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## 2008-09 Governor Michelle Speaks to District

Dear Readers,

Hello, My name is Michelle Shipley. I live in Oviedo Florida, and I attend Lake Howell High School and I will be a junior next year. I can't believe I have the amazing job of being the governor for the Florida District Junior Civitans. I was elected to this job by an unopposed vote, which was so cool! I had no idea I would leave our District convention being a Governor.

I think everyone should attend these conventions because it gives you great opportunities such as mine. Also, you really learn a lot about Civitan and meet wonderful people. For my next year as your governor I

have two goals I would like to achieve.

First, I would like to raise money for the Research Center. The research center does so much good for so many families and I think that the Florida District should support that. Secondly I would like to gain new mem-

bers. Over the past years membership has decreased. My advice to all members and everyone in Junior Civitan is get involved with your community and talk to people. By taking time out of your schedule to tell people about our amazing organization, Junior Civitan, you could make a difference and get more people involved. The more people we have, then more events can take place to help out the community.

I look forward to working with everyone and visiting different clubs this year. Who knows, my next visit might be to yours!

Sincerely,  
Michelle Shipley

## ANNOUNCING!

**Florida District Junior Civitan's BRAND NEW Web page! Find instant updates 24/7!**

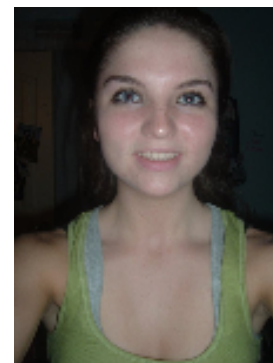
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## SNO-DO : Support your Governor

Governor Michelle Shipley asks for your support in her efforts to raise money for the Civitan International Research Center. To be eligible to attend the Sno-Do event in Barrie, Ontario, Canada Michelle must raise a minimum of \$2,000. A minimum donation of \$50 from your club will aid in you club's efforts to achieve Honor Club of Distinc-

tion! Your dollars and cents matter and will help not only Governor Michelle but the thousands of people the Civitan International Research Center helps each year!

*Thank You For Your Support!*





# Meet Your District Officers

Since you have already met your 2008-09 Governor Michelle, lets get to know the other district officers that will be serving you this year!

**What's your club doing?**  
 Let us know and you might make the next newsletter!  
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## District Chairperson Lynn Maurer

This is my second time at being Junior Civitan Chair. My first time was from 1998 – 2000. I have also been a Junior Civitan Faculty advisor since 1995 (I think) and was the adult Florida District Governor last year. I am a high school math teacher and have been at Lake Howell HS for 24 years. I truly believe in the Junior Civitan program and feel that helping teenagers find the joy of community service is an important part of my life. I look forward to this year, working with all of you to create a better world.

## Secretary Georgia Mergenthal

I'm Georgia Mergenthal, your Florida District Junior Civitan Secretary. I go to Chiles High School in Tallahassee where I am also secretary for our school's Civitan club and Student Government. I am very organized, driven and creative, and always willing to help out. In my spare time, I enjoy horseback riding, playing tennis, running, going to the beach and painting. I look forward to serving for our communities and bringing new ideas to our club this year!

## Lieutenant Governor Matthew Pendleton

Hey guys! My name is Matthew and I call Jacksonville, Florida home. When I was a little boy, I used to attend Civitan meetings with my grandmother and always said that when I got old enough I was going to charter my own Junior Civitan Club, so that's exactly what I did. On January 15, 2008 the Sandalwood High School Junior Civitan club was chartered with 32 members. I served as president of my club and thought that I would further my leadership by becoming a district officer and here I am, ready to help you in any way I can. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or there is anyway in which I can help you!

## Submissions were not received from:

- Emily Wailes, Deputy Governor
- Freddy Norori, Lieutenant Governor

## Lieutenant Governor Katherine Beck

My name is Katherine Beck and I am 16 years old originally from Atlanta, Georgia now living in Tallahassee, Florida. I am a sophomore at Lawton Chiles High School and enjoy being with my friends and participating in activities. I am a member of the tennis team there, and this is my second year being part of Junior Civitan. In my free time I enjoy just hanging out, relaxing, having fun and goofing off with my friends, or playing tennis. I'm very excited for this upcoming year being a district officer, and being so involved with planning the fun events in my club at school!

## Lieutenant Governor Jackie Daly

Hey I'm Jackie and I'm the new lieutenant governor for Orlando. I'll be glad to help with anything and I'm wanting this year to be a fun one. I'm an open person and pretty much open to everything. Basically, I'm 16 years old as of July 13th. I go to Lake Howell High School and am a Junior this year. I love to swim like most Florida people and love the beach too. Basically just let me know if you want to talk to me, email works well. Hope to see everybody soon. :)  
 ~ Jackie Daly

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*All officers contact info is listed on page 1.*

# International Convention

Hosted by the Appalachian district, the 2007-2008 Junior Civitan International Convention



began on Thursday, June 26, 2008 in the beautiful city of Louisville, Kentucky. Registration was held from noon to 4:30 p.m. in which all Junior Civitans and Senior Volunteers arrived and mingled together. At 5:00 p.m., a dinner buffet was held for everyone to enjoy a good meal after a long day of traveling. Baked potatoes, vegetable soup, salad and cobbler was on the menu. Yum!

Opening ceremonies were held at 7:15. Juniors were welcomed by Appalachian District Governor Cathy Yarnell, and also by Junior Civitan International President Tom Rogers.



Tom Rogers and Appalachian Governor Cathy Yarnell

It was announced that two contests were going to take place throughout the duration of the convention. One would be through the interna-

tional officers. It was asked that you donate your spare bills and change to benefit the CIRC. Each

international officer would have a bag and points will be given for the amount of money that they receive. Coins make the number go up and cash makes the number go down. Whoever came in last place when judged, had to take care of *Bucky* the wooden horse.



Tom Rogers with Bucky

The second contest was to be participated in by everyone. Upon arrival everyone, junior and senior, received a name badge which had a colored sticker. Each color was a team and each team had to show their spirit throughout the weekend. The team who had the most Junior Civitan spirit had the honor of keeping the spirit stick with them.



Mike Smith

Mike Smith from "Difference Makers" was the motivational speaker for the evening. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed him and gave him a standing ovation at the conclusion of his program.

The evening was concluded with the "Derby Dance." Juniors danced the night away from 10:00 until midnight. Several contests were held at the dance and prizes were given away to all of the winners. Curfew was 12:30 a.m. Friday morning began at the crack of

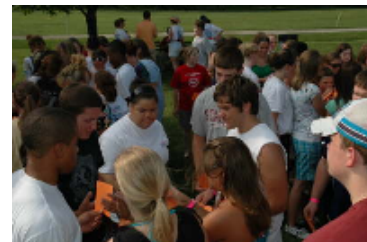
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dawn. 7:00 a.m. was breakfast and you were on your own. Most Civitans chose the hotel restaurant, "The Winners Circle" which had an *all you can eat* breakfast buffet.

8:30 began delegate workshops. Juniors were instructed to attend three workshops each 70 minutes in length. During each session juniors had three workshops to choose from including *Training for District Officers, Show Them Your Spirit: Ask Them To Join, Its Action That Counts, Build a Better Newsletter, Training for Presidents and Vice Presidents, and Training* for all club officers (excluding presidents and vice presidents).

After four hours of workshops and learning, it was time for lunch. Pizza and salad were served in the atrium of the hotel. Afterwards, everyone had about 45 minutes of free time before attending the *Meet the Candidates* forum. All candidates for the 2008-09 year introduced themselves and gave speeches as to why they should become international officers. Speeches were given by Elizabeth Santos running for President, Eric Smith running for Vice President, Ali Kuriyan running for director, Bobby Farley running for director, and Jarryd Boyd running for director.

Afterwards, everyone had one hour of free time before we loaded the buses and headed off to Tom



Participating in activities at Tom Sawyer Park

**More photos from the 2007-08 Junior Civitan International Convention can be viewed at [www.juniorcivitan.org](http://www.juniorcivitan.org) JUNIOR CIVITAN—"UNBRIDLED SPIRIT"**

## International Convention Continued

Sawyer Park. There, we enjoyed a wild scavenger hunt, a smokin' cook-out and a splish-splashin' pool party. At 11:00 everyone returned to the hotel and curfew was midnight. Saturday morning again brought everyone an early start.

Breakfast was at 7:00 and after was the seating of the voting delegates and the international business session. Many amendments were voted on and international business was settled. Immediately following the international business session was the Philanthropy Program where many awards and scholarships were handed out.

Also during this time, everyone was able to view a video slideshow from the 2007-08 Sno-Do and Dance-a-Thon. We were also updated on the progress of the international research center and all of the good it brings families.

Afternoon free time was next. You were on your own for lunch and then on to whatever you want to do. While some juniors chose to hang back at the hotel and nap or take a dip in the pool, others decided to go out on the town and take advantage of shopping and all the other activities that Louisville had to offer.

The closing banquet and ceremonies were held at 6:00 that evening. Beef, chicken, green beans, potatoes, and

and salad were served for dinner along with an array of cakes and cookies for dessert.

Farwell remarks were given by Tom Rogers and Civitan International President Mike Brown, and awards were presented to clubs and districts.

The farewell dance was held from 10:30 to 12:30, and everyone enjoyed each others company for the last time before turning in.



Dancing to the Cha-Cha-Slide at the Farewell Dance

Sunday morning brought tears to some as everyone departed and went their separate ways. Phone numbers, email, and myspace accounts were shared as everyone promised to keep in touch during the coming year.



Florida Convention Attendees



Senior Chaperones and Floridians Lynn Maurer and Jean Smith



Matthew Pendleton and his Derby Hat

More information about the 2008-09 International Board is available at [www.juniorecivitan.org](http://www.juniorecivitan.org)

## 2008-09 International Board



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President  
Arab, AL



Eric Smith,  
Vice President  
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Ali Kuriyan,  
Director  
Corrales, NM



Bobby Farley,  
Director  
Greensboro, NC



Jarryd Boyd,  
Director  
Pensacola, FL

## 2008-2009 Calendar

**September:** Civitan Appreciation Month

**September/October/November:** Membership Recruitment and Publicity Campaign

**September/October/November:** Social Causes Awareness Campaign

**October 25:** World Junior Civitan Day

**November 1:** Membership to be reported and dues to be submitted to World Headquarters

**November/December:** Collection-Selection Campaigns

**February 6-10:** Sno-Do (tentative)

**February:** Civitan Appreciation Month

**March 13-16:** Canadian Dance-a-Thon

**March/April/May:** Environmental Awareness Campaign

**Spring Months:** District Conventions

**April:** Advisor Appreciation Month

**May 1:** Hall of Fame Nominations Due

**June 1:** International Award Nominations Due (must be received at World Headquarters)

**June 1:** Honor Club Nominations Due (must be received at World Headquarters)

**June 25-28:** 29th Junior Civitan International Convention (Tentative)

### Florida District Calendar

**September:** Club Officer Trainings (see information below)

**January / February:** District Environmental Project

**April or May:** Florida District Junior Civitan Convention

Please keep an eye on the Florida District Junior Civitan Web page ([www.fldistrictjrcivitan.bravehost.com](http://www.fldistrictjrcivitan.bravehost.com)) for updates and more scheduled event to be added to the calendar.

For a more extensive international calendar please visit [www.juniorcivitan.org](http://www.juniorcivitan.org)

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### Club Officers Training

Club officer trainings have occurred around the Florida District during the last couple of months. This was a chance for all Junior Civitans living in the vicinity of other Civitans to get out there and introduce themselves and also to get trained and learn how to lead

their club to victory this year. All trainings were successful and now clubs who were trained are eligible for "Honor Club" status and are clubs which are in good standing with International. Congratulations to all Junior Civitans throughout the Florida District who participated in the training!



**Were on the web!**  
 Florida District -  
[www.fldistrictjrcivitan.bravehost.com](http://www.fldistrictjrcivitan.bravehost.com)  
 &  
 Junior Civitan International -  
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**Service  
 Redefined**

**Junior Civitan Creed**

I am a Junior Civitan:  
 An aware citizen of today,  
 The standing promise of tomorrow.

I seek to meet the needs of our world,  
 To be progressive in a world of change,  
 With compassion and understanding for  
 The values and traditions of the past.

I value the security of knowing  
 That wherever I am  
 I will always be within reach  
 Of a fellow Civitan

I dedicate myself  
 To society and to my fellow man  
 With a commitment  
 To make the world a better place

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**Michelle Shipley, Governor  
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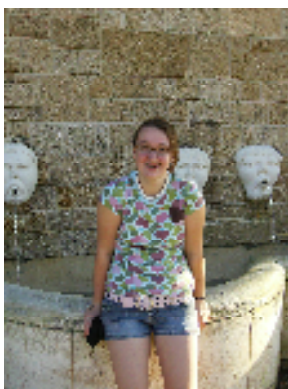
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