



# North Carolina District West Civitan 2018 - 2019 Area 2 Update



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Area Civitan Clubs

## **Great Time For All at the NCDW Fall Meeting**

On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the NC District West Civitan held its Fall District Meeting in Denton NC, hosted by the Silver Valley Civitan Club. We had a great turnout by both the Senior and Junior Civitan Clubs.



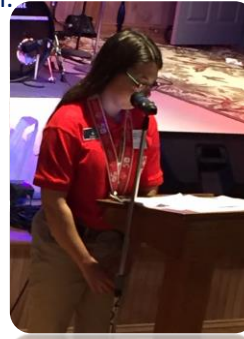
Governor Christy Hopkins, along with several others provided updates of happening by International, District along with the Boys and Girls Homes of NC, Victory Junction and Special Olympics.

Gary Faircloth. President of The Boys and Girls Homes thanked all the Civitans who have made donations of money and supplies to help recover from both Hurricanes Florence and Michael. The storms did serious damage and there is still need of our support to enable them to return to normal.

The Keynote speaker was **Stephanie Wilkerson**, a Special Olympic athlete and Global Messenger BUT she is also the **President of the Davidson County Civitan Club**. What an awesome speaker and inspiration to us all.



**The Silver Valley Club** also | provided some fun entertainment with a **"Minnie Pearl"** impersonator who provided laughs and music. A fun day for all!



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## **Governor Christy Hopkins Recovering From Surgery**

As many of you know, Governor Christy Hopkins has been challenged for quite a while with her hip that she never let hold her back from running around North Carolina the past several months to visit all of us Civitan's. Right after the Fall Meeting, she had corrective surgery and is well on her way to recovery. She send her regards, Happy Holidays and looks forward to being back on the road in January.



## **Norman Wilson Big Winner at the CiviSaurus Raffle!**

After many years of buying CiviSaurus Raffle tickets. Norman Wilson finally hit the big payoff - \$7,500. Norm was not the only big winner that evening. Our CiviSaurus "Making Healthy Choices" project netted over \$10,000. We also learned that new CiviSaurus APP is now completed and will be going live across the world in next week.

As you know, the CiviSaurus App is for kindergarten and first graders, and now we can start looking at expanding the program to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Thanks to all of the generous people who continue to support this project!

## Meet Helen Keller, President of the Statesville Evening Civitan Club

And Secretary of NC District West Civitan.

Helen joined Civitan in January 2005, and a couple of years later became Statesville Civitan Club Secretary, Candy Chair, then President-Elect, & President. During Paul Blackwell's term as Governor of NCDW, she was District Secretary. In 2017, began serving as President-Elect and now president again for 2018-2019, also will be serving as District Secretary for 2018-2019.

Helen a retired Registered Nurses where her career had her working in a variety of positions in Mooresville, Gastonia, Raleigh, & retired from Iredell Memorial Hospital in 2013.

She was married to David S. Keller until his death in 1999 and has one son, David V. Keller who is married to Amber Brewer. Helen has 3 beautiful granddaughters,

Addison is 5 years old, Amelia is 3 years old and Annabel is 5 months.

In addition to her grandchildren, she also has two 4-footed "children", Max and Wendy who are 7 year old Standard Poodles. They are Pet Therapy dogs and they go to the Iredell Memorial Hospital to visit Skilled Nursing on Friday's.

**WHY I AM A CIVITAN:** I joined Civitan when attending a Seek Meeting with friends, Gwen & Paul Blackwell and have never regretted doing so. The fellowship, meeting new people who also enjoy being in Civitan has gotten me out and motivated to help. As our creed says, "MY HOPE is for a better world through Civitan."

## Statesville Annual "Boston Butt" Event A Big Success!



Statesville Club President, Helen Keller reports that on November 21st they Roasted 96 **Boston Butts** weighing between 8 – 10 pounds and sold 94 for \$30 each.

The two remaining will be used to feed the Statesville Police Officers. Several customers indicated they saw the Boston Butt Event on **FACEBOOK**. *Guess it pays to promote your events!*

## Mooresville & Lake Norman Team Up Election Day for Port-A-Pit BBQ Chicken

At the Annual Port-A-Pit BBQ Chicken event, the combined Civitan Club's sold over 850 luncheon plates and raised lots of money for their local charities. They had plenty of support from the Mooresville High School EC students as they worked the production line filling the plates.



## Spring District Meeting Announcement

**Mark your calendar for March 30<sup>th</sup>** to attend the NCDW Civitan Spring Meeting to be held at **Victory Junction**. Governor Christy has lined up some very special speakers, plus get to tour this unbelievable Camp. If you have never visited Victory Junction, you don't want to miss this meeting. Look for more information coming soon.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

A **Calendar of Events** page has been established on the [District web site](#) to help promote and inform members and visitors of all activities. The database is updated regularly as Clubs submit information. In addition, all events will be posted on the **NCDW Facebook page** for additional visibility. We have also added a District meeting schedule.

Do you have a project or event you want to promote? Send your information along with photos and/or flyers to Leo Gordon at [gordonleo3@gmail.com](mailto:gordonleo3@gmail.com). [Click here to see the calendar](#).

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Special Olympics Winter Games – Boone/Blowing Rock

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> – Polar Plunge – Mooresville Yacht Club

Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – NCDW Spring Board Meeting – Asheboro NC

Mar 30<sup>th</sup> - NCDW Spring District Meeting – Victory Junction

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Area 2 Spring Meeting – Yadkinville NC

July 3 – 6 - Civitan International Convention – Greenville SC

Aug 16-17 - NCDW Convention



**Deadline for submission of articles and photos for the District Newsletter is Dec 10<sup>th</sup>!**

*Merry Christmas  
To All My  
Civitan Friends*



*Leo Gordon*