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Clergy Appreciation Day a rousing success



Bennie Durham,
Guest Speaker

The committee for Clergy Appreciation Day planned and provided a lovely banquet for our local clergy on Monday, February 7. From the City of Greenville Proclamation, the musical selection sung by Wes Page and T.J. Ellis, and the poignant words from Chaplain Bennie Durham, to the beautiful table decorations and scrumptious meal prepared by the Poinsette Club staff, every detail was curated to create a special time to celebrate and appreciate the men and women who dedicate their lives to the service of others in our community through their respective ministries. Chaplain Durham, of the Greenville Sheriff's Office, used the words of the Civitan Creed, "*My belief: do unto others as you would have them do unto you,*" as a way to reflect on how we carry ourselves when dealing with people in our lives. He spoke on being mindful of how we handle those we do not get along with or those who put up barriers or do not follow the rules or law. It is in those times, when our belief is tested, that our true character shines through. And, Chaplain Durham reminded us that the Four Chaplains on the USS Dorchester—who inspired this event—when handing out life jackets, never asked what the benefactor's religion was. Instead the Four Chaplains freely gave their life preservers and followed the Scripture of Romans 12:10- "*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*" Our event ended with a photo op and gift bags for each of our ministers. Thanks to our Clergy Day Committee: Steve Johnson-Chair, Sean Dogan, Nancy McGreer, Dot Ray, Anna Smith, Frankie Sloan, and Sam Bennett for a lovely time with our ministers. You are truly Champions of Service!



Our honored guests at this year's Clergy Appreciation Day, February 7.

Corrections from the 2nd Flashes for January

The March 7 meeting is a program meeting with Sarah McAlpine from ClemsonLIFE

The April 4 meeting is the Business and Officer Election Meeting

March of Dimes project will be Friday, April 29

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

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Service Projects

Ongoing:

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

February

- Clergy Appreciation Day (Steve Johnson)

April

- Special Olympics (Sam Bennett)
- Servant's Heart Awards (Ruth Richburg)
- March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon (Heyward 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)

March

- Silent Auction, March 21 (Judy Graham)



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. This is a change from their traditional walk-a-thon. Specific details coming soon.

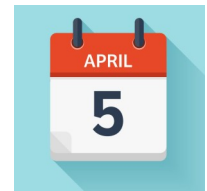


Special Olympics- To Be Determined

Silent Auction: Gather your items now!

The Silent Auction is March 21 and 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!! Ask the manager at your favorite restaurant- after having a lovely meal at their establishment- would they be willing to donate a gift card. While making a purchase at your go-to clothing store, see if they have an items that they would rather donate than put on clearance. Make a purchase at any of your favorite stores- and see if they can give you a second item for free. 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. That means every club member needs to donate enough items to raise \$25. Let's make this happen! Any small items may be given to Judy Graham, committee chairperson, or you may bring the items to the meeting on March 21.

Mark your calendars now! As part of Civitan Awareness Month, Ruth Richburg has asked Councilwoman Liz Seman to make a proclamation at the Greenville County Council meeting on **Tuesday, April 5th**. All club members are welcome to attend and be part of this lovely recognition. Please be at the **County Council Chambers**, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC by **5:35 PM**, wear your Civitan pin and nametag and wear blue and yellow (optional) so that our group may stand out during this special event.



Candy Boxes

Remember that the Candy Box fundraiser benefits our club, Civitan International, and the Research Center at the University of Alabama- Birmingham. The boxes seem to do well in car washes (who knew?) and restaurants where people have to pay at the cash register. We also have donation boxes for those places with smaller countertops and do not want to hassle with candy. Know of a place for a Candy Box? See Anne Lavelly for more details.

Want to see your picture in the Flashes? Send them to annelavelly@gmail.com and look for them here!

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

Sky Garrett
February 2

Sonya Dawson
February 4

Steve Johnson
February 4

Deborah Pearson
February 24

February Anniversaries

Rhonda Bowling
2/15/2021

Cheryl Bailey
2/21/2020

Charlotte Walker
2/27/2015



BELIEVERS



- Quarterly Dues should be paid by the first of October, January, April, & July.
- At each regular meeting we have a 50/50 Raffle, a Greeting Card Sale, and a Magazine Sale as club fundraisers! Every little bit 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 Johnson contact information: gunney25@gmail.com or Cell: 864.642.8604
- On any Friday meeting days (Feb. 25) please remember that there are no Take-Out meals due to the Buffet set up.

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:

Mary Lou Lewis

Debbie Mitchell

Sharon Thompson

The surgery on LaBarbara Sampson's right foot went well. She is now convalescing at the Patewood Post Acute Center (formerly Health & Rehab Center). The plan is for her to stay until the end of the month if all goes well with physical therapy. Visits, cards, and notes of encouragement are welcome.

Well wishes can be sent to:
LaBarbara Sampson, Rm 104 W
Patewood Post Acute Center
2 Griffith Rd.
Greenville, SC 29607

If the club needs to be aware of a member's situation, please let Anne Lavelly know at annelavelly@gmail.com or 864.449.2568

Upcoming Meetings Please note the corrections from the last Flashes

Friday, February 25 (due to Presidents' Day) – Merl Code, from REEM (Race Equity and Economic Mobility) will be our guest speaker

March 7– Program Meeting, Sarah McAlpine, Job Coach for ClemsonLIFE

March 21– Silent Auction

April 4- Business Meeting and Elections (Please, no guests or visitors)

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

Inspiration from our Civitan Creed

MY MOTTO: Builders of good citizenship

"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in." – Theodore Roosevelt