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Flashes Editor: Anne B. Lavelly

Piecing together the Greenville Club



Our first meeting of the new year was a business meeting led by our president, Lavon Moore. All club members need to be aware of the service projects, meeting calendar, committee assignments and the club roster. Several details, including links to some documents can be found on page 3. If you don't see your name listed for a committee or service project that you would like to be a part of, please make sure to talk to the chairperson of the committee. Also on the agenda for this meeting was the point that all members should actively engage in service projects, contribute to committees, and/or commit to share their time and talents to make the Greenville Club a stronger, growing club. Our club has the opportunity to grow more, do more, and be more. With that, Lavon challenged each member to consider "where do you fit in"? We each have something to offer the club— just like the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle complete the whole. Our club— like a jigsaw picture, would be lacking without all pieces working together, inner-locking with other pieces to make a beautiful whole picture. Each member present was given a large puzzle piece to write down a few things he/she was willing to do or is doing now to make our club the best it can be. We may be seeing those pieces again this year to remind us of the big picture!



A reception in honor of Betty Shurley will be held this Sunday, October 30 from 2:00– 3:00 PM at Betty's residence: 11 Barbara Ave., Greenville. Please see further information on page 2.

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 the 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)



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Our dear friend and club member Betty Shurley passed away on October 12, 2022. Always smiling, with a laugh in her heart and a story to share, she brightened anyone's day who was in her presence. Betty grew up in Massachusetts, lived in multiple cities with her husband, retired while in Houston, and came to Greenville to be close to her precious grandchildren. She became a member of our club in June 2016. She was a diligent worker- always willing to help whenever and wherever needed. She had served on the board as a Director but had not served any office. She was set to be our Secretary for this year (had even considered getting a better laptop to do her best at the job) when she passed unexpectedly. In lieu of a funeral service, Betty's sons- Neil and Cash are having a reception in honor of their mom this Sunday, October 30 from 2:00- 3:00 PM at Betty's residence: 11 Barbara Ave., Greenville. We are asked to bring a favorite dish and memories to share. If I know Betty, she would love to have some cornbread or a couple of cookies from the Poinsett Club. Rest in God's Love, sweet friend.

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



2nd Quarter (January thru March)

- Clergy Appreciation Day: 1st Week in February, LaBarbara Sampson, Chair

- March of Dimes Walk-a-thon: Heyward Johnston, Chair

IMPACT AREA: Family & Community Support



3rd Quarter (April thru June)

- Servant's Heart Awards: April, Ruth Richburg
- Special Olympics, Region 4: April, Sam Bennett, Chair
- Miracle League Cookout: May, Chair To Be Determined
- High School Citizenship Banquet: Violeita Irby, Chair
* Debbie Hiller Scholarship & Middle School Essay: Gale Garner

IMPACT AREA: Health & Wellness



4th Quarter (July thru September)

- School Tools for United Way: July and August, Cheryl A. Bailey, Chair

IMPACT AREA: Accessibility & Inclusive Communities



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.

October Birthdays

Dot Ray
October 26

October Anniversaries

No club members have been inducted in October



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Committees for Fellowship & Knowledge

Ongoing

- Meeting Programs: Jessie Bowens, Chair
- Membership: Belita Broadus, Chair
- District and International Awards: Linda Neely, Chair
- 50/50 Raffle: Jenny Johnson, Chair
- Greeting Card Sales: Debbie Johnston, Chair
- Sunshine Committee: Deborah Pearson, Chair
- Greeters: Ethel Bennett
- Telephone Callers: Connie Burgess & Cheryl A. Bailey

Fellowship and Fundraising

- Club Christmas Party: 2nd Meeting in December, Dot Ray, Chair
- Silent Auction: 2nd Meeting in March, Judy Graham, Chair
- Summer Social: July, Annie Mumbauer, Chair
- Annual Banquet: 2nd Meeting in September, Lavon Moore, Chair

Committees Serving the Club

- Constitution and Bylaws: Linda Neely & Chantia Battle
- Finance Committee: Linda Neely, Chair
- Flashes Newsletter: Anne Lavelly, Editor & Sean Dogan, Printing
- Publicity: Social Media, Linda Neely and Website, Anne Lavelly
- Advisory Board: All Past-Presidents
- Awards: Linda Neely

To be determined is the Nominating Committee (appointed in February)

Special Meetings throughout the Year

- December 19- Christmas Social at 6:30 PM, Poinsette Club
- February 6- **Clergy Appreciation Day**, make sure to invite your pastor or clergy
- March 6- *Silent Auction (Members only)*
- April 17- **Servant's Heart/ Civitan Awareness** and **Membership** meeting
- May 1- **Civitan High School Citizenship Banquet**
- May 19- *Charities (Members only)*
- July 16- Summer Social
- September 18- Club Awards and Officer Installation Banquet

Embolden Items are Service Projects, and Italicized items are closed meetings.

Business Meetings:

Closed meetings due to voting

- October 3
- January 6
- April 3- Business/Elections
- July 17, Business Meeting
- September 8 (Friday, due to Labor Day)

Membership Meetings:

Invite a friend or colleague to see what Greenville Civitans is all about

- December 5
- January 20 (Friday, due to MLK Day)
- April 17
- June 23
- August 7

If you would like a copy of the Committees that lists members on each Committee, you can [click HERE](#) for a copy of the document Lavon Moore sent.

If you need a copy of the **2022 Club Membership Roster**, you can [click HERE](#).

If you would like the list of meeting and service projects sent by Lavon, you can [click HERE](#)

Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you. -Ruth Bader Ginsburg