



FLASHES

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Edition

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2021– 2022 Officers CLUB

President:
Charlotte Walker

President-Elect:
Lavon Moore

Secretary:
Jessie Bowens

Treasurer:
Linda F. Neely

Assistant Treasurer:
Jenny Johnson

Board of Directors:
Judy Graham
Debbie Johnston
Violeta Irby
Anne Lavelly

Chaplain:
Deborah Pearson

Sergeant-At-Arms:
Steve Johnson

CHARITIES

President:
Sam Bennett

President Elect:
Charlotte Walker

Secretary:
Debbie Johnston

Treasurer:
Linda Neely

Board of Directors:
Rhonda Bowling
Heyward Johnston
Annie Mumbauer
Ruth Richburg
LaBarbara Sampson



Flashes Editor: Anne B. Lavelly

Civitan Flashes is published the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month.

Important Information for Business Meeting

Officer Slate for 2022-23 Civitan Year

The following slate of officers for the 202-23 Civitan year which includes the Club Board, Club Board of Directors, Charities Board and Charities Board of Directors was selected and agreed upon by members of the Nominating Committee.

Executive Board Nominees:

President Lavon Moore
 President-Elect Jessie Bowens
 Secretary Betty Shurley
 Treasurer Linda Neely
 Assistant Treasurer Jenny Johnson
 Board of Directors: Larry Blackman,
 Sean Dogan, Anne Lavelly, Anna Smith

Charities Board Nominees:

President Charlotte Walker
 President Elect Lavon Moore
 Secretary Leda Young
 Treasurer Linda Neely
 Board of Directors: Rhonda Bowling,
 Belita Broadus, Heyward Johnston,
 Annie Mumbauer, Dot Ray

Nominations may be made from the floor provided the person nominated has agreed to serve prior to the election. Please notify the Club secretary of nominations being made from the floor in advance of the meeting.

The 2021-22 President-Elect for the Club automatically fills the Club President position; The 2021-22 Club President automatically fills the Charities President position; The incoming Club President automatically fills the Charities President-Elect position. Elections will take place during the April 4, 2022 meeting. New officers will assume positions on October 1, 2022, the beginning of the new Civitan year.

Grant Proposals from the Charities Board

The following are the grant requests that the Charities Board will present to the club for vote/approval:

From the Trust Fund:

Harvest Hope Food Bank- \$5,000	SC Children's Theatre- \$3,000
Mauldin Miracle League- \$4,000	Upcountry History Museum- \$1,500
Project Hope- \$150,000	Upstate Carolina Adaptive Golf- \$5,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities- \$6,570	YMCA of Greenville (Judson)- \$7,500

From Local Charities: March of Dimes \$2,150

Silent Auction: What a rousing success the Silent Auction was! Whether you donated items or purchased items, your contribution helped us to raise money for our general funds! Special Kudos to our committee members: Judy Graham, Chair, Gale Garner, and Rhonda Bowling for developing, organizing, and encouraging everyone to get involved. There were some definite bidding wars going on and a few people paid top dollar thanks to Jesse and Judy. From all the noise of a "silent" auction, it looked as if everyone had a great time.

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)
- 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

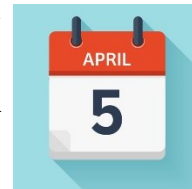
Servant's Heart Awards– Friday, April 22

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

Special Olympics– To Be Determined



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.



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

April 22– Banquet



April is Civitan Awareness Month, and as part of that awareness, we will be having our first annual **Servant's Heart Awards Banquet** on Friday, April 22. The meeting is three-fold: bringing awareness of what Civitan does in our local and global community, initiating new members who have embraced the mission of Civitan, and take on the **Family and Community Support Impact Area** of the **Civitan mission**: to focus our efforts on improving the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With the banquet, we are honoring individuals who love people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and the agencies that support them, so opportunities can be realized. In one meeting, we are celebrating the Champions of Service Believers. Please come be a part of this unique and special day. Let Steve know that you will be attending.

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.

Thank you Civitans! You made our **Silent Auction** on March 21st a very big success! We raised **\$922.50** in one hour. The amount was made possible by all the great donations. Thank you so much for the jewelry, home decorative items, greeting cards, handbags, a photo session, a homemade apple cake, and many more items.

Thanks to all of our generous donors and buyers. The silent auction was truly an amazing accomplishment by all the Civitan members.

Thank you again!

Judy Graham, Rhonda Bowling, and Gale Garner

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

LaBarbara Sampson
April 6

Linda Neely
April 7

Charlotte Walker
April 16

April Anniversaries

Rachel Drake
4/1/1990

Frankie Sloan
4/9/2007

Ann Thompson
4/9/2007

Ruth Richburg
4/24/2009

Julia Burdette
4/24/2009

Violeita Irby
4/25/2018



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

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 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 annelavelly@gmail.com or 864.449.2568

Civitan Shirt Order

If you would like to purchase a blue Civitan Polo Shirt with the Greenville logo, please contact Sam Bennett: email bbennett46@yahoo.com (H)864-848-1979, or (C) 864- 313-6917 He will be making an order soon.



Upcoming Meetings

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

We will be inducting two new members- Rev Bryon L. Battle and Mrs. Chantia Battle during the April 22 meeting as part of our Servant's Heart/Civitan Awareness 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 Motto: Builders of good Citizenship

You must completely dedicate yourselves to it. To do less will be to let down your country, your state, your parents, your teachers, and ultimately, yourselves. Remember this: The only good citizen is the well-educated citizen. - Homer Hickam