



# Governor's Message— Belita Broadus



## My Fellow Civitans,

Thank you South Carolina Civitans, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve and represent you this year. I especially appreciate the work of the selfless and loyal presidents, board members, directors, committee chairs, webmasters, and newsletter editors who have made major contributions to the mission and meaning of Civitan in our district. Posthumously, I am grateful to Lura Boggs for her dedication and commitment to our District.

## RECRUITMENT

Presently, we are in the last quarter of the Civitan year and losing two clubs this year.

I strongly encourage everyone to put forth every effort to add new club members. As you recruit, try to recruit people who are going to be an asset to your club. We need everyone but, we want people that are willing to support our projects. Leave no one uninvited, you might be surprised, someone is waiting to be asked. We have nothing to lose by asking, we can only get a yes or no. Our membership numbers are down drastically from last year. We need to add at

least two new clubs to break even. Additionally we want to look carefully, at our President's council and Civitan at the Helm giving, both programs support the Civitan International Research Center and each club can participate at 100%. Our flagship fundraiser candy box also supports the Civitan International Research Center and clubs can benefit from the sales.

## DISTRICT CONVENTION

We are planning a fabulous 2018 convention in Greenville, and looking forward to the great knowledge, service, and fellowship with Civitans from across the state at the convention. So throw on your party shoes, come to Greenville and enjoy. The **District Convention** is upon us, \$75.00 registration fee per person, and registration forms should be sent to Mike Taylor no later than August 17, 2018. Mike's contact information is Mike Taylor, 139 Lincoln Inn Road, Columbia, SC 29212. The headquarters will be at the Hyatt Hotel, Greenville, SC: on-line hotel registration at:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/scdistrictcivitan>,

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# SC DISTRICT CONVENTION HOUSING

**Dates: August 24-26, 2018**



**HYATT REGENCY  
220 N. Main Street  
Greenville, SC 29601  
864-235-1234**

**ROOM RATES:** Single Occupancy \$119  
Double Occupancy \$119  
Triple Occupancy \$129  
Quadruple Occupancy \$139  
State and local tax not included

**BILLING:** Individuals shall be responsible for their own guest room, tax, incidental charges and any other charges not authorized by Civitan.  
Garage Parking is \$7.50 Per day.

**RESERVATIONS:** Hotel room reservations can be booked online made starting July 17, 2018 from this dedicated web address:  
**<https://book.passkey.com/go/scdistrictcivitan>**

**CONCESSIONS:** Complimentary Shuttle to and from GSP airport  
Complimentary basic high speed internet in guest rooms  
Complimentary 24 hr. business center lounge with PC and Mac computers  
Complimentary fruit infused water station upon arrival  
Complimentary Fitness Center Access

**CUT OFF DATE: August 3, 2018**

After the cutoff date of August 3, 2018, cancelled guest rooms will be returned to the Hotel's inventory. Name changes on, or other transfers of, room reservations will not be accepted after the cutoff date.

# District Convention Agenda

**HYATT HOTEL  
220 N. MAIN STREET, GREENVILLE, SC 29601**

## **FRIDAY, August 24, 2018**

1:00- 2:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	
2:30	<b>Registration Begins</b> (Lobby)	
3:00 pm	Call to Order	Governor Belita Broadus
	Invocation	Co-Chaplain Jim Seeley
	Wellness Report	Co-Chaplain Sam Bennett
	Pledge of Allegiance & Creed	Gov Elect, Gary Finley
3:10	Welcome to Greenville	Greenville Mayor Knox White
3:20-3:30	Civitan Memorials	Jim Seeley-Sam Bennett
3:30-4:00	Civitan Updates: Reno Convention & Civitan International Award	Scarlet Thompson, CI Executive Vice President
4:00-4:30	Convention Service Project	Project Hope Academy, Susan Sach
4:30-4:35	Servant's Heart Presentation	Scarlet Thompson
4:30-4:45	Around Greenville Town	Greenville Visit
4:45	Wrap-up and Adjourn	Belita Broadus
	<b>FREE TIME- Dinner on your Own</b>	
5:30-9:00 pm	Noma Plaza: Main Street Music and Dancing	

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018**

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	
8:00-10:30	<b>Registration</b>	
9:00	Call to Order	Governor Belita Broadus
	Invocation	Co-Chaplain Sam Bennett
	Pledge of Allegiance and Creed	Gov Elect Gary Finley
9:10-9:40	Workshop: Aging and Mental Health	Karen Cooke-Sharon Holder
9:40-10:00	Special Recognitions	Gov. Belita Broadus
10:00-10:40	District Awards	Beth Doudoukjian, Awards Chair
10:40-10:50	2018-2019 Officer Election	Belita Broadus
10:50-11:00	Draw and Bond	
11:00-11:30	Workshop: Tomorrow's Civitan & Member Retention	Scarlet Thompson
11:35-11:45	STRETCH	
11:45-12:15	Workshop on Special Olympics	Leigh Lowery-Dir Communications
12:15	Adjourn <b>for FREE TIME</b>	
5:00-5:30 pm	Governors Reception	
5:30-6:30	Dinner	
6:30-7:00	Officer Installation	Scarlet Thompson
	Surrender and Acceptance of District Banner	
	Passing of the Gavel	
7:15- Until	Evening Fellowship	Music and Dancing

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018**

7:30-8:30 am	P.I.G.'S Breakfast	
8:45-9:15	Devotional	(Newly Elected Chaplain)
9:15-9:30	2018-2019	Vision for SC District Governor Gary Finley
9:35-10:00	2018-2019	Board of Directors Meeting

**NOTICE:** All end of the year reports should be submitted in writing by August 2, 2018, to [blt-brds@charter.net](mailto:blt-brds@charter.net). No reports will be presented from the floor. All reports will be printed and distribute at the District Convention.

# SC District Meeting on 5/19



**Guests included [R to L]: Kendyl Massey, Pres. Civitan International, Scarlet Thompson, Exec. Dir. CI, and Dianne Hansard, Region 2 Dir. Candidate.**

The SC District Meeting on May 19th was a great opportunity to meet some of the key representatives of Civitan International [CI] and learn what changes are in the works. Gov. Belita Broadus put together an informative agenda for the day and we heard about all aspects of Civitan locally & at headquarters. Sadly one of the first orders of business was a memorial to 2 fine Civitans lost recently, Lura Boggs from the Greenville Club, and Richard Blair from the Chester Club. The contributions of these 2 fine Civitans will be gravely missed.

Kendyl Massey, 2017-8 Civitan Pres., presented a picture of CI reorganization and restructuring to provide better service to the clubs around the world. As we knew, membership is in decline and here in SC, 2017-8 has already seen our decline from ~506 to 479 Civitans. In addition several clubs across the US have turned in their charters to CI as they have been disbanded. She pointed out the big evolution of technology at CI and the need to modernize the financial reporting systems as well as the public front, i.e.

webpage. The focus now is to drive more funds into charitable work and less to administrative costs. Scarlet Thompson, Exec. Vice Pres. At CI, continued this narrative by emphasizing the objective of reducing administrative costs from the “double digits” as they now stand to ~8%, the accepted charity foundation standard. The reorganization has resulted in some reductions in positions and the focus in 3 areas: Membership Service, Philanthropy, & Promotion/Engagement. It was quite astounding to hear that CI has not been pursuing 501[c]3 status for individual clubs for over 6 years now, despite routinely repeating that project was in the works. CI has a long way to go to get its financial situation stabilized and its reorganization working for the clubs locally.

Leila Long has been chair of the SC District Scholarship project and was on hand to present the 3 scholarship awards for this year. The awards are going to Amber Suber who is headed to Clemson to study Nursing/Helathcare, Juliana Franco who is also headed to Clemson for Intern’l Business, and Daniel Formato who will major in Criminal Justice. Amber & Juliana were able to be on hand to receive their awards while Daniel couldn’t make it down from Myrtle Beach.

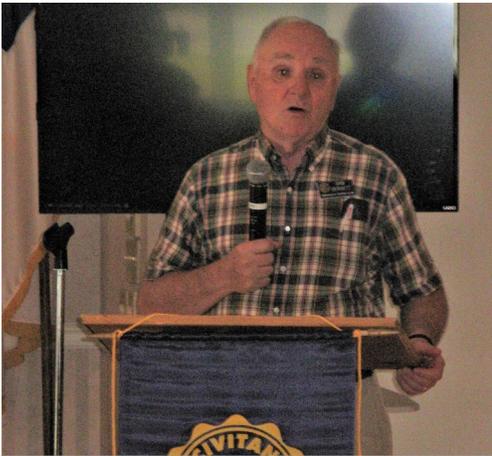


**At Left: Gov. Elect Gary Finley takes to the podium.**

**At Right: Richard Gay [L] provides an update on SC District Jr. Civitan with Jr. Gov. Jacob Cato [C] and Gov. Elect Ryan Knight [R]**



# SC District Meeting Cont'd



Above: Sam Bennet provides an invocation and memorial to Lura Boggs.

Below: Past Gov. Bill Tolleson [L] presents the PIGS project donations to Jen Thompson, Exec. Dir. Of Lighthouse for Life.

Past Gov. Bill Tolleson was the representative of the PIGS project for this meeting and gave a quick overview of the Lighthouse for Life that was the recipient. As we had heard in prior meetings, this group has focused on assisting and fighting the illegal sex trafficking in South Carolina. Jen Thompson, Exec. Dir., was present to receive the checks and gardening tools donated to assist them in their work. This was the latest in achievements of the PIGS!

Bill also announced that the SC District has now been designated as a Quality Achievement District for the last 3 Civitan years under Gov. Misty Konow, Bill Tolleson, & Doug McKenzie. Great record for the district!



A smiling Leila Long [C] presents SC District Scholarships to Juliana Franco [L] & Amber Suber [R]



Gov. Belita Broadus [at right] discussed the news of conventions at Greenville over the next 18 months. First our SC District Convention will be held at 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. Plan to attend now and, while you're at it, get ready to be there for the CI Convention in summer of 2019!



At left, Gov. Belita Broadus [L] presents woven throw to Scarlet Thompson and, at right, to Kendyl Massey [R] with Anna [C] lending a hand.

# District Convention Registration Form

## CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

**August 24-26, 2018**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Contact Information while at the convention:

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying at the Hyatt Hotel \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your Civitan Club \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people registered at \$75.00 per person: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **[\$75.00 Per Person]**

Names of people Registered:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check to:

Mike Taylor,  
139 Lincoln Inn Road  
Columbia, SC 29212

# Don Floyd Passes On



Reprinted from August-2-2018 issue of *the Flashes*  
From Linda Neeley

## **Donald Floyd** **November 19, 1936 – June 21, 2018**

Donald Floyd, a native of Charleston, SC spent his early years in the historical port city. After graduating high school, Don attended North Greenville College, the community college now known as North Greenville University, to pursue a major in Business Administration. There he met Ann Owens, his future wife and the daughter of Wall-halla's First Baptist Church's pastor. Don returned to Charleston to continue his studies and receive his B.A. from the College of Charleston. After graduating from college, Don used his degree to begin work in the food service industry.

Don and Ann lived in Charleston until Ann's father developed Alzheimer's disease, and being an only child, her mother requested she return to Greenville to assist in his care. Don and Ann moved to Greenville and Don continued working in the food service industry. Ann and Don became the parents of two children. Their son John was killed in an automobile accident when he was 14. Daughter, Melanie Floyd Hutchinson lives in Florida with husband, Ed and their two children. Don's wife passed sixteen years ago.

Don has always been an active member of the Greenville community. He has served as president of the Greenville Jaycees, and president of Toast Masters. Don continues to be active, participating in events in the Wade Hampton area and the community Garden Club. After retiring as a food equipment sales representative, he was introduced to the Greenville Civitan Club by Rachel Drake. Don Joined Civitan in August 2005 and served as our 2009-10 president. Don has also served as the Region 2 Civitan Director and was SC District Civitan Governor for the 2012-13 Civitan year.

After long-time member Levis Gilstrap's health began to decline, Don became our fruitcake expert. Everything there is to know about the fruitcake process is in Don's head. Do you know how long fruitcakes are good? According to Don, the fruitcakes purchased last year are good through 2019 and the ones he has recently ordered for the upcoming season are good until 2020. If you want to know anything about fruitcakes, ask Don.

Recently, Don has been beset with medical issues. Yet, he continues to fight. Even though weak from his cancer therapy, as mentioned above, he has ordered the 2017 fruitcakes and is looking forward to being strong enough to attend our second August meeting.

Deeply devoted to his church, White Oak Baptist, Don is a Deacon and Director of the Senior Citizens. Don cooked and served meals at his church every Wednesday night for 27 years until 2014.

A proud grandfather, Don's granddaughter, a recent graduate of Florida State is the marketing director of Harley Davidson. Never having been on a motor cycle, she loves her first job. His grandson will be entering the 11<sup>th</sup> grade this fall.

We keep Don in our thoughts and prayers and look forward to him returning to our meetings and projects.



# Greater Charleston Dances



Although delayed from Easter due to the rampant flu in the Lowcountry, the Greater Charleston Civitan Club welcomed the spring with dances for the



disability boards on June 12th & 14th. The first event was at Berkeley Citizens in Moncks Corner and attracted over 250 disabled & staff from Berkeley, Dorchester, and Orangeburg Counties. The second night was at the Disability Board of Charleston County with a slightly smaller crowd due to summer vacations. At both dances, the pizza and dessert stations kept everyone fed while the soda kept up the hydration. All that was secondary to the thumping music from the DJs who didn't let up on the volume or pace until people had to leave. The residents of the group homes look forward to these dances and we enjoy putting them on. Even though the Greater Charleston Club is going to surrender its charter at the end of September, these dances will continue due to the committed efforts of the volunteers.



# Charleston Civitan Surrenders



It is with sadness that we announce that the Greater Charleston Civitan Club will surrender its charter to Civitan International and discontinue operations on September 30, 2018. There are a number of factors that have led us down this road but it has been slowly evolving for a decade. With an aging membership, we have been unable to get ahead of the curve of members passing away, getting too ill to continue participation, and being unable to drive to meetings or events. Combined with those who have moved from the area, these factors have taken a toll on the club for years. While we have recruited new members on a regular basis, demands of work have eliminated many new members from our roles and rendered those remaining unable to accept officer roles in the club. Finally this year was the end of the road as we can not even field a slate of willing officers to continue & many program chairs are no longer willing to continue in their leadership roles. Sadly we leave the roles of the SC District....good luck to all who remain!



# Gov. Message Cont'd

if you call the hotel refer to the Civitan convention to get convention rates. Rooms will be ready by 2:30 PM. On Friday, August 24, 2018. There is a \$50.00 charge for an unregistered guest to attend the Saturday evening banquet.

The Deadline to qualify for District Awards is August 1<sup>st</sup>, If you have not applied for district level awards there are still a few days left. A list of awards and criteria are listed on the district website:

**[sccivitan.org](http://sccivitan.org)**

## **CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2018**

Congratulations South Carolina for Awards presented at the International Convention

2016-2017 Governor Doug McKenzie named Distinguished Governor

2016-2017 Top Growth Highest Percentage 1<sup>st</sup> Place

2016-2017 President's Council Banner Award – Supporting District

2017-2018 Contribution to the Jr. Civitan Dance-A- Thon



**The Civitan  
International  
Convention of  
2019 comes to  
South  
Carolina!**

**Hyatt Regency  
Greenville, SC  
July 3 –6, 2019**

**Plan to attend  
now!**





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This is a parting note from a grateful editor! By the end of this Civitan Year, the Civigram will see a new face as editor and a great asset! Linda Neely [picture at right] will be taking over the reins....THANKS Linda! As you probably know, Linda is the editor of the Greenville Civitan newsletter, Flashes, and has done a superb job of creating a top notch communication tool. I hope that you give her your support and contributions to the Civigram so all can be aware of the great things Civitan is doing in South Carolina!



As for me, it has been a great ride and after setting up this newsletter for Gov. Lura Boggs back in 2011 when the District secretary position was erased. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve so many fine SC District Governors and attempt to provide all of the state's Civitans with timely information, updates, and messages. However change is good and each new editor will add



to the value of the Civigram. With the closing of the Greater Charleston Civitan at the end of September, my residence will be on Lake Marion full time. I thank all of my fellow Civitans in the SC District and beyond for your friendship & congratulate you on your service to the community. Keep up the good work.....and I'll try to hold up my end as well.

## Useful Web Site Links

**Civitan International:** <http://www.civitan.org/>

**SC District:** <http://www.sccivitan.org>.

**Civitan International Research Center:**  
<http://www.uab.edu/medicine/circ/>

**Jr. Civitan:** <http://juniorcivitan.org/>

**Jr. Civitan SC District:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-Junior-Civitan-District/135016586535381>

**Special Olympics of South Carolina:** <http://so-sc.org/>

**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**.