



FLASHES

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Edition

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One Pint Saves Three Lives

At our program meeting on October 17, Bobby Thompson from The Blood Connection spoke about the need for blood donations from all sectors of our community and for schools, churches, and organizations within all sector to host and encourage blood donations.



While there is always a huge need for blood donations, there is even a greater demand for particular blood donors. O- ("O"negative) is the universal blood type because anyone could receive that type. Also, those with the Ro subtype are in high demand because of sickle cell anemia. Those patients with sickle cell must have their blood type and their subtype match.

That's one of the reasons why The Blood Connection needs donations from all sections of our community. While each club member could give a pint, what would be more meaningful is for our club to educate our community and sponsor a blood drive to get more of our community involved. We could get the Civitan name out to the general populations, and maybe even find a new member or two– while we have them confined for 30 minutes or so. And we could help our local Blood Connection service over 100 hospitals in the Northern Georgia, South Carolina, and Western North Carolina.



You can learn more about The Blood Connection at <https://thebloodconnection.org/>

On page 3, Learn more about the **Fresh Start with Civitan International**, a Zoom Seminar with our Region Director, Bill Tolleson on Saturday, Nov. 5

Meals at the POINSETT CLUB for 2022-23

- 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).
- Any special dietary needs must be made to Steve by the **Wednesday deadline and not at the meeting**. There are only two choices: the prepared meal and a vegetarian meal. Any other special needs must be addressed with Steve ahead of time.
- If anyone makes a change to his/her meal at the meeting, he/she must pay an additional \$5 upcharge the day of the meeting for the change.
- All members will be charged the cost of the meal if they do not attend a meeting when a meal has been prepared for them by the Poinsett Club.
- We do not want to abuse Anna Smith's sponsorship of our club by not following these rules.

Steve Johnson contact information: gunney25@gmail.com or Cell: 864.642.8604

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

The Poinsett Club
807 E. Washington Street
Greenville, SC 29601

Service Projects

Ongoing:

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

October

November thru December

- Salvation Army: Red Kettle (Jesse Bowens)

December

- Civitan House- Ridge Road Christmas (Connie Burgess)
- Ridgeview House Christmas (Rhonda Bowling)

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

Sean Dogan is our Service Project Director.

Fundraising Projects

Ongoing- each meeting:

- 50/50 Raffle (Jenny Johnson)
- Card Sales (Debbie Johnston)
- Magazine Sales (Rachel Drake)
- Candy Boxes (Anne Lavelly)

October-December

- 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.

It's time to get your Ring On!

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive is November 19 through December 24. Electronic Sign ups will be done through the Salvation Army website. [Click HERE](#) The instructions are a little different but just as easy as last year. You will need to first- make an account (username, password). Then:

1. Click on "I'm ringing with a group"
2. Type in the Group Code **GVLCivitan** - then Click submit
3. Click on the shift(s) you would like to fill and click on Reserve Shifts
4. Fill out the information on themselves and then their shift choice is reserved.

Jesse Bowens will also have a paper sign up at the club meetings.

Shifts are two hours each: 11 AM- 1 PM, 1 PM-3 PM, 3 PM-5 PM, and 5 PM- 7 PM

Saturdays are: Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17 and Dec. 24



Be looking out for information on stuffing Christmas bags for the residents at the **Ridgeview House** and the **Civitan House** on Ridge Road. We still cannot have a party in person, but we can share the joy of the season with gifts for our sweet friends at these two houses.

Our Annual Civitan Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday, December 19 at 6:30 PM, at the Poinsett Club. The cost for a guest is \$35.

A sign up sheet will be available at the program meeting, November 7th. If you have payment then, please let us know.



Projects Where You can be a Champion of Service

Ongoing

- Ronald McDonald House-Pull Tab Collection: Heyward Johnston, Chair
- Junior Civitans at Wade Hampton HS: Gale Garner, Chair
- Ridgeview Birthday Parties: Monthly, Rhonda Bowling, Chair
- Candy Box Collection: Anne Lavelly, Chair

1st Quarter (October thru December)

- Claxton Fruit Cake Sales in Ingles Stores: October thru December, Sam Bennett, Chair
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing: November thru December, Jessie Bowens, Chair
- Civitan House on Ridge Road Christmas Party: December, Connie Burgess, Chair
- Ridgeview Christmas Party: December, Rhonda Bowling, Chair

IMPACT AREA: Education & Employment



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT
for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Civitan Mission Statement

The worldwide mission of Civitan International is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs, with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.

November Birthdays

Sean Dogan
Nov. 19

Ann
Thompson
Nov. 25

November Anniversaries

Deborah Pearson
11/14/2017

Nancy McGreer
11/6/2018

Belita Broadus
11/10/2009



DREAMERS

Fees and Fundraiser Reminder

- Quarterly Dues should be paid by the first of **October**, January, April, & July. Please take care of this in a timely manner.
- At each regular meeting we have a 50/50 Raffle, a Greeting Card Sale, and a Magazine Sale as club fundraisers! Helps us be Champions of Service.

Builders of Good Citizenship!

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 8

VOTE LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT



Want more information?
voting.naacpldf.org



The Wade Hampton HS Jr. Civitans are all smiles on a Monday morning! Gale, Judy, Sam, LaBarbara and Anne posed with the Jrs. during Spirit Week. The WHHS Student Body raised \$281, 507.34 for the Center for Developmental Services, an organization that works with people who have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. We contributed \$2,000 toward the cause.

Fresh Start: The Region Two Fall Meeting and Training Session led by Bill Tolleson, Region Two Director

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th 9:15 AM-12:15 PM

- ◇ Get to Know the Leadership Council Members and how the Leadership Council can help You and your Club
- ◇ ***Vision for the 2022-23 Civitan Year*** by President Jo Ann O'Toole
- ◇ Live Presentation at 11:15 by Peritus Public Relations Group: ***How Can I make My Civitan Club Known in Our Community***

Register in advance for this meeting by using this link: ZOOM Registration

November 7- Program Meeting

November 21- Program Meeting

December 5- **Membership Meeting** Invite a friend or colleague to see the good the Greenville Civitans do. Think Grow, Talk Grow, Do Grow

December 19- Christmas Social at 6:30 PM, Poinsette Club

January 6- (Friday, due to New Years) ***Business Meeting.*** Closed due to Voting

January 20- (Friday, due to MLK Day) **Membership Meeting** Invite a friend or colleague to see the good the Greenville Civitans do.

Upcoming Meetings

Embolden Items are Service Projects or Seek Meetings, and Italicized items are closed meetings. If bringing a guest, please inform Steve the Wednesday before the meeting!

The struggles along the way are only meant to shape you for your purpose. Press on with pride and press on with purpose.
-Chadwick Boseman