Civitans Help The Retarded Young In Area

As they had every year since the club's beginning in 1958, the Civilians sold fruit cakes to raise funds for the retarded children. But in 1962 the clubmen outdid themselves, sold nearly 6,000 pounds, set a new sales record by well over a thousand pounds, and earned more funds to pass along to the New Hope Center and its ambitious programs.

Although the clubmen were "heavyweights" when it came to aiding the area's retarded children, the Civitans' activities were not limited to that one cause.

They took an active hand in things relative to government and politics, first in the spring by going on record as favoring reapportionment of the 15th Senatorial District with a petition.

The Civitans helped restore Act 561 of the Louisiana Legislature retaining comprehensive services for the mentally retarded. On June 4th a telegram urging the restoration was sent to Baton Rouge.

In September the club originated and adopted a resolution designed to get out the vote during national Citizenship Week.

They originated, endorsed and sent out to numerous state officials, various clubs and organizations, members of the state Legislature and Board of Education, and all area news media a petition urging more aid for State Colleges and Universities.

It wasn't all work and no play for the Lafayette Civitans during 1962.

The clubmen met every Monday noon at Poor Boy's Restaurant and held several "members and friends" parties throughout the year. Among them was a fish-fry in August, and a "Stag Party" in September.

In addition to Schoelen in the club's official family are Hewton J. Broussard, vice-president, Dr. James J. Fournet, secretary and Rudy Sellers, treasurer. Serving on the board of directors as 1962 drew to a close were Clerc, James F. Cooper IV, John Linkhart and R. D. Lowe.

The local Civitans is the "Home Club" of Civilian Lieutenant-Governor-At-Large Vito A. Goutjutas.