

Palmetto Civigram



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Governor's Message— Belita Broadus



My Fellow Civitans,

Since our last communication we lost two Civitan Family members Lura Boggs and Richard Blair. Lura's family ask that we donate to make her a Shropshire Fellow, so, if you have not already done so, contact Civitan International and make your donation. These members will be missed and fondly remembered.

Mid-term is a great time to re-evaluate our goals and determine where we are now, and what needs to be done to achieve the goals, then make a plan and follow it . I challenge each club to kindle your fire for Civitan with three logs: a log to Reinvent, a log to re-energize and a log to evolve. Reinvent communications and presentation, re

-energize with new clubs, and members, and evolve into a thriving community organization of service, knowledge and fellowship. I would like to see every club bring in a plus two 2 members during the third and fourth quarter. This means if you lose two members, you need four members to get plus two. Phase two is

have plans to meet the goals and put those plans into action.

It is important to support Civitan International through the established giving programs. The Civitan International Research Center (CIRC) researches cures and treatments for neurological disabilities. The Civitan at the Helm program which supports the CIRC, the President's Council which supports the administration of the organization, and the Shropshire Fellow which awards scholarships are our major International projects. As Civitans we have an obligation to support these programs.

This district is honored to have both the International President Kindle Massey and the Executive Vice President Scarlet Thompson visit our district for the May 19th District Meeting. The meeting will be at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1500 sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC. It is desirable to have every club represented. If our leaders can come to us, we should be able to show up to meet and greet them. We will not bring baskets to this meeting , instead each club is asked to bring a gift that represents your club for the International President. The President

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In Fond Memory of Lura Boggs



It is difficult to write this column as Lura Boggs was always a bright spot in Civitan for so many of us. She was one of the first SC District people that I met and was kind enough to assist me in finding my way around the rules, personalities, and needs in the District during her second stint as Gov. in 2011-12. Lura's time in Civitan in South Carolina goes back to long before I met her and members of the Metropolitan Civitan club in Charleston recall a smiling, active Lura who served the club & district with energy & joy. In fact her first service as Governor in the SC District was in 1993-4. Her many roles in Civitan in South Carolina are listed below but somehow it misses the mark in

conveying just how much she meant to Civitan in this state.

Her family used the Civitan Creed to express Lura's views to life at right and it begins to touch on the true spirit that Lura brought to those around her & the community. Our prayers are offered to Lura and may she rest in the peace of the Lord. May those of us left contribute just a fraction of what Lura has in paying it forward in our communities.

LURA S. BOGGS

April 20, 1945 – March 3, 2018

SC District Governor 1993-1994

SC District Governor 2011-2012

Region 2 International Director 2014-2016

Candidate International President-Elect 2017-2018

SC District Secretary/Treasurer

President, Metropolitan Club

Treasurer, Greenville Civitan Club

Builder, Charter Member, Mauldin Civitan Club

Builder, Charter Member, Director, Foothills Civitan Club

Awards Include: Outstanding First Year Civitan

Civitan of the Year

Club Honor Keys, Metropolitan & Greenville Clubs

District Honor Key

Certified Club Builder

John Doudoukjian Award

*I am Lura Sperry Boggs**

- ◆ As a young person I am wiser than my years: as a mature person I do not age but sparkle like a rainbow.
- ◆ My Hands do the work for my God, my family, and my Civitan.
- ◆ My Ears hear the cry of children, and I call them my own.
- ◆ My Eyes search for others to join Civitan, and if there isn't a club near I will build you one.
- ◆ My Mouth utters the call to daily duty- and I will personally call if you don't follow through.
- ◆ My Mouth speaks prayers from the heart to glorify Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
- ◆ My Mind finds the good in all people and all situations.
- ◆ My Heart is so full of love for My Boys that my face shines with joy.
- ◆ My Soul truly knows no fear for all my trust is in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
- ◆ My Hope is for a better world through Civitan.
- ◆ My Motto: Your day doesn't start until you make the beds.
- ◆ My Belief: The foundation of a Good Life is found in the Word of God.
- ◆ My Pledge is to always be with you even as I stand in the presence of the Lord.

*Taking liberties with the Civitan Creed



Lighthouse for Life Project



Lura Boggs was to spearhead **Lighthouse for Life** PIG's project to culminate with **your donations at May 19th, 2018 District Meeting.**

Lighthouse for Life combats Human Trafficking of Young Girls with education, outreach, and a *Safe House* for Girls that have somehow escaped their bondage via law enforcement or rare self preservation. No economic strata or neighborhoods are free from Human Trafficking.

Items for *Lighthouse* will be collected at the May 19th 2018 meeting and presented to Lighthouse for Life the following week

You can also make a personal, tax deductible, donation. *Lighthouse for Life* is 501 (c)(3) organization.

Below is list of items that Lighthouse for Life is in need of:

Vegetable Garden Tools
Flower Garden Tools
Leaf Removal Equipment
Vegetable Garden Seeds, Flower Seeds
Gift Cards from Grocery Stores, Lowes, Home Depot, Kohls, Walmart, Target, etc. (Residents will need clothes and food.)
Shovels, Rakes, Hoes, (Hula Ho), Wheelbarrow, Hedge Clippers
Hand Garden Tools, Water Hose and Sprayer, Work gloves
Car Wash supplies, Lightbulbs, Batteries--all sizes, Scented Candles.

Be generous. Let's make a great showing for *Lighthouse for Life*.

You may remember; Jen Thompson was Saturday AM speaker at our Columbia District Convention, 2016.

After she spoke, our South Carolina Junior Civitans immediately changed their Spring Project to benefit Lighthouse for Life.

Help make this last project of Lura's a great success and finish her Civitan life with a great community service effort!

SC District Meeting on 1/6



Gov. Belita Broadus [at left] started off 2018 with the SC District Meeting on January 6th in Columbia for a day of education, socialization, & enjoyment. The agenda provided a good mix of speakers and presentations for the attendees with many presentations being supported by effective slide shows. To allow review of the day's content and to permit those who couldn't be at the meeting to benefit from the day, it is the District's intent to put the presentations on our website so stay tuned for more information on this.

The day was led off by Gov. Elect Gary Finley [at right] who presented a good overview of the need and process of strategic planning. This area is being emphasized by Civitan International & each club could benefit from using the tools and techniques discussed. These plans can assist in keeping club's activities focused on their objectives and, with regular revision, maintain a consistent message to prospective members, club regulars, and the public.

Laura Caskey [left] gave the attendees a perspective of Public Relations that was especially focused on social media. As the manager of public affairs at the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, she is truly a knowledgeable resource for the District in this arena and we were lucky to have her give us a peek into this topic. There are so many apps available and different vehicles to get our message out there, that many of us were a bit overwhelmed and it was a bit of a shock to find out that Facebook is for the Baby Boomer generation. With her help and an effort in each club, the district might phase in the next generation of Civitans and reach out to the crowd that is needed to continue community service in coming decades.

Frank DeLustro [right] presented on the Civigram and the desire to make it a more valuable tool to all South Carolina Civitans. As editor, his presentation emphasized the objectives of the Palmetto Civigram, our SC District newsletter, and the contributions that each club can have to its ability to educate, motivate, inform, and unite Civitans in this district.

Beth Doudoukjian [pictured left], the SC District Awards Chair, updated the group on the awards procedures and the desire of the district leadership to increase the participation of clubs in the awards application process. More will be coming from her as the August 1st deadline approaches for putting your club and members into the running for recognition. There is a district opportunity to provide recognition of the good works being done throughout the state and the great Civitans helping their communities.....but only if the stories are told through articles



SC District Meeting Cont'd



and awards. To have your club newsletter in the competition easily, just copy her on the newsletter distribution list & it will automatically be in the running for the district newsletter award. We hope that all clubs will enter their most interesting events, accomplishments, and achievements for awards!

Mike Taylor [left] has been doing a great job of assisting clubs in initiating the birth of new Civitan Clubs in the district. So his stories certainly help to provide insight and inspiration for others to start new clubs in the state. The growth of Civitan throughout the world is dependent on the continual addition of new members and clubs, if only to compensate for the loss of clubs and attrition of members. Mike has been doing a great job of assisting in the initiation and launch of new Civitan Clubs in the SC District.

Emily Wright [right] gave another perspective on electronic communications and added to the message presented by Laura. The message was clear: clubs need to enter the 21st century and get internet literate to survive. Again the plethora of websites and Apps was emphasized and the value they can provide to us in reaching our membership & the public was made clear. Many of the names like Twitter, SnapChat, and Instagram are becoming household words but others like MailChimp were new to many of us. With assistance from folks like Emily, many of us that are stuck in a Facebook mode can come out of our shells! Steve Doudoukjian added that he would like to add many club [pictures to the SC District website but needs submissions. So when you can send Steve some of the great pictures from your club activities and events....along with some description of course. Steve and Emily are there to help if you need some guidance in this area.



Lura closed with the anticipated raffle!

District Meeting when the current President of Civitan International is expected to be a speaker!

Belita provided us with the district plans for the year and wrap up of the day's discussions. However perhaps the biggest hit of the day was Lura Boggs who was running the raffle for the outstanding baskets brought by the clubs in attendance. After this the meeting was adjourned and everyone went on to Board meeting activities or returning home. Hope to see you at the next SC



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2017–2018**

SC District Award Program



WHEN?? HOW?? WHERE??

The Awards Chair for 2017-8, Beth Doudoukjian, has placed everything you need to know about the SC District Award program on the website: [www.http://civitansc.org/award.html#when](http://civitansc.org/award.html#when). So go there and participate!

All awards material should be submitted by way of email no later than August 1, 2018. If using snail mail, all material must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2018. Please send all materials and inquiries to:

Beth Doudoukjian, Awards Chairperson
125 Cordillo Pkwy, Apt 90
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Email address: Bethaliced@gmail.com

Rock Hill Serves Up Hope!



To help serve the homeless men in our community, Bethel United Methodist Church operates a men's shelter from November through March each year. The Rock Hill Civitan Club has the pleasure of

serving a meal to this group of men twice a year. Due to the cold temperatures we served 70 plates that evening! We also provide breakfast bags for the men leaving the shelter the next morning. This ministry is blessing to those in need within our community, and a blessing to us as we serve them!

- from Misty Konow



Region 2 Director: Lana Suggs

Civitan Awareness Month – Global Project: As a part of the Civitan International [CI] Board Committee in Nov., 2017 that had the task of coming up with a Global Project for Civitan (signature project for us), we came up with one to honor Special Education Teachers and Paraprofessionals. We came up with the name “Servant’s Heart Awards”! This was unveiled at the GE Webinars in Feb. Part One of the toolkit is on the website but some folks are having trouble with the compressed zip folder. If you experience trouble, please call Terry or Scarlet and they can email it directly. The complete toolkit will have a guidebook instructing Clubs how to carryout variations of the event, a template invite, a template certificate for the winners, two print ads, a poster, two videos that Clubs can use on their FB pages or websites, a vinyl banner template that can be displayed at the event, and a template news releases.

Revamped CI Website: The new Website will be unveiled soon. The developers are making it simpler and more visual. There will be new things on the website, including one place where members can go called the “Member Resource Center”.

Civitan Action Board: Civitan is struggling with relating to the younger generation. Scarlet has been working with Bobby and Meredith to come up with a new way to reach millennials. Many communities across the country have Junior Boards [JB]. They are more of a fundraising mechanism for charities and they do include a lot of service based on the mission of each charity, a great way of generating awareness and recruiting young professionals. So we’ve decided to move forward with piloting one here in Birmingham. We will mirror the philosophy of St. Jude’s Hospital which is bringing in lots of money, generating awareness, and connecting with young folks using this new JB approach. Ours will be named the “Civitan Action Board”. The plan is to unveil the group at the Autism Awareness game for our minor league baseball team at the end of April. The Civitan Action Board is working to recruit several young professionals in Alabama to become a part of the group and they’ll do a service project at the game.

Claxton Fruit Cake Situation: Scarlet will be visiting Dale Parker in April to draft an agreement regarding our partnership with Claxton. The policy has never been clear: it’s confusing and it’s never adequately explained the program. Corporate Counsel recommended a meeting to draft an agreement.

Golf Tournament: The PIPs will be hosting the Breakthrough Tournament at the Convention in Reno! I have a copy of the Official Sponsorship Agreement for those who have connections with businesses, Civitans or Clubs who would like to take us up on these opportunities.

Borrowing our 501c(3) Status: We have unveiled a process for Clubs to borrow our status:

There is a form to be filled out. (I can forward to Club Presidents so you’ll have it).

A staff team will review the application to see if it meets the guidelines.

If approved, the Club will be sent a customized version of the agreement to be signed by a Club Officer and returned.

International will keep all paperwork on file with any payments that come in to insure that the status was used in the right way.

Depending on the amount of money coming into Int’l, an Administrative Fee will be charged to the Club for the processing of the monies.

There will also be a workshop at Convention about our new legal processes

Staff Managed Funds: Contact letters have officially gone out to the Trustees of all funds being held by Int’l for Clubs and Districts that are defunct (surrendered their Charters). By March 16th, they were to affirm the intentions of the fund with Int’l. For example, which ones want to be segregated from our investments, withdrawn, etc. This information will be made available to Board Members at our meeting on next week and I’ll pass that info on to you.

Budget Cuts Update: Scarlet is continuing to look at ways to contain costs at our Headquarters. Some of these cost savings will include: Cancelling the train the trainer’s meeting that was planned for the Geographic Trainers; and cutting all Entertainment at the Convention General Sessions, with the exception of the Welcome Party and Closing Ceremonies.

*****As a reminder, the Honor Club Application was updated to state to be considered an Honor Club and the president to be Distinguished President, the president **must recruit one new member for his club.*******

District Meeting Agenda: 5/19

CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL
SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA
1500 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29165



8:30 AM	Coffee and Social	
9:00	Call to Order	Belita Broadus, District Gov.
	Invocation	Sam Bennett, District Chaplain
	Civitan Creed and	Gary Finley, Governor-Elect
	Pledge Allegiance to the Flag	Gary Finley
	Memorial	Sam Bennett and Betty Bagley
	ICE BREAKER	Jerry Gilmore, Greenville Club

Membership-Recruitment Blast

9:15-9:45	Kendyl Massey, International President	More hands on Deck=More Opportunities Membership Appeal
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9:46-10:16	Scarlet Thompson, Executive Vice President	Civitan International Update Headquarter Changes Club501C(3) Update 2018 International Convention 2019 International Convention
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10:17-10:26	Belita Broadus	Special Presentation
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10:27-10:42	Doug McKenzie, Past Governor	2016-2017 Member Contributions Civitan-at-the-Helm Candy Box President's Council
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10:43-10:58	Beth Doudoukjian	District Awards Deadlines Categories Qualifying Criteria
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10:59-11:09	STRETCH	
11:00-11:10	Belita Broadus	State of the District
11:11-11:16	Belita Broadus	Board Report
11:17-11:25	Belita Broadus	Recognition of Civitan Intern'l Candidate
11:26-11:31	Bill Tolleson	PIGS Project

11:32-11:55	LUNCH	
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11:56-12:05		– Officer Training
12:06-12:16		Greenville Review

BOARD MEETING IMMEDIATELY

Current Civitan Intern'l Contacts

Who do I contact at Civitan International?

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Frank DeLustro, Ph.D.
Editor



will receive a handmade quilt.

On May 18th we will dine, meet, and greet International President Massey. All Civitans are invited to attend this classy casual event at your own expense. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM at Terra Restaurant, 100 State St., West Columbia, SC 29169. Interested parties may contact Steve Doudoukjian to make reservations (803) 796-6278 or gamekox@yahoo.com. To review the restaurant on the internet it is listed as terracolumbiasc.com. While here President Massey will hold a workshop session and Vice President Thompson will speak on the 2019 International Convention coming to South Carolina.

In the meantime it is time to begin planning to attend the District Convention in Greenville, South Carolina scheduled for August 24-26, 2018. The convention hotel is the Hyatt Regency, 220 N. Main Street, Greenville, SC which is located in the downtown area. The room rates are \$119.00 for single and double occupancy. There is a parking garage near the hotel.

District Clubs and individuals are awarded for their excellence at the District Convention, so go for that last push for excellence. While not a district award, the Honor Club Application is an excellent model to work from. I will take this opportunity to share my conversations with some of the club presidents from around the district because they reveal some very interesting projects and activities which are the heart of Civitan in our District. I apologize if I did not reach out to your club this time, but I will before the next newsletter:

Chester – is feeling the success from a pancake supper; the community was involved. They have been making Field trips around the community, which helps to make them more visible. Chester is also sponsoring a soccer team this year.

Lamar- still feels the love from their Valentine dinner and dance. There were about 40 in attendance. They are looking forward to their spring fundraiser in April. Members make different dishes; for \$25.00 per person it is all you can eat and drink.....Two people from the community were honored with a toast. Music and dancing were enjoyed during the celebration. Dr. Gordon Brown received his 65 years of Civitan membership certificate. WOW!! All of the ladies were given a long stem rose. It doesn't get much sweeter than that. Congratulations Dr. Brown and thank you for all of your service. This club is on fire planning the Silver Fox golf Tournament. Go Lamar!!!

Spartanburg – Sponsors two Pancake Suppers a year one to assist dialysis patients who are on Medicaid and one for Special Olympics. Spartanburg also sponsors a Golf Tournament to benefit New Day Club House which is for chronic illness. The club has been sponsoring this event for 25-30 years. Sponsors gave food to the disaster areas.

Union- the club is doing well; their chicken stew was a success. Profits from the fundraiser were donated toward hospital bills for an eighth grade student who was stricken with cancer. Their second chicken stew fundraiser raised over \$1,000 which was donated to help another service organization, the Lion's Club. Additionally, they are involved with their newly chartered Jr. Civitan club which is also actively involved in the community.

Governor's Message Cont'd

Hilton Head-the club is working on a special project, writing encouragement notes to the students of Majory Stoneman Douglas High School of Parkland, Florida. A mini-golf fundraiser is also in the plans for this energetic club. They are partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and Pockets full of Sunshine focusing on local adults with disabilities making arts and crafts to sell at local markets around the Bluffton area.

Columbia- celebrates a big success with their signature project for the Babcock Center for Adult with handicaps, ice cream social. Spearheaded by Darlene Cox, the social featured music, ice cream, cookies, cup cakes, cornhole throw, and even arts and crafts. The club is also planning to partner with the Dutch Fork Club for a Flea Market sale in March. While April looks exciting because the Columbia Club is supporting the Palmetto Club for a casino night. In May they sponsor a cookout for the Epworth Children 's Home and offer the Home \$500.00. The Columbia Club is also excited to have as their speaker, the USC geologist professor who mentored a child with autism, who became a Rhodes Scholar.

Myrtle Beach- Prepared for the Jr. Civitan Dance-A-Thon which was on March 10.

**My hope is for a better world through Civitan,
Belita Broadus
South Carolina District Governor 2017-2018**



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Civitan International 2018 Convention

Reno, Nevada

July 22 through July 25
Grand Sierra Resort

<http://civitan.org/convention/convention-2/>

The Biggest Little City in the World isn't little any more. Reno is the regional capital of an enormous area of western Nevada and the eastern Sierra near the California border. The city boasts first-rate hotels, golf courses, attractions and casinos. The changing face of Reno-Tahoe is on display as the area has become a popular destination for families.

Reno is a vibrant, progressive community, the region's center for culture, with something for everyone: 24-hour fun, top name entertainment, elaborate shows, museums, performing arts, beautiful parks, shopping, the Truckee River in the heart of the city, incomparable beauty of the surrounding high desert, and the grandeur of the nearby Sierra Nevada mountains. And with an average of 300 days of sunshine per year, the weather may be warm but without humidity.



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 raisin.

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**.

CLUB REGISTRATION FOR SC DISTRICT MEETING

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May 19, 2018

Our Savior Lutheran Church

1500 Sunset Blvd.

West Columbia, SC 29619

*******Respond by May 5, 2018*******

**Mail Registration Form to :
Mike Taylor, District Treasurer
P.O. Box 27319
Greenville, SC 29616**

CLUB NAME _____

The club has paid for two members to attend the meeting on May 19, 2018. Please include \$25.00 for each member after the first two. Each member is responsible for themselves at Terra Restaurant, 100 State St., West Columbia, SC 29169 for the meet and greet on May 18, 2018.

Name of members attending from your club:

Meet & Greet	Yes _____	No _____
Meet & Greet	Yes _____	No _____
Meet & Greet	Yes _____	No _____
Meet & Greet	Yes _____	No _____
Meet & Greet	Yes _____	No _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

The District will sponsor dinner for International President Kendyl Massey and her husband on May 18, 2018 at Terra Restaurant, on 100 State St., West Columbia, SC beginning at 6:30PM. All Civitans are welcome to join her for dinner at your own expense. Contact Steve Doudoukjian to make reservations for the dinner. Steve can be reached at 803-796-6278 call after 6:00 PM. Option two is to drop by and socialize after dinner.

Hopefully each club will be represented on May 19, 2018 when our President joins us. She comes from Tennessee to join us, surely we can meet her in our SC district.

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District Governor