



Palmetto Civigram

SC District Meeting– Feb 9

The Babcock Center in Columbia will be the site of our next South Carolina District Meeting. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a Board Meeting. All Area Directors and District Officers are encouraged to attend.

At 9:00 a.m. we will begin with a Coffee Fellowship followed at 9:30 a.m. with a Business Session. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. and we should be on our way home by 2:00 p.m.

We are hoping to have our Region II Director, Faye Evans, with us to give a report on Civitan International happenings. At present all our plans for the day are not definite but efforts to make the meeting educational and informative are being discussed. Governor Don will be sending more information about the day as we can finalize them. Your Club President should be looking for this information and sharing the agenda with

the Club members. During the day, we will definitely want each Club President to share a Club Report on your club’s activities during the last few months.

Please make an effort to have your Club members attend. To plan for lunch it would be helpful to know who is coming for the meeting. See the Advance Registration included in this Civigram [page 6] which can be mailed or an email could be sent to the Secretary (lurasb3@gmail.com). Also each club is asked to bring 2 door prizes to be used that day.

Babcock Center, Inc. promotes advocacy, vision and leadership in providing support services to people with disabilities. Babcock Center has worked alongside the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN); other state, federal and local agencies; and families of people with disabilities to bring a brighter future to our state.

CLUB PRESIDENTS: Each Club President should bring 2 door prizes and come prepared to communicate a short presentation on their club’s recent activities.

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Directions to the Babcock Center, 2725 Banny Jones Ave., West Columbia, SC 29170

Turn off I-26 at Exit 113 toward the Columbia Airport. Go to traffic light at the “LIZARD’S THICKET” and turn right on to Boston Avenue. Once on Boston Avenue follow this road and you will pass the SC Vocational Rehabilitation Dept on your right and Airport High School on your left. When you approach the traffic circle, bear to the right on to Lexington Avenue. Go straight and watch for the “NCR” sign on your left turn into the parking lot and the Babcock Center will be the building on your left.

Governor's Message— Don Floyd

At this time of year, I'd like to begin by wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are all busy shopping, wrapping gifts, cooking all those wonderful holiday dishes and if we're not careful, we'll forget the real meaning of this season. I know at this time of the year especially Civitans are **"reaching out in service to others."** *Our Civitan Passion speaks with action.* Many are ringing bells for Salvation Army who reaches out helping the needy in our communities. I've been busy playing Santa for over 250 children with autism. My lap is nearly worn out but my heart is full and my spirit is in tact. Don't forget to help those lonely people around you. A smile or handshake may be all they need to make their day better. Remember those who are hurting physically and mentally. My experience is that we receive the blessing from reaching out to help others.

We had a great District meeting on December 1st. My thanks to the Babcock Center and all who helped get this meeting together. Two Greenville Club members and I joined the Myrtle Beach Club members at the Early College High School Junior Civitan Club Charter and Office Installation. The students and faculty were both excited to get this Club chartered. We look for this club to be very active. They were already doing projects before they were officially chartered.

Our District membership is down but only by 11 members. We need each club working to get membership back up and growing. If each District Civitan brought in only one new member, we could double our membership --- Just Ask! Please work on this.

Many Civitan events are just around the corner. The Myrtle



Beach Polar Plunge for Special Olympics happens on January 12-- to register to participate contact James McIlrath (james@grandstrandcpas.com). The Special Olympics Spring Games are coming soon. I know the clubs will be busy with both these activities.

I trust you are on board the Civitan Energy Bus and you remember each day that *Civitan Passion Speaks With Action.*

Greenville Civitans Excel in 2012

The Greenville Civitan Club started off the new year by helping with the State Special Olympics held in Greenville on October 19 and 20 [pictures at right]. Helping to see the Athletes were all fed was out task. "Cheering for the Champs" was the theme for the meet. November featured the start of a new fund raising project for the Club. Pictured are Club President Mary Lou Lewis and Project Chairman Barbara Brasington with Mary Lou's daughter Karen. This project is selling Thrive Coffee. →

Each year the Greenville Club along with the Wade Hampton High School Junior Civitans ring the Salvation Army bell at Kmart starting the 2nd weekend in November through the 3rd weekend in December. The Clubs man the bell each Saturday for 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Luckily the weather this year has not been to bad. Pictures at right are from the first week.



Chaplain's Corner From Jim Seeley

Satan is a liar!!

When you say an affirmation to yourself, such as "I am going to ask that new young lawyer in town to join Civitan", or "I'm going to take my boss with me to the Special Olympics Spring Games because I know she would love to help with handicapped kids," Satan immediately tells you a lie: "That's not true." or "You don't really mean that." or "That won't work." or "You have said that before and it did not come to pass." or "God won't really help you in that way." or "People will laugh at you if you say that out loud." He is nothing but a liar, that Satan. Remember what he told Eve when Eve told him that God had said not to eat or touch the fruit from the tree of the knowledge in the middle of the Garden of Eden? Satan said, "Surely you shall not die!" He called God a liar!

If you believe any part of what Satan tells you, or if you give any hesitancy to the positive thought or affirmation that you have uttered in your mind or out loud to yourself, Satan wins. You doubt or second guess yourself and your affirmation. You quit or wipe it out, even if it has come to you from the Holy Spirit. You end up believing Satan and not the Holy Spirit who lives in you and guides you into all truth. How do we stop that from happening? Two ways:

Rely first on God's Word.

Take immediate action.

You have been reading and hearing God's Holy Scriptures all your life. (If not, start now!) You have seen them come true for you time and again. You have learned of God's great love for you from them and from His actions and protections in your life. If you have obeyed the scriptures and have always and repeatedly given thanks for whatever God has ordained and brought forth in your life, then His goodness and love are right on the forefront of your mind. Grab hold of them and apply them in your life and your understanding of what the Holy Spirit is saying to you at the moment.

If you will immediately put into action what the Holy Spirit has said to you in the form of some affirmation, positive thought or prompt to take action, you will take a great leap toward eradicating that doubt Satan has put into your mind. Obedience delayed is disobedience. Show your belief in and reliance on the power of the Almighty God who created you, and Satan will back down! He will move on to some weaker subject in the world for him to devour and take over. You will reap great rewards from your Father in Heaven who will greatly pleased with you. Be sure to give Him the thanks, the honor and the glory.



Early College HS Charter Meeting

Governor Don Floyd traveled to Conway, SC to attend the Junior Civitan chartering of the Early College High School Junior Civitan Club.



The Club chartered with 19 members. President of the Myrtle Beach Club, Sloan Maclin, recognized the Club Builder James McIlrath 2008-09 Governor. Immediate Past Governor Lura Boggs initiated the new club members. Governor Don Floyd installed the new Club Officers and presented the Clubs Charter from Civitan International to the ECHS Junior Civitan President Jessica Caldwell. Approximately 40 peoples including students, teachers, parents and school Principle Joan Grimmitt attended the ceremonies. Following the school served refreshments. Governor Floyd commented, "The cooperation between faculty and students seen at ECHS is what makes for successful Civitan Clubs."

At Right, Advisor Tim Graham, President Jessica Caldwell & James McIlrath



South Carolina District Meeting: 12/1/2012

The first SC District meeting of 2012-13 was held on Saturday, 12/1, at the Babcock Center in West Columbia. The attendance wasn't as high as hoped for but those who came were there to participate. The sessions opened with the Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Civitan Creed. Then the first speakers were from the Jr. Civitan project led by Richard Gay. They made a pitch for assistance in their Sno-Do and Dance-a-Thon campaign collections for benefit of the Civitan International Research Center at Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham. Clubs pitched in and provided checks or promises to send them checks to help them meet their goals. The Jr Civitan program in South Carolina has become very strong and productive in large part through the dedicated efforts of Richard Gay and of course the many hard working Jr. Civitans in our state. It is impressive to see their accomplishments and hear their perspectives— fine young folks!



The main focus of the meeting was discussion groups on areas of interest: Candy Box, Awards, Fruitcake, Jr. Civitan, Membership, Special Olympics, and Publications. Breaking out into areas of mosat interest, attendees had a chance to hear about these programs, question the discussion leaders, and provide input from their experiences. While most of the participants knew a great deal about these program areas already, it appeared that everyone came away with something new in learning or experience to bring back to their club's activities and planning. After a robust lunch of mashed potatoes, Salisbury steak, and banana pudding, the sleep was abated by the presentation of each club in attendance on its activities, concerns, and focus for this Civitan year and last.



Jr. Civitan Leadership—leading the way to a bright Civitan future of community service

Several noteworthy points struck me. First send Ella all your club information for awards as they happen: membership changes, budget, calendar, newsletters, goals, etc. Second The fruitcake concerns of clubs need to be taken up with Claxton directly and Glenn at CI. Also a big shout out to Barbara Brasington who has 75 Candy Boxes placed in Greenville!! If you missed this and the door prizes...../come on to the next District Meeting!



Lura & Don keeping us on the straight and narrow path to success



Greenville Club presents itself at left and the Publications Group discussion below



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL: Lamar dedicates Veterans Memorial - SCNow.com: News

BOB SLOAN | Posted: Monday, November 12, 2012

LAMAR, S.C. _ The words of Leon Windham echoed over the P.A. system at Lamar's Parnell Park as hundreds gathered in thankfulness and gratitude Monday afternoon for the unveiling of the town's new Veterans Memorial.

"Lamar is America at its best," said a beaming Windham, co-chairman of the Lamar Veterans Memorial Committee, in winding up his welcoming remarks before introducing guest speaker Brig. Gen. Roy V. McCarty, commander of 59th Troop Command, one of the largest subordinate commands in the South Carolina Army National Guard.

"We are extremely proud and excited about the Lamar Veterans Memorial," Windham said. "It is a beautiful and lasting tribute to the men and women who have honorably served our country and have protected the freedoms we enjoy every day."

More than a year ago, Windham and the Lamar Civitans began work on the memorial which was on display Monday. A large granite monument inscribed with "Lamar Veterans Memorial" in the center and the words "All Gave Some! Some Gave All!" at the bottom greets visitors as they enter the memorial through a black wrought iron gate. Depicted vertically on each side of the monument are the seals of the six branches of the U.S. military. For the Veteran's Day ceremony and the unveiling and dedication on Monday, the fence surrounding the memorial was decorated with patriotic bunting and dozens of small American flags.

Standing behind and to the left and right of the granite monument are three brick walls listing the names of military veterans from Lamar. According to Windham, there are presently 506 memorial bricks on the walls representing veterans from every branch of the armed forces and every war from the Revolutionary War to our present war in the Middle East. On the side of a building to the right of the memorial is a framed list of ever veteran honored by a brick on one of the three walls.

In his remarks, Brig. Gen. McCarty cited an article he recently read about veterans visiting the war memorials on a recent Honors Flight to Washington D.C. "The article quoted one of the men, a veteran of World War II, as saying 'I thought they had forgotten about us,'" McCarty said. "We cannot and must not forget the sacrifice and service our brave military men and women have given to this great country." McCarty said he was wearing three wrist bands, one in honor and remembrance of three National Guard veterans who recently lost their lives in service to their country in Afghanistan. The three veterans, members of the 133rd Military Police Company based in Timmonsville are 1st Lt. Ryan Davis Rawl, 30, of Lexington; Spc. John David Meador II, 36, of Columbia; and Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Bradford Thomas, 30, of Easley. "Every time I see a young person in uniform I can't help but be reminded that all of them enlisted or reenlisted in a time of war," McCarty said. "They knew very well that they may possibly have to give their lives in service to their country, yet they were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom." As he slowly made his way through the crowd at the memorial, 81-year John Buckingham of Lamar was stopped time and again to shake hands and accept the thanks of well-wishers. Decked out in his dress blues, the 20-year Marine Corps veteran beamed with pride as he posed for a photo by the memorial's granite monument. "This is absolutely beautiful," Buckingham said. "It's even more impressive than I expected. I even saw my name up on the wall."

Over by one of the memorial walls, 85-year old Air Force veteran Leland Hicks of Lamar received help from his daughter in finding his name on the wall. Once he found it, his finger outlined the engraved name and smile came across his face. The park was made possible, according to Windham, thanks to many people. John and Annie Lou Stewart offered the use of their land for the memorial for as long as the town so desires. Orville Anderson and the Lamar Woodmen of the World donated the American flag and the flag pole which rises from the center of the memorial park. Blackmon Monuments of Darlington assisted in designing and creating the granite monument.





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Error in Awards Table

Well we are red in the face and just plain embarrassed to note that we placed an error in the last newsletter. One of our fine readers caught the mistake in the Table on Awards from the SC District Convention and it was a whopper! The name of the Governor's Trophy winner was mistakenly stated as Rock Hill when it was the Greenville Civitan Club that earned that spot. We are pleased to make the retraction and plead forgiveness from the Greenville Club!



Frank DeLustro, Ph.D.
 Editor

So please note that the GREENVILLE CIVITAN CLUB is the proud holder of the Governor's Trophy once again and our hats are off to them for a great year and accomplishments.

WHAT IS CIVITAN?

Civitan is a worldwide, all volunteer service organization where men and women have an organized way of approaching local community problems through service and fund raising.

We emphasize serving people with developmental disabilities. Local clubs are supported by Civitan International, which was organized in 1917 and spans over 24 countries. The word CIVITAN is a coined word that comes from the Latin word "CIVITAS", which means **CITIZENSHIP**.

SC District Meeting on February 9th

ADVANCE REGISTRATION– February 9, 2013 District Meeting

South Carolina Civitan District

P. O. Box 27319 * Greenville, SC 29616

Name _____
 Address _____
 Email Address _____
 Club _____

- Enclosed is my registration fee (\$25.00).
 My Club will pay my registration fee (\$25.00)