



# FLASHES

December  
2021  
First  
Edition

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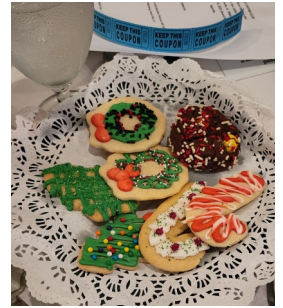
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## Membership Meetings

On December 6, we held our first membership meeting of the year. Belita Broadus and Ann Thompson brought guests who would be excellent candidates for membership. Anna Smith had everyone jumping out of their seats to clarify that the Greenville Civitan activities were not burdens, but ways to serve locally and internationally while developing relationships with each other and those we serve. We do a lot in the Greenville Civitan Club– evident from all the pictures on the next few pages, but we have a good time doing it!

Don't forget that our **second meeting in January- moved to Friday, Jan. 22**, due to MLK Day- is another Membership Meeting. *Search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan* and tell Steve that you are bringing a guest who could be our next Champion of Service!



***HOLIDAY WISHES** from President Charlotte Walker*

As Greenville Civitan members celebrate the holidays and embark upon a new year as Champions of Service, I believe this collection of Holiday Gift Cards best express my personal wishes for your holidays.

**HOLIDAYS GIFT CARDS**

- ♦ MASTER CARD - Master physical self care habits that prepare you for healthy coping during the holidays.
- ♦ VISA CARD - Passport for renewal, quiet meditation, private time to daydream, or just enjoying special moments.
- ♦ AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD - Express those things which are most important to you through choosing to participate in satisfying activities during the holidays.
- ♦ DISCOVER CARD - Discover again life experiences that have strengthened you and taught you how to survive through the pandemic.
- ♦ CVS GIFT CARD - Cultivate Valuable Supports on a continuing basis which nurture and sustain you.
- ♦ STAPLES GIFT CARD - Staples in your life that are essential and important, take time to reaffirm and appreciate.
- ♦ GAP GIFT CARD - Guiding Attitudinal Principles that provide spiritual well-being and a strong belief system, cherish always.
- ♦ RELOADABLE GIFT CARD - Reward yourself and loved ones.....???

*Merry Christmas, Joyous Holidays, Season's Greetings!*  
-Charlotte

Meetings are held on the First and Third Mondays of each month at 1:00 PM, unless otherwise stated and announced.

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Greenville, SC 29606

## Service Projects

### Ongoing:

- Ronald McDonald House- Pull Tabs (Heyward Johnston)
- Junior Civitans at WHHS (Gale Garner)
- Ridgeview Birthday Parties (Betty Shurley)

### October

### November thru December

- Salvation Army: Red Kettle Collection (Jesse Bowns)

### December

- Civitan House @ Ridge Road (Connie Burgess)
- Ridgeview House (Betty Shurley)

More information on service and fundraising projects can be found by contacting the member listed in parenthesis.

## Fundraising Projects

### Ongoing:

- 50/50 Raffle– each meeting (Jenny Johnson)
- Card Sales– each meeting (Debbie Johnston)
- Candy Box Collection (Anne Lavelly)

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- Fruit Cake Sales (Sam Bennett)



In each edition of the Flashes, you will be able to find out where you can serve others and fellowship with Civitan friends.

## Projects where You are a Champion of Service

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Bell Ringing this year! Judy, Gale, and Jessie tied for serving three different days.



#HopeMarchesOn  
Salvation Army Bell Ringing



Don't recognize those masked ringers? Those are our Jr. Civitans from Wade Hampton HS. They volunteered to ring the entire day on December 11 and did it with three and four students for each time slot.



Gale Garner, Ruth Richburg, and Judy Graham delivered the check from Charities to the WHHS Jr. Civitans who requested the money on behalf of the Greenville Cancer Society.

As one of our ongoing service projects, Debbie and Heyward Johnston deliver our collected Pull Tabs to the Ronald McDonald House as part of their fundraising efforts.



Want to see your picture in the Flashes? Send them to [annelavelly@gmail.com](mailto:annelavelly@gmail.com) and look for them here!

## Civitan Mission Statement

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### HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECTS RESOLUTION

Presented at the Civitan District Meeting in Rock Hill, SC December 4, 2021

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club realized that the holidays are a lonely and sad time for so many, especially individuals living in residential community care homes who have intellectual and developmental disabilities;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club, eleven years ago upon the recommendation of Rachel Drake, supported by a committee of Dot Ray, Frankie Sloan and Mary Smith, adopted as a club service project the 44 residents of Ridgeview Community Care Home;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club started with monthly Ridgeview birthday parties which consisted of home baked cakes, ice cream, personalized birthday presents such as watches and other jewelry for the honored birthday residents, along with bags of toiletries and boxes of candy treats for everyone;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club also made the Christmas holiday wonderful each year for Ridgeview residents by purchasing gift bags of holiday favors distributed personally by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause, as well as, jackets for each woman and pullover sweaters for each man from Belk; souvenir pictures with Santa; holiday music; reading of the *Christmas Story*; games and fun activities;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club, even in the midst of the pandemic continues to spread goodwill, holiday joy, and a much needed spirit of giving by coordinating and delivering Christmas gifts of jackets, sweaters and Christmas favors to Ridgeview residents for staff to distribute;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club for years involved members in another holiday service project with the Civitan House Ridge Road Christmas Celebrations;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan members selected and filled personalized wish lists provided by the residents of Civitan House Ridge Road, giving gifts at a Christmas Social with great food, entertainment and holiday cheer;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club, during the pandemic donated funds for staff to fulfill Civitan House Ridge Road residents wish lists through the purchase of individual gifts and holiday treats that could be enjoyed by all residents;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club values each opportunity to positively impact and enrich meaningful services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in residential care homes;

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club *Believes* its club's compassion, commitment and collaborations serve to ensure and sustain a sense of inclusion, emotional well-being and supportive experiences for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

**Whereas**, The Greenville Civitan Club *Believes* every individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities who succeeds each day in facing adversity, overcoming challenges and achieving community integration is inspirational; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That every individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities be celebrated during the holidays and throughout the year as an **Honored Civitan Club Champion**.

Charlotte E. Walker,  
Greenville Civitan Club President



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## December Birthdays

Annie Mumbauer  
12/1  
Julia Burdette  
12/4  
Cheryl Bailey  
12/5  
Jessie Bowens  
12/20  
Anna Smith  
12/22

## December Anniversaries

Labarbara  
Sampson  
12/7/15  
Elizabeth Scott  
12/21/17  
Sean Dogan  
12/29/11  
Anne Lavelly  
12/29/11



- If bringing a guest to the Christmas Social on December 20, the cost is \$25.
- Do not forget that at each regular meeting we have a 50/50 Raffle, a Greeting Card Sale, AND a Magazine Sale as club fundraisers! Every little bit helps us be Champions of Service.

### Mindful of Those in our Club

*MY HEART beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity, and throbs with joy at every triumph of truth.*

- Debbie Mitchell is participating in individual service projects but cannot attend large gatherings due to medical issues. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- Wishing Judy Graham a strong recovery as she her shoulder heals.

### Upcoming Meetings

**January 3-** Business Meeting (closed meeting to guests)

**Friday, January 21** (due to MLK Day) - Membership Meeting *Make sure to inform Steve by Wednesday, January 12 if you are bringing a guest.*

**February 7-** Clergy Appreciation Day *Make sure to inform Steve if your pastor or minister will be attending this special meeting.*

**Friday, February 25** (due to Presidents' Day) – Merl Code, from REEM (Race Equity and Economic Mobility) will be our guest speaker

### Meals at the POINSETT CLUB for 2021-22

- Please let **Steve Johnson** know the **Wednesday before** each meeting if you will be changing your normal schedule (if you do not normally attend and plan to attend, or if you normally attend and will be absent).
- Steve Johnson contact information: [gunney25@gmail.com](mailto:gunney25@gmail.com) or Cell: 864.642.8604

*Special Thanks to Linda Neely, Gale Garner, Debbie Johnston, Jessie Bowens and Andi Fansher (WHHS Jr. Civitan sponsor) for submitting pictures for this edition. Thanks to Charlotte Walker for contributing articles for the Flashes.*

### Inspiration from our Civitan Creed

**MY EARS** hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress, and unity.

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



**BELIEVERS**