

Unbridled Spirit

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Governors Sno-Do Report

In February, I went on the most amazing trip of my life time. It just happened to be our famous Sno-Do project located in Barrie Ontario. All of the governors met up together in Atlanta, GA then journeyed on to Buffalo then took a bus to Barrie. The plane trip and bus ride there were both very scenic and enjoyable. The town of Barrie was very quiet and the people in Canada are amazing and very welcoming. Our host family were members of the Mounted Police so it was an honor to be able to stay in their household for five days. The best part by far was the snowmobiling and tubing down the sides of mountains.

It was very fast and full of action. It was such a rush being able to ride the mobiles through the snowy countryside. It was not all about the snow though, we had a very informative governors meeting and a banquet in the evening. We had lots of fun raising money for our wonderful research center. Overall it was a wonderful trip full of beautiful places to go and see. I encourage all of you to run for a position next year and attend our international convention in Atlanta this year. You never know you could be the next person chosen to go to snow-do next year!

Don't forget that applications for district officers and awards are due to Lynn Maurer no later than May 1!

FLA Jr. District Convention CANCELLED

After receiving responses from the majority of our clubs and due to a lack of participation, finances and conflicting events, the prudent option is to cancel the Convention. We hate to do this, but we do not feel we could have made a successful, worthwhile convention with only 4 or 5 clubs present. However, we still have some district business we need to conduct. We need to elect district officers for next year and give awards. If you have anyone in your club interested in the fol-

lowing positions, please email District Chair Lynn Maurer. If we have more than one Junior running for a position, we will do a vote on-line at Survey Monkey. All nominations must be emailed to her by May 1.) Governor 2) Deputy Governor 3) Lt Gov Miami, Ft Pierce, Naples, St Pete - Plant City - Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, Tallahassee 10) Secretary 11) RC Awards - If any club is interested in presenting awards please mail them to the ad-

dress listed on the awards packet emailed to you earlier. The new dates for awards packet due is April 28, 2009. If you need another packet let us know. Thank you for your understanding of this current situation. We look forward to hearing from you soon with your nominations. I greatly appreciate and congratulate you on the service you have provided this year as Junior Civitans to your school and community! You have made a difference!

Sandalwood HS Junior Civitan Jacksonville

What's your club doing?
 Let us know and you might make
 the next newsletter!
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The Sandalwood High School Junior Civitan Club has been very busy throughout this year conducting many community service projects that benefit both Sandalwood High School and the Jacksonville community. In September of 2008, they participated in the Light the Night Walk 2008 sponsoring Uptown Civitan Club member Diane Young who was diagnosed with Leukemia. During the fall and winter months they collected and donated coats and sweaters to the City Rescue Mission to help keep homeless Jacksonville residents warm through those cold nights. They also

established a food pantry at the Sandalwood Full Service School Site to be given to families who could not afford food. In addition they have partnered with Habijax to help build homes for those who are less fortunate and also mentored high school AVID students and elementary students through the BIGS in school program throughout the year.



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Ed White HS Jacksonville

Ed White High School collected toys for needy children in the Salvation Army's Stuff the Stocking project. The club also held its annual Crazy Sweater Holiday Party, giving members the chance to celebrate the years halfway mark. Ed White members later sponsored two water stops in the Jacksonville Bank Marathon. They passed out water and sports drinks to hundreds of runners—including the club's advisor, who completed her first marathon!

Michelle at Sno-Do

Next time you pick up the latest issue of *Countdown* turn to page 6 and dead center you will see a picture of our Florida Junior Governor, Michelle Shipley, tubing down the side of a mountain at the annual International Sno-Do event.

See *Countdown* magazine for pictures and more information.

Fletcher HS Neptune Beach

Fletcher High School helped their sponsoring Civitan club prepare care packages for troops deployed over seas. In response to the increasing number of individuals reaching retirement age, the club also created a special project called Groceries for Grannies; members shop for and deliver grocery items to senior adults who cannot travel to the store. To keep their community beautiful, the club meets once per month to pick up litter along a one mile stretch of road.

2009 International Convention

Located in Atlanta, Georgia

The 2009 Junior Civitan International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia may be one of the best ever! Attendees will have the chance to visit some of the Southeast's most exciting attractions during their free time, and the convention itself will be exciting, rewarding and stimulating. Every Junior Civitan needs to start making plans to attend this great event!



Find your registration form in the Countdown magazine or download at www.juniorcivitan.org

Registration Fees—

Youth (four to a room)
\$199

Registration Fee Includes:

- 3 nights hotel stay
- 4 meals
- Opening ceremonies
- Meet the candidates forum
- Two dances
- Friday night special event
- Educational and leadership seminars
- International officer elections
- International business session
- Foundation program
- Closing ceremonies
- Semi-formal international banquet
- International awards presentations

Tentative Schedule

Thursday -

- Registration
- Dinner
- Opening Ceremonies
- Dance

Friday -

- Workshops
- Lunch
- Meet the Candidates Forum
- Dinner
- Georgia District Event

Saturday -

- International Business Session
- Election of International Officers
- Foundation Program
- Free Afternoon
- International Banquet with International Awards and Closing Ceremonies
- Dance



You DON'T want to miss this!

Mark your Calendars!

June 25-28, 2009



See Countdown Magazine for a list of 10 things you will miss if you skip the

2009 Junior Civitan International Convention





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**Florida District Jr.
Civitan Awards**

Don't forget that all award nominations are due to District Chair Lynn Maurer no later that May 1. There are many awards that all clubs are eligible to apply for including Outstanding Junior Civitan Club, Outstanding Single Campus Project, Outstanding Total Campus Projects, Outstanding Single Community Project, Outstanding Total Community Project, Fellowship Award, Outstanding Environmental Project, Outstanding Joint Junior/Senior Project, Outstanding Club President, Junior Civitan of the Year (Male/Female), and Outstanding Faculty Advisor of the Year. Not to mention Honor Club and Honor Club of Distinction! Get your applications in today!

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

As we begin the last week of Civitan Awareness Month, Civitan International saved the best for last with a great new product every member can appreciate. The new **Civitan Internet Toolbar** (pictured below) will allow you to put the best of Civitan's resources right on your Internet browser (Explorer or Firefox), and raise funds for Civitan at the same time. The bar includes quick links to the most popular Civitan website pages - as well as links to Civitan's Facebook, YouTube, Supply House and Officer Training pages. When you also use the tremendous power of the built-in Yahoo search, you'll raise money for Civitan International every time you search the web. There is NO COST for this fantastic new product, so make your online life easier and download yours today at www.civitan.org.

**BRAND NEW
Civitan Toolbar**