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NEXT MEETING

*Zoom Meeting,
Thursday February 18
2021, 6:00pm*

Dues

Membership Dues for
Jan, Feb, Mar may be
mailed to:

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Update From Mayor Merritt

February 5, 2021

Dear Concerned Citizens of Mauldin:

I wanted to reach out to you to provide an update on our progress with the City Council approved Resolution No. 6 – 2020 to...”develop guidelines for education and training opportunities for diversity training and the use of social media for all elected officials, city employees and persons serving on city boards, commissions, and other capacities for the city and also providing for public forums for citizens and local business to engage in discussions of diversity issues and provide recommendations for city officials”. This letter serves as an update on our City’s efforts regarding the Resolution.

Develop Guidelines for Education and Training Opportunities for Diversity Training and the use of Social Media for All Elected Officials, City Employees and Persons Serving on City Boards, Commissions, and Other Capacities for the City

- Civility, diversity, and inclusion training for all Department Heads and Supervisor level employees was conducted by Eli Corporation out of Atlanta and Greenville Technical College’s Office of Economic Development and Corporate Training on October 29, 2020.

- During November and December 2020, all hourly City employees took part in a computer-based training on Civil Treatment and Harassment.

- Future Training on Social Media has been developed for all City employees, This training will be delivered to all employees in April 2021.
- City Council has engaged Sharp Brain Consulting to conduct diversity and inclusion training for all elected officials. Our initial council session was conducted on December 11, 2020. In addition to diversity and inclusion training, the firm will be tasked with providing training related to the use of social media.
- We as a Council are in Day 6 of our 21 Day Challenge. Our next scheduled debriefing session with Sharp Brain Consulting will be later in February.

Happy Birthday!

Judith Pradel February 3

President's Message



I hope all of you are doing well in spite of what is going on in the world today. We face the challenges of trying to stay safe in this Pandemic. Our nation is so divided. We must all look within ourselves to find common ground. The secret, I believe, is Love. We must show it in every way possible. We must put the words of our Civitan Creed into action.

I AM CIVITAN: as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.

MY HANDS do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.

MY EARS hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress, and unity.

MY EYES search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan.

MY MOUTH utters the call to daily duty and speaks prayers in every tongue.

MY MIND teaches me respect for law and the flag of my country.

MY HEART beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity, and throbs with joy at every triumph of truth.

MY SOUL knows no fear but its own unworthiness.

MY HOPE is for a better world through Civitan.

MY MOTTO: builders of good citizenship.

MY BELIEF: do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

MY PLEDGE: to practice the Golden Rule and to build upon it a better and nobler citizenship.

I strongly feel we, as a local Club, are doing our best to fulfill the Mission of Civitan. I, again, would like to thank each of you for your commitment. I recognize it has not been easy to remain engaged during this Covid-19. I am prayerful that by late summer, we will be able to gather together in fellowship.

I would like to commend the Clergy Day Committee for your hard work in planning what I know will be a successful program on the 18th of this month. We will have Pastor Courtney Adams as our Speaker. He is the Senior Pastor of the Israel Metropolitan CME Church in Greenville, SC. Please try to do your best to join the meeting at 6 PM.

Respectfully,

Jimmy DuRante

BYLAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION PROPOSAL

This is important information from an article by Past International President Patricia Ann Perkal in January on Facebook:

Over the past year and a half, the Civitan International Board of Directors journeyed through the revision of the organization's outdated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. These governance documents were rewritten in 2004 and have had ten amendments over the years. The board appointed a Governance Documents Committee made up of Past International Presidents and Past International Directors. The committee along with legal counsel determined the need for a rewritten version rather than multiple amendments. The board and committee both reviewed past and current membership reports, club building statistics, leadership recruitment limitations and membership surveys. The committee provided recommendations to the board throughout the past year and presented a final draft of the new governance documents in November 2020. The board approved those documents. The Articles and Bylaws will now be presented to the membership and will be voted upon at this year's Civitan International Convention. The Articles require a positive two-thirds vote and the Bylaws require a majority vote (over 50%).

You can look at the drafts of both documents by going to www.civitan.org/renewby22. There is a town hall meeting on Friday, February 19 AT 1:00PM (EST) to inform members of these proposed changes and answer any questions that are out there about this effort. Use the link below to register. It is important for all of us to learn about these proposals because they will make some big changes in the Civitan International and Local structure.

- Friday, February 19th at Noon CST – Registration Link – <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIsceaqzwoGtIO-HFib4TyKfQru5EutUWw>

Thank you!

Suzi Knebusch