



# Mauldin Civitan Club

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## **NEXT MEETING**

*Zoom Meeting,  
Thursday May 20, 2021,  
6:00pm*

### **Dues**

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

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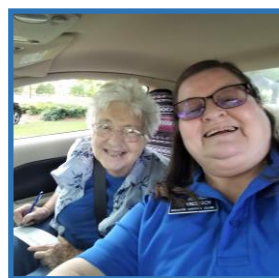
## MARCH OF DIMES: PARADE FOR PREEMIES



Mauldin Civitan Club was first in line for the March of Dimes Parade for Preemies April 30, 2021 in Greenville, SC. We got to show off our new magnetic car signs. This



was a nice celebration for the culmination of our fundraising for March For Babies: A Mother of a Movement. This one is very special to our club.



Mauldin Civitan Club participants were Suzi Knebusch, Barbara Angle, Belita Broadus, Anna Smith, and Judith Patel. The Mauldin Civitan Club is in the

top ten as a group by raising \$1,653 for 2021 and exceeding 2020 amount. Despite all the issues going on currently, the Mauldin Civitan Club really stepped up this year. What an awesome group!

The Mauldin Civitan Club had already challenged to do better in 2021 than 2020.

## *President's Message*



I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continuing engagement with the work of our Local Club. I am looking forward to seeing each of you on June 17, for our fellowship picnic. Plans are in the works for having an exciting event. As we get ready to present a slate of officers to lead for 2021-2022, I hope you will answer the call to serve in the position as an officer or Committee Chair.

I learned this morning that we have until June 30 to make our final report for the 2021 March for Babies Campaign. I want to, again, thank each of you for supporting Suzi. She has done an outstanding Job. I looked at the Leader Board for the March of Dimes this week. We were still in the top ten as a group.

We are trying to do our best to fulfill the missions of Civitan. Please touch base with me if there is something more you feel we should be doing. Covid has prevented us from doing more hands-on projects. I want us to be accountable to each other. As we go into these summer months, please give some serious thoughts on when we can start back with in-person regular meetings. We will talk about breaking for the summer.

Jimmy DuRante

President

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## ***HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!***

## ***SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT MEETING***



Suzi Knebusch, President-Elect, attended the SC District in person Meeting May 16, 2021 in Columbia, SC. There were 25-30 Civitans, four Junior Civitans and two speakers in attendance. Anna Smith attended with several members of the Greenville Civitan.



The Mauldin Civitan Club received the Civitan at the Helm Commodore Bar, for our giving in 2019-2020. Yaaay! Four Junior Civitans received \$500 scholarships for college. Gift bags were made for the Mauldin Miracle League Bombers and Flyers teams. The Mauldin Civitan Club donated bags, hats, fans, and bracelets. Suzi won the 50/50 and a huge flower hanging basket.



It was a great day!



Suzi Knebusch

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*Happy Birthday!*

*Rodney Neely*

*May 9*

## ***Community News***

After School Plus, an after-school program provider in Mauldin, completed its most recent renovation and expansion since moving to its current location at 255 Service Bay Road in 2015. The company has big plans for yet another expansion.

The facility houses Greenville Gymnastics' second location and DanceArts Greenville. In the recent expansion, new lunchroom, bathrooms, an entrance, two classrooms and tutoring rooms and a gymnasium were added, said After School Plus co-owner Jennifer Britt. Volleyball, ballet, gymnastics, art and guitar lessons are also offered.

In addition to After School Plus's expansion, Greenville Gymnastics is adding an extra viewing area as well as 9,600 square feet to their end of the building, making its space 18,000 square feet, while DanceArts has four dance studios and a new performance black box studio.

Plans are underway to add a playground and outdoor space for the kids near the new gym and an outdoor volleyball court besides the building. The owners have also submitted plans to the city of Mauldin for an additional building to be built on After School Plus's campus. If approved, the new four-story building would feature an 8,000-square-foot soccer facility on the first floor, an 8,000-square-foot food hall with a large patio on the first floor and 70,000- to 90,000-square-feet of storage on the second and third floors.

The new soccer facility will be another activity kids can use but also it will be a place for adults to play soccer plus the food hall will allow people coming to the campus monthly a place to relax and dine.

If the planned expansion passes a public hearing, the plans will go before Mauldin City Council on May 17. Once approved, the new building is expected to open Fall 2022.