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75th Anniversary Celebration for our Club!



Sam Bennett, Bill Tolleson from Columbia, and Belita Broadus, all Past Governors of the SC District

Monday, July 18, during our regularly scheduled meeting, we celebrated our 75th Anniversary by honoring the legacy of extraordinary past club presidents with a special proclamation and many precious Civitan recollections by Rachel Drake, Sam Bennett, and Dot Ray. The Greenville Civitan Club has a rich history; remarkable record of intellectual and developmental disabilities service programs; strong community influences and an amazing membership of dedicated talented individuals.

Joining anniversary celebrations, were special guests, S. C. Civitan District Governor Elect and president of the Mauldin Club Suzi Knebusch, Betty Cresswell, wife of former president, Don Cresswell, and Barbara Brashington, former Greenville Civitan Club member.

In addition, attending was distinguished guest, Mr. Bill Tolleson, who serves as a member of the Civitan International Board of Directors as Region 2 Director. As past President of the Columbia Civitan Club, past S.C. Civitan District Distinguished Governor and a Certified Club Builder, Mr. Tolleson presented highlights of International Civitan Convention, chartering background of the Greenville Club and history of the research center in Birmingham.

Packets of individual candy on the tables dated back to candy originating in the year 1947. The table garnishing of diamonds signified a diamond jubilee celebration; antique vases with bouquets of fresh flowers were center pieces; a beautiful decorated anniversary sheet cake added to the festivities.

Thanks to Charlotte Walker for submitting this article for the Flashes.



Charlotte Walker, Club President and Lavon Moore, Club President-Elect at the 75th Anniversary Celebration

Summer Social at the Plantation Greene Club House, hosted by Debbie and Heyward Johnson and chaired by Annie Mumbauer was a rousing success. With a wonderful spread of barbeque chicken and pork and many tantalizing desserts, club members and their guests had a wonderful time sharing stories and teaching up cub reporter, Anna Rozanna Banana, of the Plantation Greene Gazette about the history of the club and its diverse and unique membership. Things got real intense when the Word Search and Dot Game sheets came out. All had a wonderful time and kudos to the Summer Social committee for a great social!

All photos for the Anniversary Celebration and the Summer Social can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/greenvillesccivitanclub> A sample can be seen on Page 3

Don't forget to bring your filled backpacks for the United Way School Tools to **Monday's meeting, August 1.**

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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Service Projects

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- Junior Civitans at WHHS (Gale Garner)
- Ridgeview Birthday Parties (Betty Shurley)

July– September

- United Way School Tools (Deborah Pearson)

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

Fundraising Projects

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- 50/50 Raffle– each meeting (Jenny Johnson)
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Greenville Civitan Club chartered April 28, 1947 Our 75th Year



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

United Way: School Tools Project 2022

The Greenville Civitan Club is helping the United Way provide backpacks with school supplies. The committee will purchase \$300 of fully packed backpacks with budgeted funds of the club. Individual members may wish to contribute personally by filling one or more backpacks. **Please label your backpack(s) by Grade Level.** Bring your filled backpacks or to the Civitan Meeting on **Monday, August 1st**. We're collecting **fully packed backpacks per United Way guidelines** including all items per selected grade level below:



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Backpack Supplies:

Backpack (gender-neutral; solid color)

- Spiral notebooks
- Folders with pockets
- Assignment pad/planner
- Lined paper (ream)
- Crayons
- #2 pencils and erasers
- Pencil box
- Glue sticks or glue
- Scented markers
- Ruler
- Safety scissors
- Packs of facial tissue
- Antibacterial hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes
- Colored paper (ream)
- Water bottle
- Masks

MIDDLE SCHOOL or

HIGH SCHOOL Backpack Supplies:

Backpack (gender-neutral; solid color)

- Three-ring binders
- Perforated composition book
- Spiral notebooks
- Folders with pockets
- Dividers
- Assignment pad/planner
- Graph paper
- Lined college-rule notebook paper (ream)
- Colored paper (ream)
- Ink pens
- Washable markers
- #2 pencils and erasers
- **Colored pencils (HS Only)**
- Glue sticks or glue
- Highlighters
- Index cards (ruled)
- Post-it notes
- Ruler
- **Compass and protractor (HS Only)**
- Calculator
- USB flash drives
- Headphones
- Packs of facial tissue
- Antibacterial hand sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes
- Water bottle
- Masks

The Middle School and High School materials are the same except the High School backpack needs Colored Pencils and a pro-tractor. Please make sure to tag your backpack for the correct school level.

Information compiled by Debbie Johnston

<https://www.unitedwaygc.org/school-tools/>

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An anniversary so big, it took two days to celebrate!



Summer Social at the Plantation Greene Clubhouse on Saturday, July 16



Monday, July 18 at the Poinsett Club with special guests!

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Member Birthdays

Betty Shurley
August 7

Judy Graham
August 13

Ethel Bennett
August 20

Rachel Drake
August 20

Sam Bennett
August 21

Gale Garner
August 23

Violeta Irby
August 24

August Anniversaries

Anna Smith
8/11/2008

Steve Johnson
8/28/2014

Jenny Johnson
8/28/2014

Larry Blackman
8/2/2021

Leda Young
8/2/2021

- 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.
- Rachel Drake is needing to replenish our 25 cent Magazine Sale. Help declutter your home and bring your magazines to our meetings. Not only are we raising funds for the club, we are reusing and recycling!

Meals at the POINSETT CLUB

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's contact information: gunney25@gmail.com or Cell: 864.642.8604

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.

We have club members needing time for strength and solace from grief, illness, or medical procedures. In your thoughts and prayers, please be mindful of:

**Gale Garner Violeta Irby Anne Lavelly Mary Lou Lewis
Ruth Richburg Sharon Thomas**

If the club needs to be aware of a member's situation, please send notifications to Anne at

Upcoming Meetings and Events

August 1– Last Membership Meeting for the Civitan Year. If you brought a guest before and he/she did not join, ask again! Jesse Bowens and Ruth Richburg will also speak about the Civitan International Convention. United Way School Tool Backpacks collected

August 15– Program Meeting: Homes of Hope with Don Oglesby
Friday, September 9 (Due to Labor Day holiday) - Final Business Meeting

September 19– Installation and Awards Banquet at 6:30 PM

October 3– First Meeting of the new Civitan Year!



Read about the International Convention in the next Flashes.

SC Civigram has information about the final SC District Convention in Myrtle Beach, September 9th-11th. Click SC Civigram for more information!

All photos for all our service projects, informative programs, ceremonies, and socials can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/greenvillesccivitanclub>

Inspiration from our Civitan Creed

My Motto: builders of good citizenship.

Our responsibility as citizens is to address the inequalities and injustices that linger, and we must secure our birth-right freedoms for all people." -Barack Obama

BELIEVERS

