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## 2020 Clergy Appreciation Day: "The Gift of Grace"



*Attorney Carlyle Steele*

Our annual Clergy Appreciation Day was held on February 3, 2020, at The Poinsett Club. Dot Ray, Clergy Appreciation Day Chair, introduced our guest speaker, Attorney Carlyle Steele. Attorney Steele delivered an enthusiastically accepted presentation on "Brotherhood", giving homage to our clergy, the U.S. Constitution and our 2020 theme, "The Gift of Grace".

Anna Smith presented a Proclamation from the City of Greenville signed by Mayor Knox White, proclaiming the week of February 3, 2020, as Clergy Appreciation Week.

Our guests and church affiliations were introduced by Steve Johnson. Invocation and presentation of the history of The Four Chaplains was given by Sean Dogan. Our guest, Wes Page, soloist, was accompanied by pianist, T. J. Ellis, as he sang "Amazing Grace".

Thank you, Dot Ray and Frankie Sloan, for the beautifully adorned tables with replicas of our places of worship. Everything was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

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

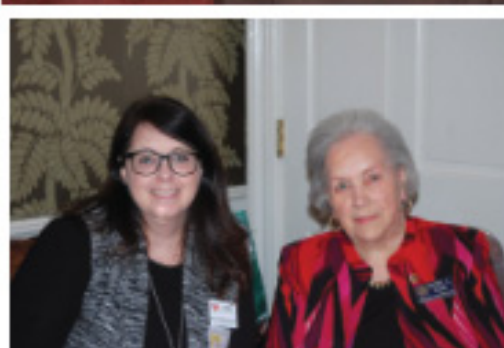
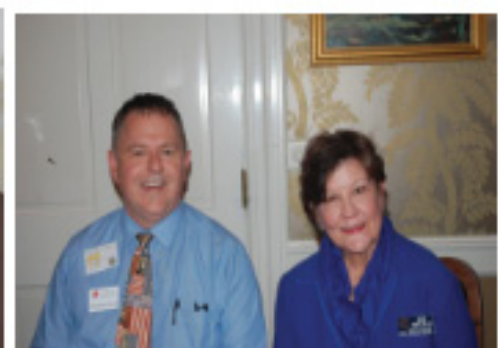
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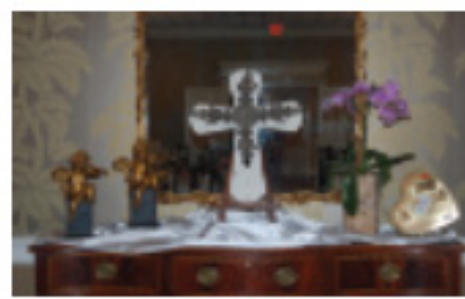
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## Civitan Mission Statement

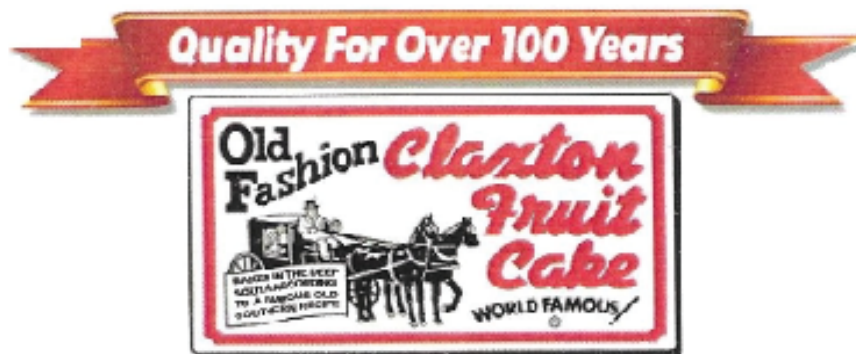
The worldwide mission of Civitan International is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs, with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.

## *How it all began*

### **Civitan & Claxton Fruitcakes**

In 1910, the townspeople of the small South Georgia community of Claxton saw a new business open its doors. The Claxton Bakery was owned by Savino Tos, an Italian pastry-maker, who immigrated to the United States in the early 1900's. In 1945, Savino Tos decided to retire from the bakery and devote his time to other business interests. Having fostered a trusting relationship with young Albert Parker through the years, Tos sold the Claxton Bakery to his long-time employee. Albert Parker began working at the bakery when he was only 11 years old.

In the early-1950's, Parker was visited by a representative of the Civitan Club of Tampa, Florida. The civic club was in search of a fund-raising item, and Claxton Fruit Cake seemed to be the perfect choice. As a result of their initial success selling Claxton Fruit Cakes as a fund-raiser, the Tampa Civitans spread the word to their colleagues in other clubs. As each year passed, more and more groups discovered the sales appeal of Albert Parker's famous fruit cakes. For over half a century, Civitans have been selling Claxton Fruit Cake to fund various community and fund local service projects.



After sharing the history of the Claxton Fruit Cake with our guest, we wanted them to enjoy the tasty cakes. As a gift of appreciation, the clergy in attendance were given an Old Fashion Claxton Fruit Cake and a Civitan Wall Thermometer.

Thank you, Sam Bennett, Jenny Johnson, Steve Johnson, and Skip Smith, Fruit Cake Committee, for your support.

**Columbia Civitan Club  
90th Anniversary Celebration**



Elizabeth Scott, Belita Broadus, and LaBarbara Sampson

The Columbia Civitan Club's 90th Anniversary Celebration was held on January 30th at the Capital City Club in downtown Columbia, SC. The celebration was well attended by Civitan Clubs from around the district and executives from Civitan International. LaBarbara Sampson, Belita Broadus, and Elizabeth Scott represented the Greenville Civitan Club. The Columbia Civitan is the oldest existing club in the South Carolina District and holds the distinction of being among the top oldest clubs internationally. The Greenville Civitan Club sponsored the Columbia Civitan Club. When the Greenville club surrendered its charter during the war, the Columbia club sponsored its re-charter in 1947.

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## *Meetings and Events*

### Meetings

February 21    Lunch Buffet  
 Guest: Tony McDade  
 Executive Director  
 United Ministries

March 2        Lunch Meeting  
 Guest: Mayor Knox White

March 16      Meeting Ballroom  
 Guest: Kamil Braddock  
 The Bobby Lewis House

April 6        Meeting (TBA)

### Events

April 8        Special Olympics  
 Furman University  
 Ballroom

April 20      Annual Silent Auction

*\*\*Please notify Anna Smith four days prior to our meeting if you are bringing a guest or to request a vegetarian plate.*



### Dues are Due!

Please remember to keep your account up to date! Quarterly dues are due on the first of January, April, July, and October. You can submit your \$90 dues at the next event or mail them anytime.

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