



FLASHES

June 2022
1st Edition

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Center for Creative Arts: Ready to Serve

On June 6, the Greenville Club was introduced to the Executive Officer, Jess Burgess and a founding artist, Pat Kilburg for the Greenville Center for Creative Arts. From the Center's website:

*Greenville Center for Creative Arts (GCCA) was established in 2015 by a dedicated group of artists, educators, and community leaders in response to the need for **hands-on arts education in Greenville**. Located in the former Brandon Textile Mill in the Village of West Greenville, it is **the area's only nonprofit community art center focused on providing high-quality visual arts instruction and engagement**. Our vision is to be a recognized **hub for accessible visual arts education and experiences through our work to energize and empower the arts community**.*

Both Pat Kilburg and Jess Burgess spoke about the need for creative art— both in exhibition and in expression— to be accessible to all. When fielding questions after their presentation and during conversations over lunch, it was evident that while the Center is about attracting people to visit and engage in the studios on site, there is also interest in outreach to those who may not be able to visit the Brandon Mill center. A possible project/grant to have artists come to the Civitan House and the Ridgeway House may be in the works!

Special thanks to Lavon Moore— our illustrious President Elect and Program Chair, who with her committee, has garnered some fabulous and thought-provoking programs. The Greenville Club has truly been illuminated on not only who we need to serve but organizations within our community who can help us better serve those within the Civitan International Impact areas.



Save the Date for the Summer Social!

Saturday, July 16 at 2:00, we will kick off our 75th Anniversary Celebration at the Plantation Greene Club House, hosted by Debbie and Heyward Johnston. Annie Mumbauer is getting her committee together to create a fun-filled festive time for all. Please be looking for the sign-up list at the June 20th meeting. And just around the corner— on **Monday, July 18** during our regularly scheduled meeting, we will continue with our 75th Anniversary Celebration with special guests and several mementos of the Greenville Club's journey to becoming the club we are today. **The Social on July 16 is in lieu of our regular 1st meeting of July.**

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)

April

- Special Olympics (Sam Bennett)
- March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon (Heyward Johnston)

May

- High School Citizenship Banquet (Violeta Irby)
- Mauldin Miracle League Picnic (Steve 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)



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

Miracle League Cookout was a success!

The Annual Miracle League Picnic was **Saturday, May 28**, at the Sunset Park in Mauldin. Fried Green Tomatoes– Haywood Mall location, provided the hot dogs, buns, and onions and Jesse came with her awesome chili! Our Grill Master/Committee Chair, Steve Johnson had the Buns Team hopping and the rest of the crew lined up with good stuff for the Miracle League athletes and their families. Once again, the Charities Board was able to deliver \$4,000 to the Mauldin Miracle League to help with scholarships. A good time was had by all as can be seen in the pictures by Linda Neely.



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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

Rhonda
Bowling
6/9

Sharon
Thomas 6/1

June Anniversaries

Heyward Johnston
6/17/2002

Betty Shurley
6/14/2016

Lavon Moore
6/6/2017

Annie Mumbauer
6/6/2017

Greenville Civitan
Club chartered
April 28, 1947
Our 75th Year



- 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.

Another Honor, Another Patch



At the June 2nd meeting, Past President Sam Bennett presented to the club the award and banner patch for Honor Club 2020-21. Considering all that the pandemic did to thwart our efforts during Sam's presidency, we demonstrated that we are BELIEVERS in our work and should be proud of all we did to earn the distinction of International Honor Club.



You've read them, now share them and help the club raise some funds! Rachel Drake is needing to replenish our 25 cent stash of magazines. Help declutter your home and bring your magazines to our meetings. Find a new one to check out while lounging at the pool or on your travels. Not only are we raising funds for the club, we are reusing and recycling!

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:

Violeita Irby Anne Lavelly Mary Lou Lewis Ruth Richburg

LaBarbara Sampson Sharon Thomas

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

June 20– Membership Meeting: Bring a friend, colleague or family member to learn all that is Greenville Civitan! Let Steve know that you are bringing a guest.

July 4-7- *The International Convention* in San Antonio, TX

July 16, Saturday- July Social at Plantation Greene Clubhouse

July 18– 75th Anniversary Meeting to honor our past

United Way School Tool Kits will be happening quickly. Be ready to help at the end of July when we will get further information.

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's contact information: gunney25@gmail.com or Cell: 864.642.8604