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Taking Action for Racial Equity

At our program meeting on November 7, Stacey Mills spoke to the club about the Greenville Racial Equity and Economic Mobility Commission. It was duly noted that Rev. Mills had years of experience to grab an audience's attention through personal reflection and move an audience with vibrant storytelling and plainly stating the facts.



When the murder of George Floyd occurred on May 25, 2020 –community leaders reached out to ask- “How are you doing?” It was a sincere question for BIPOC in Greenville and throughout our country. REEMGVL was created to make sure that what had happened in Minnesota would not happen in Greenville. A commission and task force was created to address not only social justice but all matters of racial inequities and disparities in key areas that negatively impact the Black community in Greenville County. And once the commission developed its five tenants to address: Income & Wealth, Criminal Justice, Education & Workforce Development, Health & Wellness, and Communitywide Learning, the commission asked Rev. Stacey Mills to lead the initiative as Executive Director in April of this year.

Rev. Mills drove home the point about racial inequities when he spoke of the daily ritual of walking the family pet, Sampson. With his dog and the leash, he never left the house without his driver's license– just in case he had to prove that he belonged in his North Main neighborhood.

Rev. Mills also spoke of the great work his church, Mountain View Baptist is doing by obtaining acres of parceled land around the church– sometimes a lot or an acre at a time, They have secured 30 and hope to have 100 acres and create a hub of economic growth with housing and businesses that serves to promote the area near the church and Unity Park to create a thriving neighborhood for its residents.

Rev. Mills is not only inspiring people to do better– he is taking action and making Greenville be better. Or as he put it, “make Greenville the great community my 16-year old son Zion thinks it is. “

You can learn more by clicking the icon:



Meals at the POINSETT CLUB for 2022-23

Please refer to the email sent on November 17 concerning the policies for attending meetings and having a meal provided. The information outlined and the list that Steve Johnson has on file can be accessed here: [Poinsett Club Meals](#)

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)

October

November thru December

- Salvation Army: Red Kettle (Jesse Bowens)

December

- Civitan House- Ridge Road Christmas (Connie Burgess)
- Ridgeview House Christmas (Rhonda Bowling)

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)

October-December

- Fruit Cake Sales (Sam Bennett)



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

It's time to get your Ring On!

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive is November 19 through December 24. Electronic Sign ups will be done through the Salvation Army website. [Click HERE](#) Make sure to use Group Code **GVL Civitan**. Jesse Bowens will also have a paper sign up at the club meetings.

Shifts are two hours each: 11 AM- 1 PM, 1 PM-3 PM, 3 PM-5 PM, and 5 PM- 7 PM

Saturdays are: Nov. 19, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17 and Dec. 24



Party at Dot's House!

Actually it is the **Gift Bag Stuffing** event for the Ridgeview House Christmas Party. Mark your calendars now-1:00 PM on Thursday, December 8th. You know you want to be there and join in the **Fellowship and Service of Civitan!** Dot always serves something delicious if you come to stuff the gift bags!

Then the Real Party Begins!

The party with the residents at Ridgeview House will be at 2:30 PM on Friday, December 9th. If you need to do something to get your heart in the right place, or you just want to be a part of a beautiful time- come join us at the Ridgeview House.

Directions to Dot Ray's house and the Ridgeview House will be shared at the meeting and in the next Flashes.

Projects Where You can be a Champion of Service

Ongoing

- Ronald McDonald House-Pull Tab Collection: Heyward Johnston, Chair
- Junior Civitans at Wade Hampton HS: Gale Garner, Chair
- Ridgeview Birthday Parties: Monthly, Rhonda Bowling, Chair
- Candy Box Collection: Anne Lavelly, Chair

1st Quarter (October thru December) **IMPACT AREA: Education & Employment**

- Claxton Fruit Cake Sales in Ingles Stores: October thru December, Sam Bennett, Chair
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing: November thru December, Jessie Bowens, Chair
- Civitan House on Ridge Road Christmas Party: December, Connie Burgess, Chair
- Ridgeview Christmas Party: December, Rhonda Bowling, Chair



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT
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.

November Birthdays

Sean Dogan
Nov. 19

Ann
Thompson
Nov. 25

November Anniversaries

Nancy McGreer
11/6/2018

Deborah Pearson
11/14/2017

Belita Broadus
11/10/2009



DREAMERS

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.



Meals at the POINSETT CLUB for 2022-23

For the Membership Meeting, December 5, please make sure Steve knows if you are bringing a GUEST!

- 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

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:

Sean Dogan Gale Garner Mary Lou Lewis



Christmas Was Meant for Children

This is our theme for the **Annual Christmas Party** to be held Monday, December 19 at 6:30 PM, at the Poinsett Club. The committee decided on the **Greenville Children's Hospital** as the service project. Each member is encouraged to bring an inexpensive, unwrapped gift for a boy or girl, ages 1 through 12, to brighten the day for children who will be spending Christmas in the hospital.

Rhonda Bowling will be delivering the gifts on December 20th.

A sign up sheet will be available at the program meeting. The cost for a guest is \$35 and payment should be made by the December 5th meeting or before the party.

Upcoming Meetings

November 21- Program Meeting

December 5- **Membership Meeting** Invite a friend or colleague to see the good the Greenville Civitans do. Think Grow, Talk Grow, Do Grow

December 19- Christmas Social at 6:30 PM, Poinsette Club

January 6- (Friday, due to New Years) *Business Meeting. Closed due to Voting*

January 20- (Friday, due to MLK Day) **Membership Meeting** Invite a friend or colleague to see the good the Greenville Civitans do.

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

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