



# Mauldin Civitan Club

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## **NEXT MEETING**

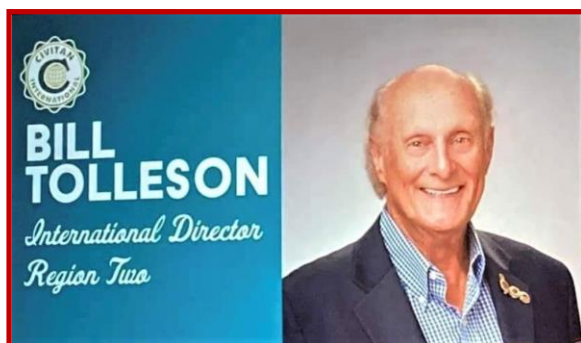
Thursday Dec. 16, 2021,  
6:00pm

### **Dues**

Membership Dues for  
Oct, Nov, Dec may be  
mailed to:

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## INSIGHTS FROM CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL REGION TWO DIRECTOR



Bill Tolleson, Civitan International Director Region Two, was the guest speaker at the Mauldin Civitan zoom meeting, November 18, 2021.

Bill Tolleson has held numerous positions within Civitan International, has a

wealth of institutional knowledge of Civitan International and shared some of that information with the Mauldin Civitan Club.

Bill Tolleson expressed many insights about Civitan but particularly what stood out was while recruiting and talking to others about Civitan, you need to develop your "elevator speech". Basically, it is a short description of Civitan International that any listener can understand it in a short period of time. The description typically explains who it is for, what it does, why it is needed and how it will get done. The member who can share with others how membership in Civitan has personally impacted his or her life is the best recruiting tool there is.


President Alannah Suzi Knebusch thanked Bill Tolleson for taking the time to share Civitan International information with the Mauldin Civitan Club.

## President's Message



A lady contacted me on our FB page because she saw we were at the Judson YMCA and she needed food. I took her 5 grocery bags full from my sister church's food pantry. Her name is Lynn Rackley and below is her testimony.

*"I just want to share with this group and thank everyone for the work you do. Last week I seen a post about helping those in need and I reached out because my family is in need at this time. And a quick respond back. (Ms. Suzi Knebusch) met me today with so many needed things. I know The LORD sent her. As we met and talked I noticed a Civitan Shirt she was wearing and then such sweet memories of just the word Civitan flooded my heart. Because in 1963 I gave my 8 year old heart to "Jesus" at Civitan Fresh Air Camp in Cleveland SC where I attended Camp for 4 summers in a row. This sweet lady has no clue the Blessing she gave me today not just material but Spiritually. My family has been living on the promises of God daily for 9 years. Dec.8th, My husband took a flu Vaccine and it shut his brain down. 13 months in ICU on a ventilator, 1 month on the floor and 3 months in a nursing home and then back to the hospital another 3 months. He had lost all body functions but slowly gained limited things back and this summer a battle of heart attacks, 3 open heart surgeries, 2 sets of stints after then, and a pacemaker, defibrillator and a experimental thing added called ribbons. We were living good for a few months then July 23 our 49th Anniversary another attack. Dr. said bring your kids in and Lets talk. They all came and he began to explain how his heart was past fixing-- that he could keep him in the hospital and give him only fluids or I could bring him home. Home of course was our choice. He still told us to begin to prepare for us losing him. Of course I never even thought of it. Dr. patted me on the shoulder and said I know you didn't want to hear this but I have been his doctor 12 years and these last 9 Years time to time I knew it was over. I have seen so much trauma and he is certainly favored by the LORD. Last week we did a televisit after 4 months and we all cried. He seen him sitting up in his mobile chair and said PTL! I hope The Lord will protect me as he is you...We have a 26 year old grandson living with us who has been diagnosed with early Parkinson Disease and has done Chemo and Radiation also a 15 year Granddaughter we have because my daughter is blind and We felt she needed more than our daughter could do. Anyway sorry for the long Praise but I feel GOD has came full circle today giving me that extra something my soul needed. We aren't eligible for any Government Assistance because we owned our house, which our son does now because we couldn't pay the property taxes and up keep. I think in 3 years we can. But I reached out because my family was in need. I have never done this but when it comes to your family you do what you can. My story*

goes on.. Lol. Sitting typing and  praising my LORD for all we got today. And again that special Assurance My GOD sent this sweet lady to give me short conversation and sweet memories of Civitan camp.

Thank you to each one. May you all have A Healthy, Happy Merry Christmas....”  

Lynn Rackley

This is confirmation to a sentence from our Civitan Creed translated to real life, in real time is all about, MY HANDS do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.

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The Christmas Social and Silent Auction will be December 16, 2021, 6:00 pm at the Poinsett Club in Greenville SC. Our silent auction is our main event to fund our charitable giving in the community. We will have it at the same time as our Christmas dinner. We ask that each Mauldin Civitan bring at least one new or regifted item of around \$20 for the auction. Additional items of \$10 to \$15 are welcome, too. Please bring the gift with you to our dinner. We will give you a sheet to fill out with the name, description, and value of the item. You will also decide the starting bid. It would be nice to have you come a little early, like 5:45 pm so we can get the items all set for a 6:00 pm start.

If you will not be able to attend but have a gift to donate, you can contact me or another club member to arrange for us to bring it. If you would like to make a donation in lieu of a gift, we will gladly take that, too.

We will take cash or a check to pay for winning items or donations. Please make checks payable to Mauldin Civitan Club. Please mail checks for dinner and/or donations to our mailbox:

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REMEMBER: This is the way we fund our giving to several organizations. It's a great opportunity to buy some nice items for a reasonable price for Christmas, birthday, or something for you or your home. We hope your guests will find something they'd like to bid on and buy, as well. I plan to buy some Christmas gifts, and my sister's birthday is in January!

*Suzi Knebusch*

Mauldin Civitan Club President

## MAULDIN CIVITAN SERVICE PROJECT

With the coordinating efforts of Belita Broadus, the Mauldin Civitan service project with Harvest Hope Food Bank and YMCA Judson Community Center distributed food boxes to people in the community on November 19, 2021. There were ten members from the Mauldin Civitan



Club, three members from the Greenville Civitan Club, the Harvest Hope Food Bank Director and a few Judson YMCA volunteers. 200 to 250 boxes were given out and remaining boxes were left for Judson YMCA to give to families of the children in the afterschool program.

The Mauldin Civitan Club strives to fulfill the Civitan Mission of a club dedicated to servicing individual and community needs.



*Happy Birthday!*

*Jimmy DuRante*

*December 16*

*Anna Smith*

*December 22*



## ***SC DISTRICT CIVITAN MEETING***

The SC District Civitan meeting was held in Rock Hill, SC on December 4, 2021. The Rock Hill Club members were great hosts. President Alannah Suzi Knebusch and Anna Smith represented the Mauldin Civitan Club. International President Dan Brown on zoom talked about club building. Bill Tolleson spoke about the new Civitan Club of Greater Blythewood sponsored by the Columbia Civitan Club. Club Presidents shared what their clubs were doing.



SC Governor, Richard Gay, introduced Margaret Leonard, Junior Civitan SC Governor.



Governor Elect, Alannah Suzi Knebusch gave Margaret Leonard a donation from the Mauldin Civitan Club for the All In Summit



Governor Elect Alannah Suzi Knebusch and past Governor Patsy Finley talked about the four new Impact areas.



The Mauldin Chamber of Commerce held their annual parade starting at Mauldin High School and ending at the Cultural Center down East Butler Road. It was an honor for me to represent the Mauldin Civitan Club. This event gave us great exposure to the Community. I had a few people asking me what was the Civitan about. It gave me great joy to explain our Mission.

*Jimmy DuRante*





# *SEASON'S GREETINGS*

*WISHING PEACE, LOVE AND JOY  
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.*

*BEST WISHES FOR HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND  
PROSPERITY THROUGHOUT THE COMING NEW YEAR!*