



# The FLASHES

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## 2021 Clergy Appreciation Day



*Chaplain Bennie Durham*

Although, we are celebrating it differently this year, Clergy Appreciation Day is still a very important day for us as Civitans. A video was shown highlighting the WWII Chaplains who died rescuing civilians and military personnel on the ship SS Dorchester that sank on 2/3/1943. Our guest speaker Bennie Durham, Chaplain with the Greenville County Sheriff's Department, commented on how much he enjoyed the information he received his first year as a guest.

Chaplain Durham reported that his duties and responsibilities are not only that of a chaplain, but a Greenville County Deputy, and a Baptist pastor for 30 years.

In the course of his career, he shared stories of situations where he has used his faith in God to be a listener and opportunities to reach out to the believers and the unbelievers as well. He left us with a wonderful quote, "If everyone could be a member of Civitan there would be more civil minded people in the world."



*President Sam Bennett presents guest speaker Chaplain Bennie Durham With a gift.*



*Thanks to Dot Ray for the table centerpieces and marshmallow candies.*

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

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## *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...*

We as Civitans are going through an interesting year. It is a year of immense change for all Civitans. Civitan International is proposing big changes to their articles and by-laws. They want to eliminate districts and only keep regions. If approved by Civitan delegates who represent their individual Clubs, in Jacksonville, Florida at the International Convention this coming July, then Civitan as we know it will become an organization of regions, with no more districts, beginning in the year 2022. This has immense implications as to how our Club would function in the future.

For our Club, we will continue to update you with information as we receive it, on the future of Civitan Clubs and what these changes, if approved, will mean to our local Club. It is important that we all stay informed about this issue as our Club continues to function throughout this year.

Thank you.

Sam Bennett,  
President

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## **Civitan International Convention**

Civitan International Convention will be held in Jacksonville, Florida July 7th-9th. Delegates to the convention will have an opportunity to vote on proposed revisions to the Civitan Articles of Incorporation and bylaws. To access the documents and to see a schedule of the town hall meetings that you may register for go to:  
[civitan.org/civitan.org/renewby22](http://civitan.org/civitan.org/renewby22)

# Meetings & Events

## *Meetings*

February 15 1:00 - Lunch Meeting  
Hilton Hotel

March 1 1:00 - Lunch Meeting  
Hilton Hotel

March 15 1:00 - Lunch Meeting  
Hilton Hotel

\*\*Please be sure and let Deborah Pearson know by Thursday,  
if you will be attending the meeting in person.

## *Events*

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### **Sick and Shut In**

Jenny Johnson and Ann Thompson have both been released from the hospital and are doing well. Please add these members to your prayer list.

If you would like to send a card to these ladies, their addresses are:

Ann Thompson  
213 Ridge Bay Ct  
Greenville, SC 29611

Jenny Johnson  
240 Ledbetter Road  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690



### **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.