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Mauldin Cultural Center
February 21, 2019 @ 6:00pm

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MAULDIN CIVITAN CLUB THIRD ANNUAL CLERGY APPRECIATION WEEK CELEBRATION

The Mauldin Civitan Club held its Third Annual Clergy Appreciation Celebration February 7, 2019 at the Mauldin Cultural Center. Floyd Tidsworth and Jimmy DuRante were Program Chairs. The eight Clergy in attendance represented different denominations from Mauldin, Simpsonville and Greenville vicinity. The occasion was to show appreciation to the Clergy of all faiths.

The program was called to order by President Belita Broadus and was followed with the Invocation by President-Elect, Jimmy DuRante.

Barbara Angle led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Civitan Creed. After grace by Chaplain Ybrahim Pinto, we enjoyed the deliciously prepared lunch and fellowship with each other. Anna Smith who has a knack for fine details elegantly decorated the tables.



Sheila Thompson, Soloist

Floyd Tidsworth, Clergy Day Co-Chair, introduced the panel of Ministers. Pastor Alex

The Program resumed with introduction of clergy by club members. Sheila Thompson from Tabernacle Baptist Church rendered an uplifting selection. Our Chaplain, Ybrahim Pinto, expressively recounted the Story of Clergy Day.



Pastor Alex Sands

Sands from Kingdom Life Church advised that they have a food bank the first and third Saturdays of the month.

People come as far away as Laurens, SC for assistance. In addition, they host families and have provided shelter for families. Pastor Webb Belangia from Mauldin United Methodist Church advised that on February 23, 2019 they will sponsor a Community Youth Job Program for ages 16 and older. They will focus on completing job applications, resume writing, how to dress for interviews, and social media don'ts. They host two to three families quarterly under IHN, homeless people-children/working homeless. Their Pathway to Prosperity Program focus on under privileged young people in the area after school.



Pastor Webb Belangia

The young people have to first study and then play basketball. Pastor Belangia expressed a need in the community for a centralized system to tell if a person has already been helped by another church to assure assistance is equally given to those in need. Lee Montgomery, Head of Christian Education at Reedy River Baptist Church, advised that their Brotherhood works monthly with Salvation Army. Youth of the church visit nursing homes and they have a benevolence fund to help individuals. Mr. Montgomery expressed the need to utilize retirees on a regular basis to teach the youth how to develop proper work habits.



Sam Bennett

Sam Bennett gave the Tribute to Clergy and told of his personal story with Dr. Charles H. Davis. Dr. Davis passed recently and was a member of the Greenville Civitan Club and Pastor at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenville SC. Sam conveyed how Dr. Davis visited him, prayed with and for him. Sam expressed his gratitude to Dr. Davis and to the Clergy for all that they do.

Co-Chairs, Floyd Tidsworth and Jimmy DuRante, presented each Clergy with a plaque and gift as our expression of appreciation. President Belita Broadus gave brief remarks. Chaplain Ybrahim Pinto gave the closing prayer.



Floyd Tidsworth

Our Third Annual Clergy Appreciation Celebration was enjoyable, informative, illuminative and uplifting as we pause to remember and said Thank You to the Clergy in our community.

President's Message

My Fellow Civitans,



Kudos to Floyd Tidsworth and Jimmy Durante for planning and executing the great Clergy Day Celebration. The program exemplified the Civitan principles of Knowledge, service and fun. Three guest clergy, Pastor Sands of Kingdom Life Church; Pastor Belangia of Mauldin United Methodist Church; and Youth Pastor Lee Montgomery of Reedy River Baptist Church shared their church's community outreach programs with the club. Each of the presentations informed and heightened our awareness of the needs of the community. Each of the pastors focused on service to the community. Anna Smith chaired the arrangements for the tasty meal and orchestrated the eloquent decorations for the meetings. The meeting was well planned and included fellowship opportunities during the meeting.

The year is moving quickly as we are well into the second quarter looking forward to having several exciting speakers scheduled throughout the year. Everyone please plan to attend the Special Olympics on April 24th on the Furman University Campus. We are also anticipating the Generations Luncheon on March 13th and we encourage everyone to participate in the March of Dimes on April 26th. Bring any prospective Civitan or friend with you to participate in our programs. Paul Bixby, Child Development Specialist will concentrate on early detection of disabilities at the February 21st meeting.

We still have the strategic plan for our club on the table, so expect a schedule of meetings to complete the plan. This plan is designed to strengthen our club over the next three years as we focus on integrating the goals of Civitan International and our Club.

Civitans, we need to increase Mauldin Civitan Club's membership with civic minded people. Talk Civitan to your friends and neighbors. We are interested more in quality than quantity.

"My heart beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity, and throbs with joy at every triumph of Truth."

Belita Broadus, President
Mauldin Civitan Club

Happy Birthday!

Judith Pradel

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