



# CIVITAN CLUB OF TOPEKA

## NEWSLETTER



The mission of Civitan worldwide is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.

### CIVITAN SPOTLIGHT: DAVID HODGES

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2/6  
Martha Brown
- 2/9  
Bill Buscher
- 2/10  
Don Schultz
- 2/19  
Michael Hays
- 2/21  
Ed Sable
- 2./23  
Dean Robinson



**Member Since July 2005**

**What's your favorite food?** Kung Pao Chicken

**What is strange or amusing about you that no other Civitan knows?** I am probably the only citizen of Topeka that has the bands "Coldplay," "The Killers," "Nine Inch Nails," jazz great Dave Brubeck, over a hundred concertos, techno artists "The Crystal Method" and the nonfiction book "Collapse: Why Societies Succeed and Fail" by Jared Diamond on their MP3 player. I also read graphic novels (a series of comic books combined into one volume.) "The Death of Superman" should be required reading.

**If you were to compare yourself with one political figure-head, who would it be and why?** John Stewart. He's incredibly well informed, which I believe is everyone's responsibility in a good democracy; he makes people think and doesn't take himself too seriously.

**Why are you a Civitan?** My most recent example is a developmentally disabled man who we'll call Samuel. He's six foot seven, thin as a rail and communicates best with gestures. Samuel

also loves food, which if it's not locked up, (and trust me it is) he will forage and eat all day if you let him. He will also charge towards cabinets and try and pry the locks open. Like so many other developmentally disabled in our community, Samuel needs the love and support of good staff, well funded programs like TARC and Maggie Beers and all of the amenities that make a good home. I am a Civitan because Samuel and so many others in our community need our unwavering support. Every fundraiser, every golf tournament, every volunteer opportunity is a chance for us to give Samuel a better life. For me personally, besides my faith and my marriage, nothing could be more worth fighting for.

**What celebrity do you think you resemble the most?** Jeff Goldblum.

**If you worked for the circus, what would your job be and why?** Lion tamer. Animals really dig me. Here kitty, kitty...

**What do you want to do when you retire?** Spend time volunteering with clients of "Sheltered Living," read lots of good books and meet with Mike Hays on a regular basis to get my politics fix.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** That will never happen. But if it did... Full time advocate for developmentally disabled. Novelist. Political blog writer.

**If you had two sentences (or more) to ramble about anything you want in the Civitan Newsletter, what would you ramble about?** We spend a lot of time talking about membership, bringing new people to our meetings and Honor Club. These are worthy and important things. But honestly, my hope is everyone in the club would think of a project or something they'd like to do for the community, maybe it's something we've never done before and bring it up and help make it happen. If you get an idea, head to one of the breakfast meetings and share it with everybody. This is your club. Together, we all have a stake in it. The thing is, everything we do has a real impact on the community, the question is, how much of an impact do you really want to make?

**What is your favorite movie and why?** "Superman" with Christopher Reeve and Margot Kidder. Not only is this the first movie I saw in movie theater – at the Dickinson in downtown Topeka when they still had curtains on the screens. "Superman" serves as a constant reminder that everyone of us has a destiny.

#### CIVITAN ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/1995  
Clayton Burklund

**NEWS & NOTES . . .**

- Valentine’s Day Basket Raffle tickets are being sold now through February 10th. Tickets are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Drawing for winners will be February 10th at the Club Meeting. Hats off to Jannett Weines for her efforts! To date, the value of the basket is estimated at \$600. See Jannett for more information, or for more tickets to sell.
- Items included in the Valentine’s Day basket are: DVD-Paris, Je T’Aime, stories of love from the city of love. Hershey’s chocolate cookbook, Valentine Serving Dish, Pair of stress rocks, Heart shaped sandwich cutter, Chocolate covered sunflower seeds, ‘Get Passionate’ Herbal tea, Trapp, Sexy Cinnamon votive, 3 Books: The Queen’s Governess by Karen Harper, God Emperor of Dune by Frank Herbert, Chapterhouse: Dune by Frank Herbert. Also included is a ‘Diary of a Spider’ t-shirt, ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’ t-shirt (child’s size large), Gift certificate for a 2 hour jewelry party for 11 people with wine and cheese at Diamonds by Design, 2 boxes of chocolate, and a sonic gift card valued at \$10.
- Your votes are needed to determine which date and time Topeka Civitan will take pledges during the KTWU Pledge Drive. KTWU will be using a syndicated feed from PBS national for this drive, meaning nobody will be on camera during this event. The following date and times are available: Saturday morning, March 6<sup>th</sup>: 8:00am to 10:30am, Sunday afternoon, March 7<sup>th</sup>: 11:30am to 5:00pm (could have two shifts of 3 hours each), Saturday afternoon, March 13<sup>th</sup>: Noon to 4:30pm, Sunday afternoon, March 14<sup>th</sup>: 11:30am to 5:00pm, Saturday morning, March 20<sup>th</sup>: 8:00am to 12:30pm, Saturday afternoon, March 20<sup>th</sup>: 1:30pm to 6:00pm, Sunday afternoon, March 21<sup>st</sup>: 11:30am to 5:00pm. Please let Rick Biles know which time and date you vote for prior to February 10th.
- Next membership meeting is scheduled for **March 17th**.



**Left:** HR Cook, General Manager of the Kansas Expocentre speaks at the January 27th Civitan Meeting

**Right:** Joe Lolli gives the club an overview of all the new and exciting features of [www.topekacivitan.com](http://www.topekacivitan.com).

## February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Clergy Day	4	5	6 Special Olympics
7	8	9	10 Business Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 TBA	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 TBA	25	26	27
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