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Governor's Corner

Governor 2016-2017

We are in our last month of the Centennial year. WOW, h this year has flown by! I would like to thank everyone for making this year so great as we celebrated our 100th birthday.

For the ones that did not get to attend the convention, we had a great time. Our International President Elect, Kendyl Massey joined us in Decatur. She updated us on what is going on at the International level, led a workshop on "Making meetings fun", and installed the 2017-2018 board. Dr. Sarah O'Kelley, from the Civitan Sparks Center, was the featured speaker at lunch on Saturday. We sent her back to the Sparks Center with a car load of new stuffed animals for the clients.



I encourage every club that has had an increase in membership this year to apply for Honor Club. Also, if you have not done so please support the Civitans at the Helm program.

Again, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your dedication to Civitans and for all the great things that you do. Thank you for allowing me to be your Governor this year.

Donna Hill Grice, Alabama District North Governor 2016-2017

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Paul Emerson, Governor 2017-2018
Alabama District North Civitan



Hello Alabama District North Civitans

As the 2016/2017 Civitan year comes to an end and a new year has begun, let us think back on what we could do in the New Year to make our Civitan Clubs and our District better just a little better, stronger, a little bigger. It will take all of us working together to accomplish this. Let us put forth every effort to make Civitan the best service origination in America. What can each of us do? We can grow Civitan. I challenge each member of the Alabama District North to get at least 1 new member this upcoming 2017/2018 year. That doesn't sound like much of a challenge but if we could do this, the District would be doing GREAT!

We have had a good Civitan year 2016/2017. Ms. Donna did a great job but I do not believe we should be satisfied unless we can make it better than the year before. To do that we will have to put a little more effort, walk the extra mile but it would be worth every step to make Civitan Bigger and Better.

Building new Civitan Clubs is not an easy task to accomplish but we can do it. People before us built up the district to where it is today and we need to continue building the growth of Civitan, if we don't try we will never succeed, so let us all put forth extra effort because Civitan is worth every effort we put forth.

To interest people in becoming a Civitan member just tell them about all the great things we do

for our communities and helping the people that are less fortunate such as helping the Schools and the Children in the Schools, helping the senior citizens in our communities, our Fire Departments, our First responders of our Towns. Try to relate to the new prospective member what we do for our communities. If it were not for Civitan, think of all the peoples that would not be helped. Myself I could not imagine our Town, Our School and our Community without some support for those in need from an Organization such as our Civitan. Helping others is what Civitan does best. Alone we could not do much but working together as a Club, and as a District we can move Mountains so let us as a District turn up our sleeves and start building a Bigger and Greater Civitan.

If you know an area, small Community or small township that would prosper by having a Civitan Club in their area let me know and we will do everything in our power to put a new Club where it is wanted and needed.

Attention all Board Members and Chair personal, remember the Board meeting in Huntsville on Oct. 28, 2017 at the Civitan Building.

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HELLO from Barbara Burhans

Today I installed the new officers for the Gadsden Civitan Club and realized anew how very special our Civitan organization is, and how very special are the volunteer members of each Club. Today's members are indebted to yesterday's members for sustaining our Clubs and leaving us a legacy to be proud of with all the good things done in our communities to help others for the last 100 years! Today's members carry on this same tradition with their passion for helping others. I am so proud to be considered a Civitan member along with you and we are grateful for the knowledge, service, and fellowship benefits of each Club.

We are all excited about our new Civitan year ahead and look forward to all we can accomplish together! Please call on me if and when I can be of help to any and all of our special Civitan members!

Please add me to all your communications concerning your Club, and also information about your projects as I would like to help when I can.

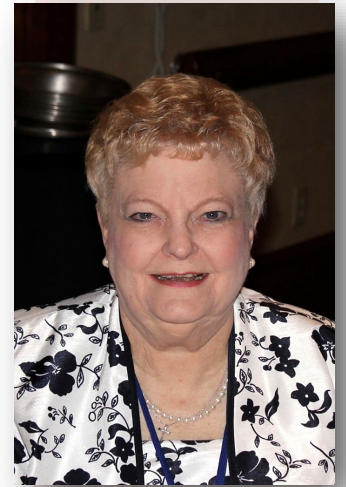
“Kindle Your Fire for Civitan”



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Barbara Burhans with Bob Walden at Gadsden Civitan Club.

*Welcome
Barbara
Burhans*



Barbara Burhans was installed as the new Governor-elect for Alabama District North at the Convention in Decatur on August 18-19.

ALABAMA DISTRICT NORTH CONVENTION
August 18-19, 2017



OUTSTANDING CLUB OF THE YEAR.
ARAB CIVITAN CLUB



Athens Ladies Civitan Club won the 'Big Onion' painting in recognition of selling 1,000 bags of Vidalia Onions—top sales in the district.

Gavel was passed from outgoing Governor, Donna Grice to incoming Governor, Paul Emerson.



Happy winner and not so happy second place—all in good fun!!



Bob Davis won the Corn Hole Contest and a gift card.

NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Newly Alabama District Officers and Committee Chairs were installed by Civitan International President, Kendyl Massey at the District Convention in August.



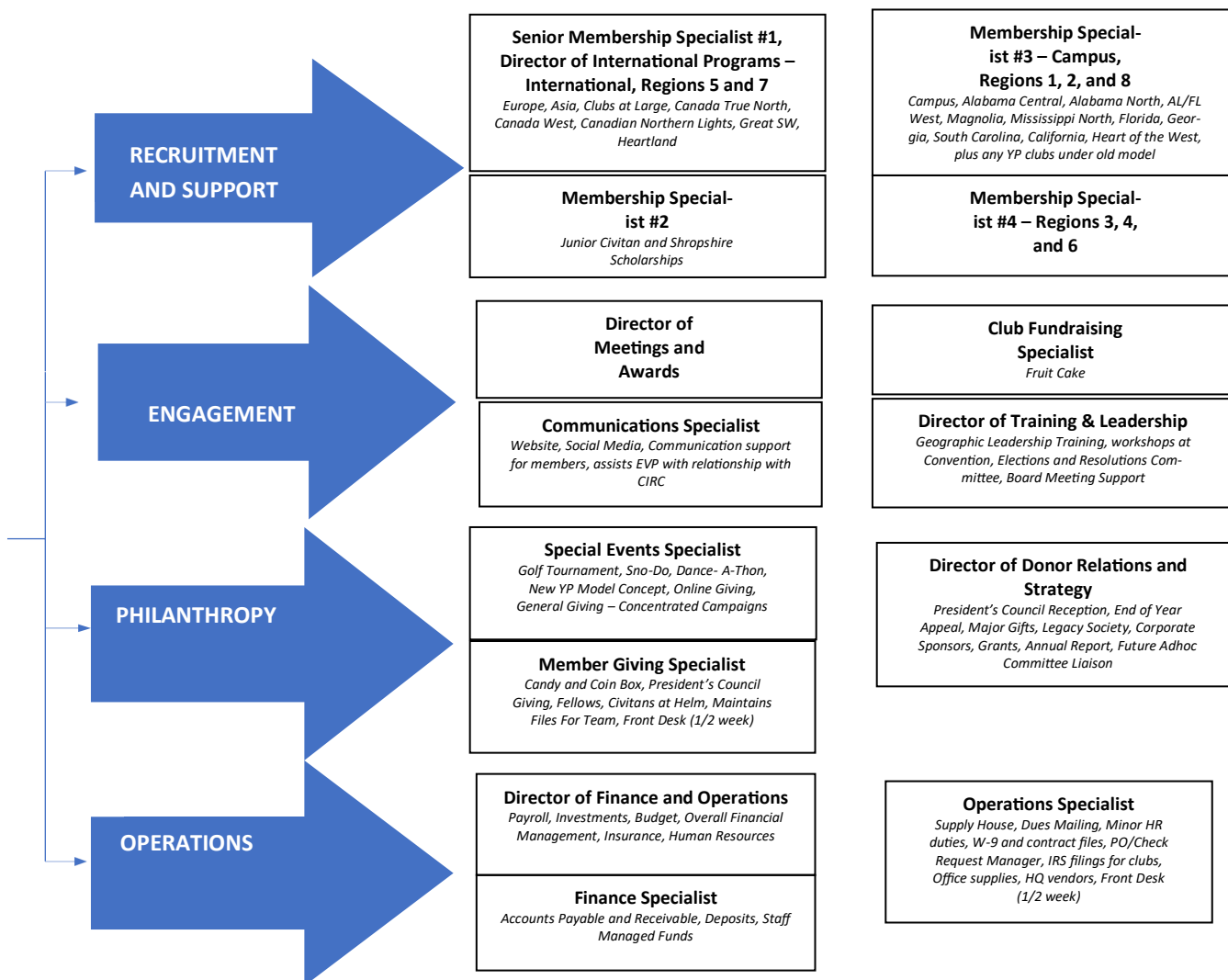
ELECTED OFFICERS:

Senior Director: Walt Floyd; Governor Elect: Barbara Burhans; Area Directors: Joel Hallman—Area 1; James Fields—Area 7; Catherine Muir—Area 3; Carol Malone—Area 11, Shirley Suddeth—Area 5; Randy Harvell—Area 9.



**YOUR ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS WITH
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, KENDYL MASSEY**

NEW ORGANIZATIONAL CHART CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL



All functions are under the direction of Civitans Worldwide, Civitan International Board of Directors and the Executive Vice President.



WHAT IS A MEMBERSHIP SPECIALIST in the new organizational structure?

This position will help in the recruitment and retention of members in their assigned areas, as well as support all members in those regions/districts. Sample tasks include but aren't limited to:

- *Based on goals set for the position, develops a strategic plan with member input to further Civitan in that area and executes it with member support. This strategic plan will feed into/coordinate with strategic plan for International.*
- *Communicates regularly with clubs and district leadership in assigned area, visiting when appropriate and beneficial.*
- *Attends regional/district meetings to deliver workshops and represent the international organization.*
- *Works with individual clubs, members, districts to "problemsolve."*
- *Shares ideas that have worked in other areas.*
- *Brings concerns and issues back to International so those can be known and supported in a better way.*
- *Develops tools and other items needed to further service and membership in communities*
- *Helps clubs and districts promote the impact they're making in their areas*
- *Supports member requests in area, including fulfilling recognition or supply requests, answering questions, facilitating conference calls/trainings that further the membership experience, etc.*
- *Keep membership info updated at International and distributes the collected data back out appropriately*

**Hands-on
approach**

**Assigned to
certain
districts/
areas**

**A better
presence
from
International**

**Best
practice
sharing**

**More
knowledge,
increased
fellowship,
empowering
service**

