Family Fun Day Ice Fishing & Skating



- **Sunday, February 19, 2017**
- **Time: 9 am – 3 pm**
- **Place: Bennett Lake - Ennis Cottages**
- **Everyone Welcome**
- **To come out and enjoy some Winter Fun.**

Door Prize Draws.

There will be Canteen available and warming tent.



*******Note: This is free fish weekend, no license is needed.*******

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