



Upcoming Functions:

- *January 10, 2019 — Lunch Meeting, 12:00 at Olde Towne*
- *January 24, 2019 — Dinner Meeting, 6:00 at Olde Towne*
- *April 26, 2019 — Spring District Meeting—Sheraton Suites Galleria*



One of the great things (among many) about being a Civitan is you get to celebrate two New Year's ... the first in October when we welcome the New Civitan Year, and then again in January along with the rest of the world.

Let me be the first to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Safe *New Year !!!*

I just know they're going to be some great things happening in the East Cobb Club in 2019 with Michael Kregel at the helm of our ship ...

Holiday Lights East Cobb Park



Several hundred East Cobbers - many of them young children anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa - gathered around the pavilion at East Cobb Park on Sunday December 2nd, for the annual Holiday Lights celebration.



Our club was represented at the event by Ellen Wilkinson, Marge and Michael Kregel, along with Mary and George Karras. This is a wonderful event, and we're honored to have this special relationship with the Friends for the East Cobb Park.

Our club members "rolled up their sleeves" and were helping man one of the booths at this gala event. We were so happy to have Representative Sharon Cooper stop by and join the festivities.





On December 6th, we held our Annual Holiday Gifting Luncheon at the Olde Towne Athletic Club. As has been the case with previous years, this was a well attended gathering. Not only were we blessed with many invited guests attending, but we had a great turnout by club members as well.



We were honored to have twelve organizations attending the luncheon that we support through our annual gifting. Coming from the proceeds generated from our East Cobb Wine and Vine fund raiser, we were able to distribute over \$10,000 in gifts to organizations in our community (along with other contributions budgeted throughout the year).



Here are a few snapshots taken during this year's event ...





The East Cobb Civitans' Hands Reaching Out ...

In December, the East Cobb Civitans, Synovus Bank and Senator Johnny Isakson's office had the pleasure of presenting a flag flown over the Capitol in honor of Hudhaifa Lilan who is due to become a US Citizen in February.

Hudhaifa is a Senior Relationship Specialist with Synovus Bank having been employed with Synovus for over 3 years. He attended the East Cobb Wine and Vine auction and wine tasting back in October where a flag flown over the Capitol for a special East Cobb resident was being auctioned. The club had plans to give the flag to that individual who had done so much for Civitans over the years so Hudhaifa was unable to win the bid on the flag in the auction.

A Civitan member, Ellen Wilkinson, brought this to the attention of Mary Karras who had the contacts with the Isakson Office. Mary reached out to the Isakson Office and they were happy to fly a flag in Hudhaifa's honor and get it delivered to the bank.

Pictured here with Hudhaifa is Ellen Wilkinson, along with snapshots of Mary Karras, Governor of the Georgia District Civitan, Hudhaifa, Marilyn Cain with Synovus and East Cobb Civitans, and Norm Collins with Synovus. Also pictured is Michael Krengel, President of East Cobb Civitans along with the other members previously mentioned.

Since Civitan is derived from the word, Civitas, and our creed embodies "builders of good citizenship", we wanted to honor this young man who is so excited to become a US citizen.





We would like to give a Big Shout Out to Mary and George for once again opening their Holiday House for our Annual Club Holiday Party!

If you left there feeling hungry or missing the Holiday Spirit, it surely wasn't due the lack of either which was overflowing.

Everyone went above and beyond the call of duty with the goodies and entrees they brought.

And, not to mention any names here, but some of our fellow members took the Ugly Sweater Contest quite seriously. And, what would the Holiday Party be without the Gift Exchange?

It's wonderful to be able to get together and celebrate the season with such good, and lifelong, friends! It appeared that a great time was had by all.







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