



FLASHES

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

Ring in a New Year and a New Quarter!



On January 3, we held our second business meeting of the year. Reports were given on all the workings of our club. Here are some of the highlights:

- Charlotte Walker gave a President's report detailing items from Civitan International. See those items on page 2.
- Fruitcake Sales were a Boom this year. At this time no cakes have been returned, so the Clergy Day Committee will have to find other tokens to give our honored clergy.
- **The deadline for the Charities Grant Applications is January 31.** If you know of any organization that would benefit from our grants, please make sure they know that the application must be postmarked by January 31.
- **Clergy Appreciation Day is approaching– February 7.** The committee is getting all the details lined up for this special day. All committee members should plan to stay after the January 22 meeting to briefly meet and finalize those details.
- Mark your calendars for **Friday, February 25** (moved due to Presidents' Day holiday). Our program will be led by Honorable Merl Code, from REEM (Race Equity and Economic Mobility)
- **The Silent Auction will be March 21.** As you do your January Cleaning/Purge, make sure to set aside those items– home décor, jewelry, accessories- that others may be interested in bidding on. Another idea is getting items or gift cards from your favorite store or restaurant donated. The committee has set a goal of raising \$1,000 this year. More details are forthcoming on how you can contribute.
- The **Civitan Awareness / Servant's Heart Award** and our third **Membership Meeting** will be a combined event on **Friday, April 22** (moved due to Easter Monday). Our award recipients are set and details for the program are being finalized.
- Some of our spring service projects are still on hold due to the pandemic, but we are looking to create alternate projects. If anyone has ideas for the March of Dimes or the Special Olympics, please share those ideas with our club president, Charlotte Walker.

Don't forget that our **next meeting- moved to Friday, Jan. 22**, due to MLK Day- is our second Membership Meeting. *Search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan* and tell Steve that you are bringing a guest who could be our next Champion of Service!

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

Clergy Appreciation Day– February 7

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

Special Olympics– To Be Determined.



News from Civitan International: December

While Civitan International has always had a focus on individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD), in order to create more visibility for clubs and to focus on the mission of Civitan, **Impact Areas** were created for Quarterly Focus in four main categories: Health & Wellness, Education & Employment, Accessibility & Inclusion, and Family & Community Support. In the Greenville Club we are already addressing the categories– just not necessarily during the quarters of focus. From the Ridgeway Home and the Civitan House parties (Inclusion) to Special Olympics (Health & Wellness), to the Servant's Heart Awards (Family & Community Support) we are Champions of Service.

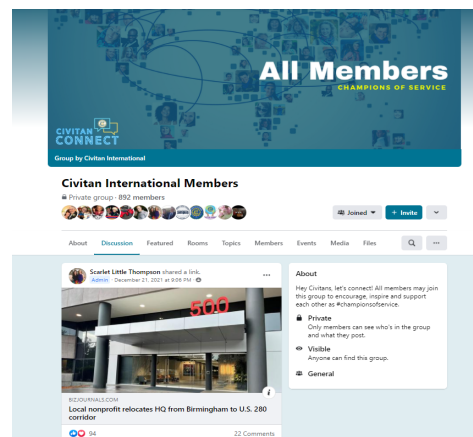
You can learn more about this new focus on our core mission here:

<https://civitan.org/impactareas/>



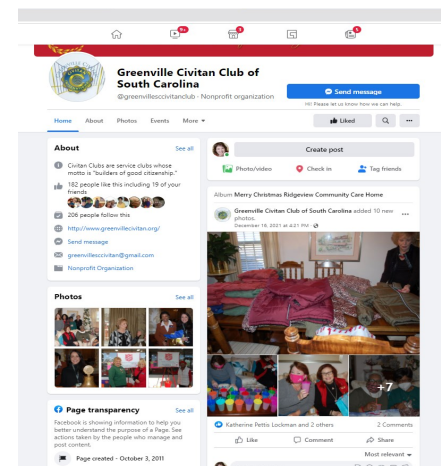
Want to know the latest with Civitan International, make sure to join [Civitan International Members](#) through the Civitan Connect on Facebook! The latest post tells of the new headquarters in Birmingham.

Not on Facebook, but would like to read the article? Click [HERE](#)



Want access to all the great pictures of our club from Linda Neely? Join our Club page on Facebook. Click [HERE](#)

(Hint: This is where we get the great pictures for the Flashes. Thanks Linda!!)



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

Frankie Sloan
January 1

Debbie Mitchell
January 15

Heyward Johnston
January 19

Sky Garrett
February 2

Sonya Dawson
February 4

Steve Johnson
February 4

January Anniversaries

Mary Lou Lewis
1/1/1987

Sam Bennett
1/18/2001

Ethel Bennett
1/24/2012

Susan Sachs
1/24/1/24/2012

Judy Graham
1/23/2018



BELIEVERS



- 2nd Quarter Dues (\$90) were due at the beginning of January. Please see Jenny Johnson to keep your account current. 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 (Jan. 22 and 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.

Several club members are needing time for strength and solace from grief, illness, or medical procedures . In your thoughts and prayers, please be mindful of:

Julia Burdette Rachel Drake Judy Graham Mary Lou Lewis
Debbie Mitchell Linda Neely

Good News to Share:

Rhonda Bowling's diamond pendant was found by club member Larry Blackman in the Poinsett Club parking lot. Rhonda expresses sincere appreciation to each Civitan member for prayers, genuine love and support shared with her. The reason Rhonda was so upset is because the cherished pendant was given to her by her mother in memory of her youngest and only brother who died at age 27, and understandably has great sentimental value.

Upcoming Meetings

Friday, January 21 (due to MLK Day) - Membership Meeting *Make sure to inform Steve by Wednesday, January 12 if you are bringing a guest.*

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

Inspiration from our Civitan Creed

MY SOUL knows no fear but its own unworthiness.

FEAR has two meanings:

1. Forget Everything And Run
2. Face Everything And Rise

The Choice is Yours!

– Zig Ziglar