

## Melissa Piche tells Civitan about ghost & cemetery tours

Melissa Piche, who last fall started offering “ghost tours” of downtown Watkinsville, was the featured speaker for our March 10 Oconee Civitan meeting.

Melissa talked to the club about how an interest in history and a suggestion from her former employer that she retire combined to lead her into doing the ghost tours.

She didn't reveal too many ghost stories, though she did tell us about some experiences she has had at the Eagle Tavern. Melissa also told us about her newest tour, a cemetery tour of the Watkinsville Cemetery off Simonton Bridge Road. This tour leaves out the ghosts and focuses on the people of Oconee County's past, she said.

She will kick off the cemetery tours on Sunday, March 23 at 2:30 p.m. For more information you can visit [www.northgeorgiatours.net](http://www.northgeorgiatours.net).



Melissa Piche

### Mark Your Calendar

#### Wednesday, March 17 Race meeting

The officers and board of directors are working to get everything in place so that we can host a race this summer. The next race meeting will be Wednesday, March 17 at 12:30 p.m. at the Oconee State Bank office at University Parkway (near the Exchange on Daniell's Bridge Road).

#### Wednesday, March 24 Amy Washington will speak at our next meeting

Amy Washington will speak at the next Civitan meeting. Amy, the daughter of John and Donna Washington (of Washington Farms), last year became involved with an orphanage in Africa and on Wednesday, March 24, she will share her experiences with the orphanage with the Oconee Civitan club.

#### Saturday, March 27 Our next fundraiser

Oconee Civitan will be selling hotdogs, chips and drinks at the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Athens Junior Women's Club. At the March 10 meeting we passed around a sign-up sheet with times and chores ... don't forget to show up to help the club.

#### Quarterly Dues Due

If you haven't paid your \$30 quarterly dues for first quarter, they are past due. Please get them to our club treasurer Rob Peecher ASAP. Dues for second quarter will be due April 1.

## A lot happening at Oconee Civitan

2010 has already been a busy year for Oconee Civitan members, and there is much more to come.

- We've installed several new members (though some actually joined us in 2009): Wendy Holland, James Murajda, Becky Soto, Kate McDaniel, Rick Grayson and Jolie Sims.

- On February 28 several Oconee Civitan members helped with a roadside trash pickup on our adopt-a-mile area on Hog Mountain Road.

- We are solidifying our plans for a 5K race this summer and the officers and board of directors are working to make the race happen. We're calling it the “Heat of the Night Retro Run” and it is planned for July 31, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Oconee Veterans Park. Club members will soon start working to secure sponsors for the race.

- We are planning a social event on Saturday,

May 1 in conjunction with the Stadion Athens Classic Golf Tournament. To get your tickets, visit the [www.stadionathensclassic.uga.edu](http://www.stadionathensclassic.uga.edu). The \$25 cost of the tickets comes back to Civitan. Just click the link “Tickets Fore Charity” and as you go through the process of buying the tickets you will come to a page where you can select a “benefiting charity” in a drop-down box. Scroll down and select Oconee Civitan Club.

### Civitan Creed

- I am Civitan: as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.
- My Hands do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.
- My Ears hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress, and unity.
- My Eyes search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan.
- My Mouth utters the call to daily duty and speaks prayers in every tongue.
- My Mind teaches me respect for law and the flag of my country.
- My Heart beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity, and throbs with joy at every triumph of truth.
- My Soul knows no fear but its own unworthiness.
- My Hope is for a better world through Civitan.
- My Motto: Builders of Good Citizenship
- My Belief: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- My Pledge :To practice the Golden Rule and build upon it a better and nobler citizenship

### Oconee County Civitan Club

Meetings:  
Second and Fourth  
Wednesdays  
each month  
at the Watkinsville  
Community Center  
191 VFW Drive  
from noon to 1 p.m.



Club President:  
Tom Breedlove  
President-Elect:  
Dennise Grayson