



# Mauldin Civitan Club

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*Janice Thompson*

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## NEXT MEETING

Mauldin Cultural Center  
April 4, 2019 @ 12:00pm

### Dues

Membership Dues for  
Apr, May, Jun may be  
mailed to:

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## SPRING: SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS

Spring is the season of new beginnings. The spring season brings warmer temperatures and new growth.



The Mauldin Civitan Club started their 2019 spring season by welcoming a new member. **Anna Smith** officially installed **Janice Thompson** on March 21, 2019.



Janice is a graduate of South Carolina State University with a degree in engineering. After graduation she was commissioned into the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and served 5 years as a Quarter Master.

After military life she entered the civilian work force and took a job in Illinois with Avon Production Factory for five years. Later she became a distribution factory supervisor. Gathering no stones, she moved on to Michelin Production Factory in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. There

she was employed for 3 years as an Industrial Engineer and two years as a warehouse shipping manager.

Presently Janice is employed with Moichelin Headquarters.

After induction Janice immediately assumed the position of Sergeant-at-Arms.



**Janice Thompson** was pinned by her sponsor,  
**Bernice Rhodes-Dessaure**, who is also her Mother



Anna Smith awards Bernice Rhodes-Dessaure a gift card  
for sponsor of new member

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## *SPECIAL THANK YOU*

**Anna Smith** for the artistic St Patrick theme decorated tables.

**Berta Velarde, Diane Staley, Ybrahim Pinto and Curtis Pressley** for the delectable dinner

*Happy Birthday!*

<i>Curtis Pressley</i>	<i>April 11</i>
<i>Joyce Chavis</i>	<i>April 12</i>
<i>Ybrahim Pinto</i>	<i>April 14</i>
<i>Bernice Rhodes-Dessaure</i>	<i>April 16</i>
<i>Allen Chavis</i>	<i>April 26</i>

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

My Fellow Civitans,



April is Civitan Awareness Month. We will use this month to make the community aware of the Civitan Mission and activities. I encourage everyone to bring at least one prospective member to one of our club meetings. Better yet, take a friend to lunch and talk Civitan. Invite family, friends, church family, and your circle of friends to come discover what Civitan is all about. Many people are interested in making a positive difference in the lives of others, so let's help them get started.

During the month of April we will have a speaker from the Home

Care community. Many of us are not aware of all of the services offered by home care agencies, the cost of the services, if there is assistance to help pay for the services or how to access those services. We will participate in the Special Olympics event at Furman University on April 24th, We are also participating in the March of Dimes Walk on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Mauldin Club has raised over \$1,000 toward the March of Dimes Walk. Suzie Knebusch and Jimmy Durante have done a splendid job coordinating the March of Dimes.

We are excited to host the Civitan International Convention in Greenville this summer, July 3-6<sup>th</sup>. I strongly encourage every Civitan to register and attend the sessions that will be presented. The registration form is located on line at Civitan.org. I also urge everyone to get involved in those areas outlined by Patsy Finley in the last District Newsletter. I am sure the Mauldin Club wants to be well represented.

Lastly, we will be electing officers and board members for next year. If you are interested in serving in one of the open positions, contact Jimmy Durante to let him know. Also committee members will be named, we need everyone to select a committee, so be prepared to let him know which committee best suits you.

***Belita Broadus, President***

**CIVITAN  
BUILT ON  
THREE  
PRINCIPLES:**

**Knowledge  
Service  
Fellowship**

**Contact Mauldin  
Civitan to become  
a member:**

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## CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL

Civitan International is an organization of community service clubs dedicated to helping others. There are Civitan clubs in more than 35 countries around the world, all working to make a difference. Chances are there's a club near you!

Civitan has a special emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. As part of that mission, clubs help fund the Civitan International Research Center. This world-class research center is dedicated to better treatment and understanding of disorders such as autism, cerebral palsy, brain cancer, and other illnesses of the human brain. Membership in your local Civitan club goes beyond making a difference in the lives of others. Civitan membership provides opportunities for personal growth, leadership training, and organizational experience. Civitans from all walks of life have gone on to serve as leaders at the club, regional, and even international levels.

Many also join Civitan to meet civic-minded people, enjoy fellowship, and do something truly fulfilling with their free time. Your level of involvement is entirely up to you! It costs little to become a Civitan member. New members are charged a small initiation fee, and members pay district-level and international dues on a quarterly basis. As a member, you can attend club meetings, participate in club projects, attend district and international events, and be eligible to hold office at the club, district, and international levels.



### THE SERVANT'S HEART PROGRAM

The Servant's Heart Award is a global awareness project that honors people who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, like teachers, paraprofessionals and therapists. Clubs may take the opportunity to showcase the winners at a reception, school program, or other event. The project reflects Civitan International's ties to the creation of special education programs across the United States.

### FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

The Civitan International Research Center is the flagship program of Civitan International. Deeply rooted in the core mission of Civitan—serving people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities—the CIRC conducts cutting edge research in brain-related issues such as autism, Rett syndrome, Down syndrome and many others. Civitan International is the only service organization dedicated to these issues which affect one in six people worldwide.

**Hi Civitans!**

As you all know by now, the Civitan International Convention will be in our own Greenville, July 3-6, 2019. Many plans have been made for the convention by International, but has YOUR CLUB made any plans? Anne Lavelly has asked me to get the Hospitality Room up and going. I will definitely need your help!

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The South Carolina Civitans are the HOST for the Hospitality Room.

We need:

**VOLUNTEERS TO:**

1. welcome the attendees to the Hospitality Room
2. answer any questions, i.e.: directions within the hotel, the price of tickets, time of drawings, etc.
3. sell tickets-this will require a person who can really stay focused! We will have 3 different tickets to sell and keep straight.
4. refill refreshments (see below)

**MERCHANDISE:**

We will have 3 levels of gifts:

1. Large ticket items --> tickets will sell for \$ 10 each. These special tickets will need to be filled out by the buyer. Drawings will be at the end of the Convention and more often depending on merchandise collected. I would love to have daily drawings if possible. These items will have a price value of more than \$500! We have secured a certificate for a set of Michelin tires. These can only be shipped to an address within the United States proper. So ... we need more merchandise in this category that will be available to ALL attendees. Remember ... many of the attendees will be flying, so gifts either need to be certificates that can be redeemed once they get home, or items that can be put into a suitcase.
2. Anything donated that has an estimated value of \$200 - \$500 (weekend get-away; payment of dues for a year; registration fee for CI Convention ...repayment or prepayment) will be raffled through the sale of -->\$5 tickets. Tickets will be placed in a container and drawings will be held at specific times daily. Use your imagination when asking for contributions. Not every company has items available for gifts, but when talking with your contact person, suggest they pay for one of the above or something like those.
3. Items with an estimated value of \$25 to \$200 will be available by buying a -->\$1 ticket. Included in this category will be the BASKETS from your club. Please include in your basket, items which are grown, written, painted, sung, or made in your area of our district. Also, in this category will be items that can be sold by purchasing tickets. These could be jewelry, books, sweetgrass baskets (hint, hint), household decorative items, etc.

The second and third level donations will have different colored tickets. These tickets will also have two parts. The buyer will be given BOTH parts. They will separate their ticket and place one of the parts into a container in front of the prize they want to get. These two levels of prizes will be separated in the room and clearly marked as to what color of ticket they will require.

All winning names and numbers will be posted outside the Hospitality Room and will be available for pickup during the Hospitality Room open hours.

The more we can get from the raffle and ticket sales, the better off our SC District treasury account will be. A decision will be made at the next Board Meeting to determine where these funds will be used.

**ROOM DECORATIONS:**

Pictures of your clubs doing projects, events, fun times, anything showing the clubs in their activities. Make a great looking poster to showcase your Club. These will be put around the room for the attendees to look at while in the Hospitality Room. It would be nice to have beach music playing while the Room is open!

Does anyone know any good shaggers? We could possibly have a demonstration during one of the times the room is open, after all, it is our state dance!

**Food:**

We need snacks for the attendees. **Individually packaged** chips, crackers, cookies, and water. Since sweet tea is one of the state's favorite beverages, we need to have serving containers for tea. We should have at least one container of unsweetened tea and sweetener available and small disposable cups. Remember...we are expecting 400 and 600 people at this Convention and many will come through the Hospitality Room more than once!

**Supplies:**

A few supplies for a first-aid kit for the room would be great. These would be given to the person needing them. We will not be responsible for the treatment. If EMS is needed, we can place the call for them. Some Band-Aids, alcohol pads, just a few things to have to keep the attendees from having to hunt up a store outside the hotel. Maps of Downtown Greenville would be helpful. We had these for our District Convention last year. Greenville Club, do you think you could get us at least a hundred of these for this year? We also need to know which restaurants and stores will be open during the days of the convention. Remember, this is the week of July. We need schedules and locations for activities celebrating Independence Day being held in Downtown Greenville. We may need a good size white erasable board or a flip chart with an easel to post the winning names and numbers outside the room.

WHEN SPEAKING WITH PEOPLE TO GET DONATIONS FOR THE HOSPITALITY ROOM, MAKE SURE THEY KNOW THESE ARE FOR THE HOSPITALITY ROOM, NOT FOR THE CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ITSELF. ALSO, MAKE SURE THEY KNOW THAT THE MONEY MADE FROM THE RAFFLE AND TICKET SALES WILL STAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA OR AS THE BOARD DECIDES. ONE OTHER THING -- WE ARE A NON-PROFIT 501(C)3.

If you have questions, please send them to me via return email. I will address them and reply to you. I will certainly be available at the next District Meeting on May 18 in Columbia to discuss the goings on in the Hospitality Room. I hope to see you there too!

***Thank you for all you do for  
South Carolina Civitan***

**Patsy Finley, Secretary**  
**The South Carolina District Civitan**  
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