



# The FLASHES

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## Members Share 2020 Projects, Activities and Membership Recruitment

Betty Shurley and Dot Ray reported the 2020 activities of the Ridgeview Homes. Prior to the pandemic, birthday celebrations were held every other month where each resident was given a goody bag, ice cream, cake, and the birthday person received a special gift. Since the pandemic, the birthday celebrations have not been held. Dot Ray explained how she, Rachael Drake, Frankie Sloan, and Mary Smith started a new project with the residents for Christmas by collecting and assembling gift bags including sweaters, socks, make-up, and of course, candy.

Gale Garner reported on the many projects involving the Junior Civitans. Along with Debbie Mitchell and Judy Graham, the Junior Civitans made cards for Meals on Wheels food boxes, read at the Children's Library, and participated with the Furman Jr. Olympics, which was a very popular activity.

Jessie Bowens, Salvation Army Bell Ringing Chair, reported this year was successful, even during the pandemic. She confessed that as a competitive person, she really enjoys her time ringing the bell.

Anna Smith, Membership Chair, suggested ways to increase membership by advertising our activities, projects, and the importance of how the Civitan helps the community. In order to recruit new members, talk with friends, neighbors, church, and family members. Anna holds the record for recruiting the most members for the Greenville Civitan Club.



Betty Shurley: Ridgeview Community Home Birthday Parties



Dorothy Ray: Ridgeview Community Home Christmas Party



Gale Garner: Junior Civitan



Jessie Bowens: Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing



Anna Smith: Member Recruitment

Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

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## ***President's Message...***

Our upcoming meeting on January 18th is a Business Meeting. I trust that many of you fine Civitans will attend this meeting so you can hear about our Club's status and our goals for 2021.

For all Civitans, we have two URGENT prayer requests. Many of you remember Richard (Dick) Crain, who is a Lifetime Member. He has lost his ability to walk and is currently in National Health Care on Boiling Springs Road in Greenville to hopefully receive some helpful therapy.

Also, our current District Governor, Patsy Finley, and her husband Gary (a former District Governor), request prayers for their son Ben, who is in ICU as this is being typed. He is in critical condition with a very serious bacterial disease. They would appreciate your earnest prayers for him.

This year we WILL be meeting on Monday, January 18th, which is also MLK Day. This differs from years past when we could not meet on Monday due to the Poinsett Club being closed on that day. However, The Hilton IS open, and we will be meeting in the Haywood Room. Board Meeting will also be in the Haywood Room for our January 18th meeting. PLEASE be sure and let Deborah Pearson know by Thursday, January 14th, if you WILL be attending in person.

Thank you.

Sam Bennett,  
President

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## ***Greenville Civitan Clergy Appreciation Week February 1 – 5, 2021***

Greenville Civitan Clergy Appreciation Day will be celebrated on February 1, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will **not** be inviting clergy this year. During our regular Lunch meeting, guest speaker will be Chaplain Bennie Durham, SC Public Service Chaplain.

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## Quarterly Dues...What do the Dues help pay for in the Club?

There have been several questions as to what our Quarterly Dues are used for. Please be aware that the Dues ARE NOT ONLY used to pay for meals. Several uses of them are listed below....

1. Meal Expenses
2. District Dues
3. International Dues
4. New Members' Packets & Pens
5. Miscellaneous such as paper supplies and other administrative needs.
6. Insurance Premiums
7. Officer pins and awards (Installation Banquet)
8. Speaker Gifts
9. District Support for District Meetings, i.e., baskets for rallies, costs for individual Member attendance, etc.
10. Registration fee for District & International Conventions attendees. (limited, based on budgeted amount)

If any of you have any questions as to other specific uses for the Dues, please contact Linda Neely, our Treasurer, who will be glad to answer any questions in greater detail.

Thank you.

Sam Bennett,  
President

## 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.

