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## NEXT MEETING

Mauldin Cultural Center  
June 6, 2019 @12:00pm

## Dues

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

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## THE MEYER CENTER POTENTIAL HAS NO LIMITS



On May 2, 2019, *Mrs. Meta Byers*, Director of **the Meyer Center**, located at 1132 Rutherford Road Greenville SC, was the guest speaker at the Mauldin Civitan Club.

In 1954, **Dr. Leslie Meyer** founded **the Meyer Center** with the vision and belief that in the right environment, any child can thrive. Sixty-five years later, **the Meyer Center** has become a DHEC licensed childcare and rehabilitation center.

Presently there is an enrollment of 84 children, which will increase to 95 in the near future. There are nine classroom certified teachers. The age range is from six months to eight years. The children are grouped by cognitive, physical and or similar abilities. The goal is to bridge the gap of what the abilities are to what they should be at their age.

Each student has an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to address present levels and annual goals. Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT) are provided. School hours are from 8:00am to 2:00pm Monday through Friday.

There is currently a waiting list of 68 children. A lottery system is used to determine selection in addition to the criteria of needing the services of two out the three therapies offered, Speech, OT and PT.

Half of their funding comes from medical insurance and Medicaid. The remaining funds come from individuals, groups and organizations.



**The Meyer Center** is currently working on ways to diversify the use of the building and services to others in order to increase revenues.

Mrs. Byers encouraged the Mauldin Civitan Club to volunteer, advocate, host a supply drive or support an event to get involved and stay connected to **the Meyer Center**.

After the question and answer period, President-Elect Jimmy DuRante presented Mrs. Byers with a gift from the club.

*Happy Birthday!*

*Marian Franklin*

*May 14*

## MAULDIN CIVITAN CLUB MARCH FOR BABIES

On April 26, 2019, for the third year in a row, the Mauldin Civitan Club participated in the March of Dimes Walk. The March For Babies started at Fluor Field in downtown Greenville, SC, ran through Falls Park and surrounding area before ending three miles later back at Fluor Field.



*Jimmy DuRante, Le Gray, Suzi Knebusch, Team Captain, Joyce Tidsworth, Floyd Tidsworth, Diane Staley, Curtis Pressley and Allen Chavis*

March of Dimes fights for the health of all moms and babies. They advocate for policies to protect them. They work to radically improve the healthcare received. March of Dimes empowers families with the knowledge and tools to have healthier pregnancies. They fund research to find solutions to the biggest health threats.



Curtis Pressley, Allen Chavis and  
Le Gray

By uniting communities, March of Dimes is building brighter future for us all. These are a few of the reasons the Mauldin Civitan Club March For Babies.

Mauldin Civitan participants and walkers were Team Captain Suzi Knebusch, Allen Chavis, Jimmy DuRante, Le Gray, Debra Pressley, Curtis Pressley, Anna Smith, Diane Staley, Joyce Tidsworth, and Floyd Tidsworth.



Curtis Pressley and Debra Pressley



Floyd Tidsworth and Joyce Tidsworth



Diane Staley and Le Gray



Floyd Tidsworth, Joyce Tidsworth, Diane Staley and Le Gray

**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**  
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