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Perth Civitan Express

President's Message

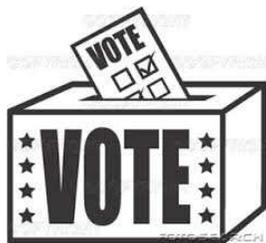
I like to see the end of January arrive. That means only about six more weeks before spring! This has been an easy winter (so far), but I am not one for snow or cold weather, so bring on the sun.

Actually, now that the busy season is over and the catering jobs have eased off, we can relax a bit before we turn our attention to other necessary jobs at the club. Treasurer Wendy is in the process of sending out "reminder" letters to some members about their membership dues. This is not something we like to do, but, it is necessary. As of the middle of January, there are approximately 40 members who have not paid their current dues and a few who have delinquent dues from last year. This is not fair to all the good members who pay their dues diligently each year on time. I know that it may have slipped your mind if you have not paid yet, but they are overdue. If there is difficulty in paying, we do offer payment plans that are

more than reasonable. Keep in mind that we have to pay dues to International for every member registered and if the club dues are not paid, it puts a burden on the club. We want to keep all our members, but, sometimes tough decisions have to be made, and we need to have the dues brought up to date.

We are having a BIG clean up at the club on the weekend of Feb 5th, 6th, and 7th. This includes painting the kitchen areas, fixing tables and chairs, and cleaning and hopefully painting the storage areas beside the stage, along with other cleaning jobs. Many hands will be required to achieve all that is required, and Civitan Joe would appreciate you contacting him as soon as possible so he can arrange the materials to do the job. This is your club, lets work together to spruce it up and keep it beautiful. See you there.

Bill



Midterm Election

February 9th is the election for the vacant Directors position. Civitans Trish McConnell and Bill Kelford have been nominated so far. You can still make a nomination by submitting it to the Executive before the end of the meeting on February 2nd.

You may appear at the meeting to make the nomination or submit it in writing. Either way the executive will need to know if the nominated member will accept the nomination.

The election to fill a vacancy is set out in the club By Laws which are available on our website.

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, Chris Whittaker and Trish McConnell.

Hall Clean Up February 5th, 6th & 7th
Valentine & Election Meeting February 9th
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl a Thon February 27th
CPR Course February 29th
Alzheimer Murder Mystery March 19th



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This month's birthday wishes go out to Carol Buchanan, Jo-Anne James, Elaine Ennis, Carol Rubino, Kirsten Cote, Bryan Wiltsie and Marty Erion.

FEBRUARY



Celebrating anniversaries this month are Carol & Brian Eardley, Donna & Joe Ferguson and Nancy & Larry Smith.

Treasurer's



Did you know...that we claim all HST paid out for expenses related to our hall? As shown on the annual budget, we claim all HST that is paid out for the following expenses - Accounting Fees, Advertising, Bar Supplies, Bingo Equipment & Repairs, Caretaking, Catering, Memorial Garden, Gas, Grass Cutting, Hall Cleaning Supplies, Hall Décor, Hydro, Insurance, Kitchen Supplies, Major Repairs (our new door and our new roof in the Spring, etc.), Office Supplies, Property Taxes, Repairs & Maintenance (Kitchen clean up & walk-in Cooler repairs scheduled for February 5, 6 & 7th), Snow Removal, purchase of Tables, Chairs, Equipment and Telephone expenses. We also have to report all HST that is collected for bar income, catering, hall & equipment

rentals. Reporting is completed every 3 months.

Did you know...from October 1 to December 18, 2015, we had 64 hall rentals, most of which required catering! That's a lot of meat & potatoes! This number does not include our regular Wednesday night bingos, the Bridge Club (every Thursday night), the Exercise Group (Tuesday & Thursday mornings) or the Quilters (1st & 3rd Mondays). Kudos to our catering teams who worked tirelessly to serve many delicious meals for these events!

If anyone has 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 about the same thing!

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Membership and Other Things

A reminder that yearly membership dues are now due. Our Treasurer has reminded us that our dues to Civitan International are \$100 per member. The Perth club only charges it's members \$35 and subsidizes the remaining \$65, so that membership is affordable for everyone.

Currently there are upwards to 40 membership dues outstanding, which translates to a cost to the club of nearly \$4,000!!! This money could be going back into the community as is the mandate of Civitan. So please consider getting those dues paid or making arrangements with Civitans Wendy or Donna. There are several options in place for paying so feel free to discuss them with us.

There will be a Committee struck for 2017 International Convention in Alabama in the next couple of weeks. We need to put some of our fundraising ideas into place and make some solid plans.

So if you are thinking that you might be interested in attending the Convention you can let any of Civitans Karen, Wendy, Patricia K, or Donna know and we will get you on the committee. Details will be sent out regarding a meeting held soon.

This is not something written in stone and if later on you realize you are not able to go to Convention, that is not a problem at all. That said, if you help out with the fundraising from the beginning, you will certainly benefit from the full split of the pot.

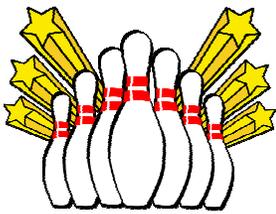
One event that has already been determined is the yard sale in May. The date has been tentatively set for May 14th. and more details will follow on this. Donations will be gratefully accepted for a communal table or two, and as well, you will be able to book your own space. So start spring cleaning!!!

Donna

February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Exec Meeting 7 pm Meeting Room Finance Committee	3 A Team Canteen Carol Kelleher Donna Ferguson	4 Ministry of Agriculture Meeting 12—4.30 pm	5	6
7	8	9 Business Meeting 7 pm Meeting Room 9.30—11.00 am	10 Artisticats Canteen Trish McConnell Suzanne Bourbonaise	11	12	13 Fund Raiser Event Bar Crew #6
14	15	16 Meeting Room 9.30—11.00 am	17 Senators Canteen Carol Smith Nelda Wark	18	19	20
21	22	23 Entertainment Meeting 7 pm Meeting Room 9.30—11.00 am	24 Mouseketeers Canteen Angie Stinson Jo-Anne Coutts	25	26 University of Guelph Rental	27 Fund Raiser No Bar Canteen 11a-7p
28 	29			<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Bridge Club Thursdays at 6p </div> <div style="border: 3px double blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Senior's Exercise Class Tuesday & Thursday 9.30a—11.00a </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Quilters 1st & 3rd Mondays </div>



Bowling for Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Saturday, February 27th, 2016
Perth Civitan Hall

Check your calendars and see if you can bowl for Civitan at the above bowling event. We would like to have two teams participate in this event. It is Wii Bowling and all ages are welcome.

Times are to be announced
 Contact Civitan Carol Rubino to let her know you will be there.



Bar Crews

Nancy McNicol is now organizing the bar crews. If you have a scheduling conflict and are unable to trade events with another member, please contact Nancy as soon as possible.

It is each members responsibility when you can't be at an event for which you are scheduled to get another member to fill in for you if at all possible.

Debbie

*Valentines Fun
 at Next Meeting*



Valentines Day is on the horizon and our members want to celebrate it at our meeting on December 9th. If you wish to participate, bring an inexpensive wrapped item with the theme of what Valentine's means to me.

The ones who bring an item will be given a ticket to participate in the draw for the gifts.

The items could vary from a candy to a condom—have some fun with the draw.

CPR Training

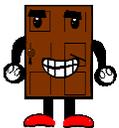
A CPR course is being organized for members who want to take this course. It is for those that have never taken a CPR/Defibrillator Course. The instructor Travis Mellema is A Lanark County Paramedic who works out of Perth and the Lanark base. Travis has been teaching CPR a number of years now including being an instructor for the Paramedic service and is well respected for his knowledge and ability.

The course is planned to take place at the Hall on February 29th at 6.30 pm and be approximately 3hrs. The cost per person is \$40.00 payable in advance. Please pay Debbie Ryder or Tony Wilcox to secure your spot,

first 12 to sign up on the first course. We will arrange a second course if there is a demand.

This is an important skill to learn, worthwhile even if you took a course a few years ago. The recommendations continue to change as medical knowledge evolves, I believe there are changes even from last year.

All CPR courses are taught to the same standard from American Heart Institute regardless of who conducts the course, Heart and Stroke instructors teach the same as Red Cross etc.



New Door Installed

Burchill Glass installed our new side door at the hall on January 29th. The installers were very skilled and the new door is tight with no air leaks. The panic bar is the newer square type and if you don't prop the door open, it will close quite smartly behind you.

Please inspect it the next time you are at the hall.

**MURDER
 MYSTERY**



The Alzheimer Society is planning another Murder Mystery on March 19th at the hall. The poster with all the pertinent information is attached.

Get your group together now to have a fun night out and support a worthwhile organization.

Alzheimer Society
LANARK LEEDS GRENVILLE



Perth Civitan Club

PRESENTS

BIG TIME
MURDER
Entertainment To Die For



SAURDAY MARCH 19, 2016

**MURDER MYSTERY
DINNER/THEATRE**

Perth Civitan Club

Doors open at 5:00pm

Show begins at 5:30pm

Dinner 6:00pm

Event Sponsor



Tickets \$50.00 Per Person or buy a table of 10 for \$480.00

Call: 866-576-8556 ext 226