



FLASHES

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Edition

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LaBarbara Sampson



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

Results from the Business Meeting

Officers for the 2022-23 Civitan Year

Executive Board Officers:

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 Officers:

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

New officers will assume positions on October 1, 2022, the beginning of the new Civitan year. Congratulations to our boards for next year!

Grant from the Charities Board approved by Membership

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

That is a total of \$184,720! We can be proud that *our hope for a better world through Civitan* will be put into action in our community. Sam Bennett, Charities Board President, will work on having a time to present the checks to the different charities in order to have photo opportunities.

April Is Proclaimed Civitan Awareness Month in Greenville County



Thanks to the work of Ruth Richburg, our President Charlotte Walker received the Greenville County Council Proclamation from Councilwoman Liz Seman as part of **Civitan Awareness Month**. (More photos on page 2)

Please join us on Friday, April 22 at the Poinsett Club to celebrate Civitan Awareness. We will also be inducting two new members: **Rev. Byron Battle** and **Mrs. Chantia Battle** and recognizing our **Servant's Heart Award** recipients: **Linda Thigpen, Mike Teachy, and Jeff Powers**.

Please note: Since Friday's banquet is full of wonderful events and the meal is served as a buffet, we are asking all guests and members to arrive by 12:45 to go through the line early so that we can start the meeting immediately at 1:00.

Meetings are held on the First and Third Mondays of each month at 1:00 PM, unless otherwise stated and announced.

The Poinsett Club
807 E. Washington Street
Greenville, SC 29601

Mailing Address:
Greenville Civitan Club
P. O. Box 16493
Greenville, SC 29606

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)
- 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

Servant's Heart Awards- Friday, April 22

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



Leda Young, Linda Neely, Lavon Moore, Belita Broadus, Charlotte Walker, Violeita Irby, Rhonda Bowling, Anne Lavelly, and Jesse Bowens attended County Council meeting to receive the proclamation that **April is Civitan Awareness Month in Greenville County.**

April 22- Servant's Heart and Awareness 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, inducting new members who have embraced the mission of Civitan, and highlight three of the four Impact Areas 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 meetings. Volunteer slots are from 4:30-6:30, 6:30-8:30 or 4:30-8:30.

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

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

Violetta Irby
4/25/2018

Greenville Civitan
Club chartered
April 28, 1947



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On April 28, the Greenville Civitan Club will reach the 75th year milestone. **Happy Charter Day!**

- 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

And sisters of **Belita Broadus** (Wanda) and **Lavon Moore** (Tara)

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

Please be mindful that our Friday banquet will be buffet style. If at all possible, please arrive by 12:45 to go through the buffet line before we call the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Upcoming Meetings

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

We will be inducting two new members as well as recognizing our Servant's Heart Award recipients.

May 2- High School Citizenship Banquet- **6:00 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

My Hope is for a better world through Civitan.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

- Helen Keller