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## NEXT MEETING

Mauldin Cultural Center  
**March 1, 2018 @12:00pm**

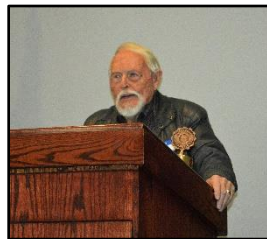
## Dues

Membership Dues for  
Jan, Feb, Mar, may be  
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## MAULDIN CIVITAN CLUB SECOND CLERGY APPRECIATION WEEK CELEBRATION

The Mauldin Civitan Club held its second annual Clergy Appreciation celebration February 1, 2018 at the Mauldin Cultural Center.



Chaplain Floyd Tidsworth was the Program Chair. The seven clergy in attendance represented different denominations from the Mauldin, Simpsonville and Greenville vicinity. The reason for the event was to show appreciation to the clergy of all faiths.

Clergy Appreciation Week held each year during the first week of February was inspired by an event that occurred during World War II about four chaplains.

The Four Chaplains were four United States Army Chaplains, of different faiths, who gave their lives to save other military personnel as the troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943 during World War II. They helped other soldiers' board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when supply ran out. The Four Chaplains joined arms and prayed as they went down with the ship.

The program was called to order by President Sharon Thomas and followed with the Invocation given by President-Elect Sam Bennett. Terry Merritt of the Board of Directors led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed. We then enjoyed the deliciously prepared lunch and fellowship with each other. The program resumed with a Civitan member introducing guests Clergy at their table.



Cindy Overfield rendered a beautiful selection that was heartfelt. Our very own Civitan member and Clergy, Dr. Virgil Sullivan, eloquently conveyed the Story of Clergy Day.



A representative from the Mauldin Mayor's office presented a Proclamation to President Sharon Thomas.



Al Phillips, Director Greenville Baptist Association, gave the Tribute to Clergy by challenging and inspiring us to focus on the needs of others toward the path to greatness.

Treasurer Allen Chavis presented each Clergy with a plaque and gift certificate as our expression of appreciation. Chaplain Floyd Tidsworth gave the closing prayer.



Our Second Clergy Appreciation Celebration was enjoyable, enlightening, engaging, and uplifting as we paused to remember and said Thank You to the Clergy in our community.

## *STAY SAFE –PROTECT YOURSELF*



The February 15<sup>th</sup> guest speaker for Mauldin Civitan Club was retired Greenville Police Detective, Bobby Bradford. Introduced by Anna Smith, Detective Bradford is a Greenville native who attended high school in Greenville County. Detective Bradford served 4 years in the army after college and retired from the Greenville Police Department as a Detective, giving 29 years of service. Detective Bradford shared tips for citizens to stay safe on a daily basis.



- Fire extinguishers are desirable in the home. The can size extinguishers can be used for small fires. They can be purchased from Walmart. He cautioned if the fire becomes uncontrollable to get out of the house and engage the fire Department.
- Plan a fire escape route for your home. The plan should show exit routes and placed in an inconspicuous place in the home to be used in case of fire.
- Dead Bolt locks should be on all Exterior doors. He noted that exterior doors are different form interior doors and that exterior doors should be sturdy.
- Peep holes in doors permit you to see who is at your door before opening the door. Detective Bradford cautioned to be careful of who you open your door to. He advised to ask for identification, if you are not familiar with the person. Be aware of suspicious persons, like a uniform police officer arrives at your door, but there is no patrol car.
- Keys to your home should be placed with a neighbor or trustworthy person. In case EMS needs to enter your home or if you need help, someone will be able to reach you.
- Shrubs and trees should be trimmed away from the home. Don't give adversaries a place to hide.
- At night keep the home well lit. Motion activated flood lights are desirable. Draw curtains and blinds when it is dark outside. Do not create a situation when someone outside can see you inside your home, and you cannot see them outside.
- Engrave your porch and outdoor items. Make Videos and take pictures of items in the home, and place the video and inventory of items in your home in a safe deposit box or some other safe place.
- Avoid straps on your purse. Straps are easy to grab. Take as little as possible in your purse.

- Pay attention to your surroundings. Take time to look around, and take heed to suspicious looking people. Ask the management to have someone walk out with you, if you are alone.
- Keep car doors locked. Do not leave items visible in the car.
- Be careful of information that you give out. Such information as social security number, credit card numbers, driver's license number and even your address should not be given.
- Always be mindful of Ponzi schemes and scammers. If it sounds too good to be true-Then it probably is.
- Put discarded documents in a shredder before trashing them.
- The red flag on your mailbox tells everyone that there is something important in the box, your mail carrier as well as crooks.

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*Happy Birthday!*

<i>Betty DuRante</i>	<i>March 2</i>
<i>Leonia Gray</i>	<i>March 11</i>
<i>Diane Staley</i>	<i>March 15</i>
<i>Virgil Sullivan</i>	<i>March 26</i>



## 2017 IMPACT: OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

RMHC of the Carolinas provides stability and resources so that families can stay together and focus on what matters most—their sick child.



RMHC of the Carolinas served

**411**  
FAMILIES

RMHC of the Carolinas helps families save

**\$767,000**  
EACH YEAR

in accommodations and meal costs when they must travel long distances for their child's medical care



**3,377** NIGHTS provided, with an average of **10** NIGHTS per family

Longest stay

**156**  
NIGHTS

from Greenwood, S.C.

Longest distance traveled

**2,134**  
MILES

from Trinidad and Tobago

Families came from

**11** STATES  
**4** COUNTRIES



**7**

**PARTNER**  
**HOSPITALS**

and Healthcare  
Facilities

**3,444**  
VOLUNTEERS



260 groups baked

**6,240** COOKIES

for the "Baked from the Heart" program

THANK YOU to all of the Civitan members who have volunteered at the RMH this past year. As you can see from their numbers, we are part of the RMH TEAM.

Thank you for all you do.

Terry

# *Save the Date*

## *July 23-26, 2018*

*Mauldin Civitan Club Sponsors Bus Trip to  
Hampton, Norfolk, Virginia Beach Virginia*

**\$500 person (\$50 nonrefundable deposit  
to secure spot by January 25, 2018)**

**\$450 balance due by April 2, 2018**

### **Trip Includes:**

- 1. Round Trip chartered bus (bus will leave July 23, 2018 @6am from Verdae Bilo Shopping Center-cars will be secure. Bus will leave hotel July 26, 2018 @10am for return trip)**
- 2. 3 nights Hampton Embassy Suites Hotel accommodations (2 double beds per room)**
- 3. (3) buffet breakfasts Hampton Embassy Suites Hotel**
- 4. Managers Reception Hampton Embassy Suites Hotel (includes hors d'oeuvre, 2 alcoholic beverages)**
- 5. Captain Georges Restaurant (July 23, 2018)**
- 6. Virginia Beach/Shopping (July 24, 2018)**
- 7. NASA/Langley Museum (July 25, 2018 @10am)**
- 8. Spirit of Norfolk dinner cruise (July 25, 2018 @5-9pm)**

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