



FLASHES

April 2022
2nd Edition

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Civitan Awareness & Servant's Heart Banquet



After a two year delay with the Pandemic, the Greenville Civitans fulfilled their 2019 goal of starting the Servant's Heart Award banquet. With the leadership of co- chair Ruth Richburg, plans were finalized and executed to bring recipients and the club together on Friday, April 22. The first step for the banquet was to get a Proclamation from the Greenville County Council. Ruth worked with Councilwoman Liz Seman to secure the proclamation, and on April 5th, Charlotte Walker, club president and Anne Lavelly, co-chair of the committee accepted the proclamation during the County Council meeting.

On April 22, lovely table decorations with lighted hearts and roses by Dot Ray and Ruth, greeted our award recipients, our new members and club members. Rhonda Bowling, committee member, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Civitan Creed. Deborah Pearson, club chaplain led the invocation. Suzi Knebusch, Governor Elect of the SC District, gave a brief history of Civitan International, the Greenville Club, and the need for Civitan awareness. Leda Young, committee member, read the proclamation that states that **April is Civitan Awareness Month in Greenville County.**

The program was then given over to Anna Smith who inducted two new members, **Rev. Byron Battle and Mrs. Chantia Battle**, with Belita Broadus, who sponsored the Battles, and with the help of Jenny Johnson. Ms. Anna, Belita, and Jenny are members of the Membership Committee, and they are doing a fabulous job in seeking and inducting new members who will become **Champions of Service** in the Greenville Club.

The program then turned to the Servant's Heart Awards. When the New Project Committee met in 2019, the decision was made to award the Servant's Heart Awards to individuals or organizations in three categories: within **the schools**, within the **community** as a whole, and within the **service projects** that the club has direct contact. Last year, Civitan International established four **Impact Areas**, to focus our efforts on improving the lives of individuals with I/DD, advocating for change, and spreading the good work of Civitan. This year our **Servant's Heart Award** recipients graciously serve those with I/DD:

- In **Education & Employment**– **Linda Thigpen**, Teacher Success Coach– Special Needs (our schools)
- In **Accessibility & Inclusion**– **Mike Teachey**, Greenville CAN (our community)
- In **Family & Community Support**– **Jeff Powers**, Mauldin Miracle League (our service projects)

Our award recipients and their guests: Michael Thigpen, Joelle Teachey, and Lori Powers were not only grateful for the recognition but of all the good deeds and works that Civitan International and the Greenville club are involved in. Maybe future members could come from our endeavors!

Acknowledgments were made to our special guest- Suzi Knebusch, photographer – Linda Neely, the Membership Committee, the Servant's Heart Committee and especially to Ruth Richburg, co-chair of the Servant's Heart/Civitan Awareness committee, who we sorely missed, so we hold her in our thoughts and prayers until she returns. *Photos posted on page 2*

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

Ongoing:

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

April

- Special Olympics (Sam Bennett)
- March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon (Heyward Johnson)

May

- High School Citizenship Banquet (Violeta Irby)
- Mauldin Miracle League Picnic (Steve Johnson)

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)



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

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

Miracle League Picnic– Saturday, May 28 at Sunset Park in Mauldin

Special Olympics– To Be Determined



Civitan Awareness & Servant's Heart Banquet Photos



March for Babies Service Project– Needing YOU!

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](#). Volunteer slots are from 4:30-6:30, 6:30-8:30 or 4:30-8:30. **THIS FRIDAY!** Please sign up to serve at this Hands-On Project!

Mauldin Miracle League Service Project

The Annual Miracle League Picnic is currently scheduled for **Saturday, May 28**, at the Sunset Park in Mauldin. Further information as to start time for food prep/ serving and sign ups for particular items will be forthcoming from Steve Johnson, chairman of the Miracle League project. Looking forward to Jesse's chili on some grilled hot dogs!

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

Anne Lavelly
5/31

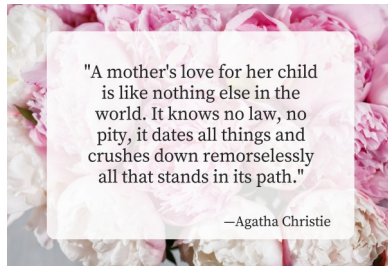
May Anniversaries

Sharon Thomas
5/31/2016

Greenville Civitan
Club chartered
April 28, 1947
Our 75th Year



BELIEVERS



May this Mother's Day bring solace to those who no longer have their mothers with them, and joy for those who graciously hold the title of Mother.

- 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.

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:

Judy Graham Mary Lou Lewis Ruth Richburg

LaBarbara Sampson Sharon Thomas

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



**CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL
IMPACT AREAS**

Want to learn more about the Civitan International Impact Areas? Click HERE Click on each icon to learn more details of each Impact Area.



**CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
HEALTH & WELLNESS**

for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities



**CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT**

for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities



**CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES**

for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities



**CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Upcoming Meetings

May 2– High School Citizenship Banquet– **6:30 PM** Evening banquet

May 16– Program Meeting: OLLI @ Furman, Nancy Kennedy

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

I am Civitan: as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.

There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.
- Amanda Gorman