



FLASHES

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

Searching for Others to Join in the Fellowship and Service of Civitan

On January 21, we held our second membership meeting of the year. Jenny Johnson brought her guest who would be excellent candidate for membership. Belita Broadus spoke at the meeting reminding us not only the importance of recruiting but retaining our membership. Our three Tenants: Service, Knowledge, and Fellowship should be the driving force and guide for us to seek out others who would not only benefit from club membership but the club would benefit from their participation. Belita then went on to talk about our need to involve all members in the work of the club. Along with encouraging members to participate in service projects, we need to be mindful of assigning members to committees and offices, explaining procedures and traditions, as well as encouraging new ideas to invigorate and energize the club and giving membership ownership in the deeds and actions of our club. From there, members will become more invested and may even take on roles of leadership in the club and beyond. Thank you Belita for your inspiring words!



Our next meeting, February 7, is our annual Clergy Appreciation Day. Below is an excerpt from the Civitan International website:

Clergy Appreciation Week is an international project of Civitan International, which honors local leaders of all faiths for their dedicated service to their local communities. Since 1963, Civitan clubs around the world have set aside a week in February of each year to honor local faith leaders for their acts of service. The project was inspired by the story of the Four Chaplains—a Methodist minister, a Catholic priest, a Reformed minister and a Jewish rabbi who sacrificed their lives in service to others on board the USS Dorchester, that was hit by a torpedo. George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, John P. Washington, and Clark V. Poling, removed their own life jackets to give to other passengers and locked arms in prayer for the safety of others as the ship submerged into the icy waters.

The creation of the annual Civitan project is to commemorate the sacrifice made by the four chaplains, but Clergy Appreciation Week is not intended to be a memorial to the chaplains but a week of celebration and appreciation for the men and women who dedicate their lives to the service of others in their community as leaders in their respective ministries.

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

Projects where You are a Champion of Service

Clergy Appreciation Day- February 7

Servant's Heart Awards- April 22

March of Dimes Event- Saturday, April 29 at Cleveland Park. Further details to be shared soon.

Special Olympics- To Be Determined



Christmas Social

Apologies for the late post, but here are pictures of our entertainment at the Christmas Social. More pictures and the latest pictures posted on our Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/greenvillesccivitanclub>



Want to see your picture in the Flashes? Send them to annelavely@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



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Silent Auction: Ask your favorite merchant to donate!

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. 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!

- Quarterly Dues should be paid by the first of October, January, April, & July.
- Do not forget that 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

Upcoming Meetings

February 7- Clergy Appreciation Day

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

March 7- Business Meeting and Elections

March 21- Silent Auction

Inspiration from our Civitan Creed

MY BELIEF: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
- Maya Angelo