



# Mauldin Civitan Club

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## NEXT MEETING

Mauldin Cultural Center  
Aug. 15, 2019 @ 6:00pm

### Dues

Membership Dues for  
Jul, Aug, Sept may be  
mailed to:

P.O Box 1068  
Mauldin, SC 29662

## CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT GOVERNOR



**Gary Finley**, Civitan International South Carolina District Governor, was the speaker at the Mauldin Civitan Club, August 1, 2019.

A new member was just installed and two other individuals expressed their desire to become members prior to Gary speaking to the club. Gary emphasized the importance of recruiting and retaining members as an ongoing initiative of Civitan clubs. Clubs

have to devise innovative ways to increase memberships as well as retain members. Social media such as Facebook was an example given as an excellent method to disseminate information in the community about Civitan and the positive activities Civitan is doing in the community.

Gary mentioned that the basket, at the Civitan International Convention held July 3-6, 2019 in Greenville SC, from the Mauldin Civitan Club was one of the best baskets if not the best. Mauldin Civitan Club member, Alannah Suzi Knebusch, designed the magnificent basket.

Gary Finley advised that there has been a significant decline in the candy box funds. 75 percent of the proceeds from the candy boxes go to the Civitan International Research Center and the remaining 25 percent stays with the club. Some of the decline is due to the fact that people usually pay by card or phones in places of business. Since fewer people pay by cash, no change is being placed in the candy boxes. This is an area too that needs revitalization.

Gary expressed that for the Mauldin Civitan Club only being in its third year, it has covered a lot of areas; it will continue to be an asset to the community and Civitan International organization.



Gary Finley and Belita Broadus

After a brief Q and A, President Belita Broadus presented Gary with a gift of appreciation from the Mauldin Civitan Club.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Civitans,

We were honored with the presence of South Carolina District Governor Gary Findley to speak at our last meeting. He focused on the work of the Civitan International Research Center, which is to find treatments and or cures for certain neurological disabilities. He stressed Civitan International's commitment to support the Research the center, which was made for a twenty years period, and that we are expected meet our commitment within the next two years. Additionally, he emphasized the need to increase Civitan membership in the local clubs, clubs suffered from decreasing membership nationally over the last year. Lastly he pointed out that the District Convention is going to be in Rock Hill on September 20 and 21 and he encouraged members to attend.

As we approach our end of the year, we want to look at our programs and evaluate our successes, and decide where we want to improve for the coming year. The board and incoming president are willing to consider suggestions from any member. Our goal is to make Mauldin Civitan the service club of the community.

Our end of the year Celebration and installation Banquet will be held at the Poinsett Club in Greenville. Our District Governor Elect Dr. Misty Konow be our guest for the evening. Please sign up with Allen Chavis, guest are welcome.

## CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Mauldin Civitan Club member, Lee Gray, attended the Civitan International Convention held in Greenville SC July 3-6, 2019.



Lee gave highlights of the conventions positive informative aspects. Lee focused on some of the various avenues of fundraising that the Mauldin Civitan Club may want to explore. Lee expressed that the experience was enlightening.

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## NEW MEMBER INSTALLED



**Rosia Gardner** was installed into the Mauldin Civitan Club on August 1, 2019. She is a retired educator and the first principal to serve at Mauldin Middle School. She is the wife of James (Jimmy) Gardner, the mother of twins, and a grandmother.

The Mauldin Civitan Club is delighted that she has decided to direct her talents for helping people, and her sense of community to an organization dedicated to serving individual and community needs, with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. We welcome Rosia Gardner to Mauldin Civitan Club.



Anna Smith officially installed Rosia Gardner on August 1, 2019 as a new member of the Mauldin Civitan Club.



Rosia was pinned by her sponsor, President Belita Broadus

## *SPECIAL THANK YOU!*

Anna Smith for the summer theme decorated tables.

Anna Smith and Belita Broadus for setting up the delicious meal along with Allen Chavis for picking up the meal.

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*Happy Birthday!*

*Lucinda Martin*  
*Sam Bennett*

*August 7*  
*August 21*

**Hi South Carolina Civitans!**

The SC District Civitan Convention will be held this year on September 20 - 22, 2019, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rock Hill, South Carolina. A special rate has been negotiated with the hotel for this event but can only be honored by using the link below for the reservation. The reservation will include breakfast.

THE RESERVATIONS MUST BE **RECEIVED** BY THE HILTON GARDEN INN BY **SEPTEMBER 6, 2019** TO ASSURE THE CIVITAN RATE.

Simply copy and paste the URL below into your browser to access the exclusive rates available for this group:

**Booking Link:**

[https://secure3.hilton.com/en\\_US/gi/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=RKHRHGI&spec\\_plan=SCCC&arrival=20190920&departure=20190922&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/gi/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=RKHRHGI&spec_plan=SCCC&arrival=20190920&departure=20190922&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly.

Share this link with anyone who needs to book South Carolina Civitans Conference rates.

**TO ALL CLUB OFFICERS:**

Please check the names listed above in the address section. If you do not see your club members in this list, then we do not have an email address for them. Please make sure ALL of your members get a copy of this email. We would love to see ALL South Carolina Civitans at the convention!

*{There are several events taking place in and around Rock Hill this same weekend. In order to be sure you will have a room, please make your reservations as soon as possible.}*

The cost for the Convention will be the same as in the previous years, \$75 per person. This includes the charge for the banquet. For those attending only the banquet on Saturday night, September 21, the cost will be \$50 per person. Please make sure your checks for the Convention fees reach the District Treasurer by September 10, 2019. Checks must be made out and sent to:

South Carolina District Civitan,  
139 Lincoln Inn Road  
Columbia, SC 29169-5102

Have a Happy Civitan Day!  
Patsy H Finley, Secretary  
South Carolina District Civitan