



# The FLASHES

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## Leda L. Young, Executive Director

*Pleasant Valley Connection  
The Center of It All*



Leda L. Young, retired Administrator of Greenville County Schools, joined Pleasant Valley Connection after she retired in 2018. She now serves as their Executive Director. Pleasant Valley Connection serves as a community development organization that provides programs for all ages. *It is not a recreation center.*

The programs consist of Pleasant Valley Youth Center, Teen Center, After School Program, Elite Summer Day Camp, and Senior Action Program. The Center also host the Greater Pleasant Valley Association which meets monthly, except July, Nov, and Dec. The program goals are to provide activities that promote education and healthy living. A new program, *Greens and Things*, grew out of a need for fresh, healthy food in Greenville. Curtis Miller, who runs Maranatha Farms & Wellness, decided to start with one area – Pleasant Valley.

The Mission of Pleasant Valley Connection, Inc. is to connect community residents, families, churches, businesses and other organizations in a coordinated effort to improve the education, health, well-being and community involvement of Greater Pleasant Valley residents and surrounding areas. We respect and value racial, cultural, religious and linguistic diversity and feel it is an asset to our community. We believe the community owns and drives the programs provided and shares in the responsibility for sustaining the Pleasant Valley Connection.



Sam Bennett, President, presents our guest speaker, Leda L. Young, with a thank you gift.

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 should be looking forward to July 4th! It is Independence Day, a day of thanking God for our freedom in this great Country of ours! Civitan, from its first day to the present, has always been comprised of men and women of strong patriotism and love for country. Freedom is fragile and must be loved and longed for by its countrymen. The words of Patrick Henry should ring clear in our ears today, as we reflect on our great liberty. Civitans always think of liberty and freedom! Patrick Henry said it best: "Give me liberty or give me death!" God bless the United States of America! In July, we will have a special meeting instead of our regular 2nd meeting. Dot Ray, Frankie Sloan, Anna Smith, Steve & Jenny Johnson and the Committee are working on having a great and fun-filled social! Further information will be coming in the days ahead. I would love to see all of our Civitans at this social!

Sam Bennett,  
President

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## *Congratulations!*

At the District Three Conference of National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), Lavon Moore, Civitan's Secretary, was elected the new District Three Director. District Three has 818 members from 7 states, (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee); three countries (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Caribbean), and the continent of Africa. Her job, among other responsibilities, is to recruit and retain members, facilitate training and promote more members to obtain their credentials.

Lavon has been a member of NAP for 16 years. She has held an elective office at the state level for 12 years and served as state president (South Carolina Association) for 5 years.

Congratulations on your new success!

# Meetings & Events

## *Meetings*

- June 21 1:00 – Lunch Meeting  
Speaker: Jayne Crisp, Community Liaison  
Greater Greenville Mental Health Center  
Program – Mental Health Champions  
Hilton Greenville
- July 5 1:00 – Business Meeting  
Hilton Greenville

## *Events*

July 28-31, 2021  
Civitan International  
Convention  
Jacksonville, Florida

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

*Do You Participate in Our 50/50 Drawing?*

*Debbie Johnston won \$26.00*

*Will you be next?*

## **ATTENTION ALL CIVITAN MEMBERS**

Please note that our MEETING ROOM for the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting has been **MOVED** to the **PIEDMONT BALLROOM**, as the Blue Ridge Room will be used for another group.

## **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.