



FLASHES

December
2022
Edition

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Recognition of Impact Area:

Goodwill Industries– Job Connection



Several opportunities for service to others and fellowship with members were available in December. At the December 5th meeting, club members made announcements concerning: Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, the Ridgeview Home Christmas Party, and the Christmas Social & Toy Drive. Pictures of those events can be viewed on the next pages. After the announcements, President Lavon Moore introduced the club to a new service recognition project. As part of the Civitan International Impact Area initiative, our club will be recognizing groups and individuals within our community that directly address the needs of people with I/DD (Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities). Each quarter, at a Membership meeting we will be recognizing the individual or group that works within the specific impact area for that quarter. For the 1st Quarter, Education and Employment is the Impact Area, and Goodwill Industries– with their Job Connection department was recognized. Ms. Ashley Alexander, the Project Manager at Job Connections accepted the award and spoke on what the Job Connection does– especially for those clients with I/DD. Job Connections has coaches to work with the clients to find meaningful employment and socialization. Through SCVIA – Ability One Contract (a federal program implemented on the local level) employers are given tools to develop work experiences for employees with I/DD, and employees are given one on one training to be successful in the workplace. Employees have found success at Fort Jackson, 4 courthouses (88% of staff have a disability), the Army Reserve. The Job Connection also offers second chance program for released prison inmates and GED programs.

Civitan’s mission is to advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach their fullest potential through the classroom, job experiences, and other continued learning. The Greenville Club is proud to recognize the Job Connection at Goodwill Industries in Greenville that addresses the Impact Area of Education and Employment for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities.

Cheryl Bailey, contributor to this article.



CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL IMPACT AREAS
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT
for those with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities



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 Bowers)

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.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive Nov. 19 -Dec. 24 on Saturdays



Ridgeview Home Christmas Party December 9



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.

January Birthdays

Frankie Sloan
January 1

Debbie Mitchell
January 15

Heyward
Johnston
January 19

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January Anniversaries

Ethel Bennett
1/24/2012

Susan Sachs
1/24/2012

Sam Bennett
1/18/2002

Mary Lou Lewis
1/1/1987



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.

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:

Rachel Drake **Mary Lou Lewis**



Gift Bags Stuffed for
Ridgeview Party
December 8



Upcoming Meetings

- January 6- (Friday, due to New Years) *Business Meeting. Members only*
- January 20- (Friday, due to MLK Day) **Membership Meeting** Invite a friend or colleague to see the good the Greenville Civitans do.
- February 6- **Clergy Appreciation Day**, make sure to invite your pastor or clergy
- February 20- Program Meeting
- March 6- Silent Auction
- March 20- Program Meeting

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

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Christmas Social
and Toy Drive

December 19

Poinsett Club

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