

# Civitan Club offers flag displays to local businesses

By Janet S. Lee

The Clinton chapter of Civitan International is once again offering to display a United States flag on every federal holiday and election day to local businesses, both large and small, according to member James Stringer.

Stringer, an executive VP with Bancorp-South, has been a Civitan member for forty-three years and a resident of Clinton for some forty-four years. Civitan has been providing the service to the community since the late 1960s.

"We just believe it's a way to promote good citizenship and show patriotic pride," he says. "Our sixteen or so members divide up the businesses into routes, with two members per route, to display and then take down the flag on the specified holiday. The standard-size flag is displayed all day, then removed at sunset. Our fee for this service is \$30, which funds various projects we undertake throughout the year."

Ongoing projects for Civitan include the maintenance of a flowerbed in conjunction with the City of Clinton's beautification efforts; an annual contribution to the 4C's; an annual clergy or City departmental appreciation luncheon; and scholarships to two Clinton High School seniors who plan to attend Mississippi College or Hinds Community College.



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Clinton's Civitan chapter offers American flag displays for local businesses.

Though the Clinton Nature Center has a somewhat similar project that places flags in residential areas on four specific holidays each year, Civitan concentrates on businesses and their capacity for high visibility displaying the red, white and blue. With a concentration of retail concerns and shopping venues in Olde Towne, Clinton Plaza, Highway 80, Springridge Road, Clinton-Raymond Road, and areas paralleling the interstate, Civitan is proud to help merchants and business owners show the colors.

In 2018 alone, there are ten federal holidays recognized by the U.S. government, as well as a November Election Day. To date, approximately one hundred seventy-five businesses have elected to fly the flag.

Business owners wishing to participate in the flag display program can contact a member of Civitan or make a check payable to the Clinton Civitan Club, P. O. Box 2297, Clinton, MS 39060-2297.

Clinton's local Civitan chapter meets every Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. in the B. C. Rogers Student Center at Mississippi College for breakfast and a program.

"We'd welcome any prospective new members and invite them to join us," said Stringer.

For additional information concerning Civitan membership or the flag program, contact Stringer at 601-592-4955.

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