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ClemsonLIFE changing lives for the better



Club Vice-President, Lavon Moore, with our speakers, Kellie Cooley and Sarah McAlpine

At the March 7 meeting, Sarah McAlpine and Kellie Cooley from ClemsonLIFE came and spoke to the club about the unique program at Clemson University. ClemsonLIFE is a collegiate experience that prepares young men and women with intellectual disabilities for competitive employment and independent living through a combination of academic coursework and career exploration. Sarah and Kelly explained the course work and

life skills that students experience. Along with career exploration that leads to gainful employment, the students are taught and coached to live as independently as possible. Through individually tailored programs students can either take the two year course or the four year course work that can lead to certification in the hospitality field. With a slide presentation and two videos, our club learned of the huge impact that the ClemsonLIFE has on its students and the community. Since the program began ten years ago, it has moved from asking local businesses to partner and mentor students to the businesses actively seeking the students to be a part of their staff. There is growth not only for the students but educating the community about the value of hiring a person with intellectual disabilities. ClemsonLIFE has a 95% success rate with gainful, equitable wage employment for its students. Most of the success is due to the research-base, data-driven choices the program makes and the keenly aware staff that makes sure that each student is given the most opportunities in the safest environment. Great things are happening in Tiger Town thanks to ClemsonLIFE and people like Sarah McAlpine and Kellie Cooley.

March 21 Meeting: Due to the Silent Auction at the next meeting, we will hold our meeting in the ballroom across the hall from our normal meeting room (The Governor's Room). Please make sure to arrive a little early to set up your auction items and to get the bidding sheets from Judy Graham.

Also, at the meeting, we will be inducting two new members– Rev Bryon L. Battle and Mrs. Chantia Battle.

Please make sure Steve Johnson knows your intentions on attending this meeting by Wednesday, March 16. His contact information can be found on page 3.

Meetings are held on the First and Third Mondays of each month at 1:00 PM,

The Poinsett Club
807 E. Washington Street

Mailing Address:
Greenville Civitan Club

Service Projects

Ongoing:

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

April

- Special Olympics (Sam Bennett)
- Servant's Heart Awards (Ruth Richburg)
- March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon (Heyward Johnson)

May

- High School Citizenship Banquet (Violeita Irby)

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)

March

- Silent Auction, March 21 (Judy Graham)



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

Servant's Heart Awards- Friday, April 22

March of Dimes Event- Friday, April 29 at Cleveland Park from 4:30 to 8:30 PM.

Special Olympics- To Be Determined



March for Babies Service Project

The 5K Celebration for March of Dimes is Friday, April 29 from 4:30-8:30 at the First Baptist Church, Greenville located at Cleveland St. and Faris Rd. We will be working one of the food booths engaging with the participants in the 5K walk and with the families that have benefitted from the March of Dimes. You can sign up from your phone or computer, by clicking [HERE](#) or a sign up list will be available at the next three meetings. Volunteer slots are from 4:30-6:30, 6:30-8:30 or 4:30-8:30.

Silent Auction: Bring your items and checkbook!

The Silent Auction is our next regular meeting, March 21. We need each club member to offer items to be auctioned. While you can check your closets and share gifts that you never used, don't forget your favorite merchants. Let them know that the donation is to raise money for a non-profit organization. It never hurts to ask and we might have some very lovely items that will get some hot bids. The Silent Auction committee has a goal of raising \$1,000. Let's make this happen! Bring the items to the meeting on March 21. We will have eight extra tables to display the items and to make bids. Because of the room we need, we will be in the ballroom for the meeting and auction. (This is a second change from being in the Poinsette Room.)

Mark your calendars now! As part of Civitan Awareness Month, Ruth Richburg has asked Councilwoman Liz Seman to make a proclamation at the Greenville County Council meeting on **Tuesday, April 5th**. All club members are welcome to attend and be part of this lovely recognition. Please be at the **County Council Chambers**, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC by **5:35 PM**, wear your Civitan pin and nametag and wear blue and yellow (optional) so that our group may stand out during this special event.



Not to toot our own horn, just ringing bells



Jesse Bowens, as Project Chair, represented our club at the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive Reception. Our club raised over \$1,600 for the Red Kettle Drive and won 2nd Place in the Civic Division. Special thanks to our Top Ringers: Jesse, Gale Garner and Judy Graham who each clocked 6 hours of bell ringing for our club and to our Jr. Civitans.



Want to see your picture in the Flashes? Send them to annelavelly@gmail.com and look for them here!

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.

Member Birthdays

Larry Blackmon
March 14

March Anniversaries

Connie Burgess
3/15/2012

Linda Neely
3/15/2012

Sonya Dawson
3/10/2014



BELIEVERS



- 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 fund-raisers! Helps us be Champions of Service.

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 Johnson 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 illness or medical procedures. In your thoughts and prayers, please be mindful of:

Mary Lou Lewis LaBarbara Sampson Sharon Thomas

If the club needs to be aware of a member's situation, please send notifications to Anne at annelavely@gmail.com or 864.449.2568

Update for your Address Book:

Anna Smith has relocated to Legacy Reserve at Fairview Park.
Her mailing address is:
538 Harrison Bridge Road #210
Simpsonville, SC 29680
Phone: 864.688.2010



Civitan Shirt Order

If you would like to purchase a blue Civitan Polo Shirt with the Greenville logo, please see Sam Bennett. He will be making an order soon.

Upcoming Meetings

March 21– Silent Auction and Member Induction in the Ballroom

April 4- Business Meeting and Elections (Please, no guests or visitors)

Friday, April 22 (due to Easter Monday)- Servant's Heart Award Banquet & Civitan Awareness Month/ Membership Meeting

May 2– High School Citizenship Banquet

District and International Events

Saturday, May 14– *Spring District Meeting* in Columbia, SC

July 4-7- *The International Convention* in San Antonio, TX (Deadline for in-person registration is May 16)

Inspiration from our Civitan Creed

My Mouth utters the call to daily duty and speaks prayers in every tongue.

"Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction." -John F. Kennedy