



FLASHES

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January Meetings

At the January 6th meeting (held on Friday due to New Year's Day), Club President Lavon Moore reminded us of all the good that we are doing within our community and encouraged members to be positive and continue to do the good work of the club. The Business Meeting was turned over to the Charities Board to discuss the situation with the grant for the Hope Foundation. A discussion was held about the Claxton Fruitcake fundraiser, and it was decided that our club would no longer participate in that endeavor.

More information about fundraising can be found on Page 3.

At the January 20th meeting (held on Friday due to MLK Day), Club Vice President Jesse Bowens, presided over the Membership meeting. While the presentation for the Quarterly Club 45 Impact Hero Awards had to be delayed due to the recipients unable to attend, Belita Broadus discuss what the Civitan International Impact Area initiative is. In order to help all Civitan Clubs gain recognition in the community for the work that we do with individuals with I/DD, or Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities, Civitan International created four Impact Areas. These four areas, one for each quarter of the year, were created to focus on the areas most needed for people with I/DD. Those areas are:

- Accessible & Inclusive Communities
- Education & Employment
- Health & Wellness
- Family & Community Support



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS

As a service organization, we do not seek recognition for our work. But in order to be seen in our community. to gain membership and grow, to be able to do more for the I/DD community, our club needs to easily say who we are and what we do. Along with the Civitan International Research Center at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and the Impact areas, we can proudly say we are Champions of Service for those with I/DD. Jenny Johnston continued the presentation showcasing those projects our club supports and how we directly work in the Civitan International Impact Areas.

Please go to Page 2 to see our upcoming Service Projects.

Meals at the POINSETT CLUB for 2022-23

- If a meal is prepared for you and you do not attend, you will need to cover the cost of the meal (\$20). If you attend a meeting without being on the list for a meal, you will need to pay the late charge (\$3).
- Please contact Steve Johnson by email: gunney25@gmail.com or Cell: 864.642.8604 by **10 AM on the Wednesday before a Monday meeting** to make sure you are on the right list and can avoid having to pay any fees.

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

Service Projects

Ongoing:

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

January:

None

February

- Clergy Appreciation Day (LaBarbra Sampson)

March

None

More information on service and fundraising projects can be found by contacting the member listed in parenthesis.

Sean Dogan is our Service Project Director.

Fundraising Projects

Ongoing- each meeting:

- 50/50 Raffle (Jenny Johnson)
- Card Sales (Debbie Johnston)
- Magazine Sales (Rachel Drake)
- Candy Boxes (Anne Lavelly)

January-March:

- Silent Auction (Members only)



In each edition of the Flashes, you will be able to find out where you can serve others and fellowship with Civitan friends.

Upcoming Service Projects

Mark your calendars now. More details will be shared as they become available.

Clergy Appreciation Day: February 6 Club member, Pastor Byron Battle will be our guest speaker. Chaired by LaBarbra Sampson

April

Civitan Awareness Month– throughout the month of April take any opportunity to share the story of Civitan and the impact it has in the community and in your life. More information will be shared on how you can get the word out about Civitan and the Champions of Service.

Servant's Heart Awards: April 17

Another initiative of Civitan International is to use the Servant's Heart Awards to recognize people in our community directly impacting individuals with I/DD. All club members are asked to nominate someone deserving in the following categories:

1. An individual in an **educational setting** who works directly with individuals with I/DD.
2. An organization/individual in our community that supports, encourages, or enhances the lives of those with I/DD.
3. A club or organization that supports individuals with I/DD that the club works with directly.

Forms were passed out to club members for nominees and a brief description of why they should be recognized. You can return those forms to either Ruth Richburg or Anne Lavelly. Or, you can send an email to Anne at annelavelly@gmail.com Thanks to Sonya Dawson and Sharon Thomas for joining the committee.

March of Dimes Walk: Friday, April 28th– Unity Park. With the venue changed to Unity Park, the set up will be very similar as last year. More details to follow with Heyward Johnston as Chair.

Special Olympics– To be determined. Usually the third Wednesday in April at the Furman University campus. More details soon.

May

High School Citizenship Banquet: May 1

Miracle League Picnic– Tentatively set for **Saturday, May 27th**: At the Mauldin Sunset Park

Please go to page 3 for upcoming Fundraising



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT
for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

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.

February Birthdays

Sonya Dawson
February 4

Steve Johnson-
February 4

Deborah Pearson
February 24

February Anniversaries

Charlotte Walker
2/27/2015

Cheryl Bailey
2/21/2020

Rhonda Bowling
2/15/2021



Fees and Fundraiser Reminder

- 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.

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 strength and solace from grief, illness, or medical procedures. In your heart and mind, please keep the following members close:

Rachel Drake Mary Lou Lewis

Fundraising

At the January 6th meeting, the club decided to stop using the Claxton Fruitcake sales as a fundraiser. An anonymous club member would cover the gap in fundraising revenue for three years to give the club time to create new fundraising opportunities. In order for our club to continue, several avenues will need to be taken in order to finance our administrative and charity activities.

Silent Auction: March 6!

Bring your items and checkbook



The Silent Auction is March 6! We need each club member to offer items to be auctioned. While you can check your closets and share gifts that you never used, don't forget your favorite merchants. Let them know that the donation is to raise money for a non-profit organization. It never hurts to ask and we might have some very lovely items that will get some hot bids. The Silent Auction committee has a goal of raising \$1,000. Let's make this happen! Bring the items to the meeting on March 6. We will have bidding sheets and extra tables to display the items to make bids. Thank you all for your participation! **It will be FUN!**

Upcoming Meetings

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| February 6- | Clergy Appreciation Day |
| February 20- | Program Meeting |
| March 6- | <i>Silent Auction (Members only)</i> |
| March 20- | Program Meeting |
| April 3- | Business/Election |
| April 17- | Servant's Heart/ Civitan Awareness and Membership meeting |
| May 1- | Civitan High School Citizenship Banquet |
| May 19- | <i>Charities (Members only)</i> |

Embolden Items are Service Projects or Seek Meetings. If bringing a guest, please inform Steve the Wednesday before the meeting!
Italicized items are closed meetings.