



Winterville, Georgia

Civitan News

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Upcoming Events

- **NEXT BOARD MEETING**
April 15th 2008 at the Snow's House 7 PM
- Next Civitan Meeting
Thursday April 10th
Meal by the Snows and Laurie Tweedell has the program
- 2008 Civitan International Convention: a Canadian Cruise June 14-19, 2008.
- 2008 District Convention: at The King and Prince Resort St. Simon's Island, GA. August 21-24



New Member

Invite someone so we can fill this space!

Winterville, Georgia

Meeting Location:	Time & Dates:
The Depot	7 pm, the second and fourth
Marigold Lane	Thursday of
Winterville, GA	every month.

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Home Club of George Chandler - District Governor



Scout Master and Civitan Michele Miles Talks Scouting

About three years ago, the Winterville Civitan club got on top of scouting – literally – by putting a new roof on the scout hut built by our club back in the early fifties. Now we need to get behind them by being a supporting sponsor to this organization.

Michele Miles, Troop 44 Scout Master and new Civitan, gave us a real eye-opening talk about “our” troop and its direction. Right now this troop is made up of primarily single parent, low income young men who may not have the funds to even buy the basic necessities of a boy scout. Michele points out that in order to get more boys to join the troop money is needed to be able to travel outside of the Winterville, Athens/Clarke area to experience a variety of scouting activities. Also funds are needed to get the basic scouting staples such as manuals, merit badge guide books, hiking/camping backpacks and even to buy the merit badges being awarded.

The Scouts sell popcorn to raise money, but it is but a small amount needed for operating this troop and any scout troop. Parental participation and financial support is very limited due to their income levels and being single parents. Our scout master Michele can only do so much herself. However, the passion she showed and the things she has done with this troop is rather remarkable considering the limited resources.

Now her dream for this troop is for as many boys who earn the right to go, a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. At a cost estimated in 2010 to be over \$1,495 per scout this could be a very daunting task. Did I just say daunting? Not for this lady! She gives the impression that this is just another hill to hike over. Michele presented to our club a plan to hold a golf tournament where a potential \$3,200 to \$8,700 depending on the success of the promotion for this event. As presented, it looked to be a well thought out and planned program. Now with the help of Kenny Tweedell and a few others a plan and a recommendation will be presented at the April 10th meeting if everything proves to be feasible. Go for it Michele! Let's keep an open mind on the subject until we see the outcome of this committee's proposal.

The board has also taken a stand to be a supporter of the scout troop we sponsor with operating funds given yearly to provide for the essentials – not Philmont Ranch trips. The board's plan will be presented at the March 27th meeting. We thank Michele for showing us the true fact surrounding the current status of this troop and to the possibilities of what can be accomplished with financial support.

**NO NEW
MEMBERS!**

RATS!



MICHELE MILES, To Receive the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award from BSA



The **Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award** issued by the **Boy Scouts of America** is one of the highest leadership awards scouting gives. Our own Scout Master and Civitan Michele Miles will receive this award on April 4th at the 2008 Council Banquet held in Gainesville at the First United Methodist Church. This award is given to the scout leader who has *“demonstrated involvement (and success) in the development of Scouting opportunities for youth from rural or low-income urban backgrounds.”* Congratulations to Michele on receiving this prestigious award recognizing her hard work with our scout troop her in Winterville, GA

Minding The Mess on Main Street

On another beautiful Saturday morning with bright sunshine and the crisp morning air invigorating the seven hardy and eager volunteers that came out. As we do every three months or so, this troop of Civitans strolled down Main Street gathering all that unsightly refuse deposited by unthinking individuals. A special thank you to George Chandler, Peggy Hroma, Greg Williamson, Kenny Tweedell, Tom Doonan and Joann Snow for their community and Civitan spirit in helping with this project.



Winterville Club Welcomes District Meeting Guests to a Cookout

Don't forget our cookout for the guests and District Officers at the park pavilion Friday the 28th of March. Our club will supply the meats, beverages, breads and condiments will you all volunteering to bring a side dish. Let's really show off Winterville to this District! We've had 4 governors from this club, so let's show everyone why so many Civitan leaders come from Winterville!



Invite a friend, neighbor or business associate to our next meeting.