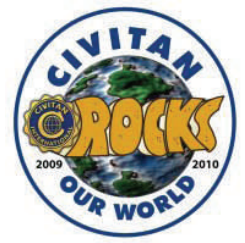




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Meeting Information:

1st Tuesday of the month*
 Gather at 6:30 pm w/dinner at 7 pm
 Red Lobster Restaurant
 10325 Fairfax Boulevard
 Fairfax, VA 22030

**FOR FIRST TIME VISITORS
 DINNER IS FREE!**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5 MEETING

OUR GUESTS: LEADERS IN FREEDOM SPEAKERS

We were very fortunate that all six students we sponsored for the Leaders in Freedom Conference this year are known to various club members. We have heard nothing but good things from the students, and so we are really looking forward to hearing them share their experience and things they learned about leadership.

Join us at the Red Lobster on Route 50 (Fairfax Boulevard) in Fairfax on Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 for gathering and fellowship, followed by dinner and the meeting at 7pm. You'll be on your way home by 9pm. Please call or email Elaine (703-726-0965 or esenft@comcast.net) to place your reservation.



DECEMBER WAS PARTY TIME!!

Fairfax Civitan Christmas Party—December 5, 2009

December got off to a great start with our club's Annual Christmas Party at the home of Dave and Donna Hartmann. The snow created some challenges—that's for sure! But it was Gabriella to the rescue at Barnes and Noble, showing up when Waja and Tony couldn't make



it from Manassas, and allowing Ed and Elaine to make it to the party. There were about twenty members, friends, and kids enjoying the evening.



Scrumptious food abounded! There sure are good cooks in our club!

After dinner, we all "eyed" the presents under the tree, wondering which one we should try to take when it was our turn for the Yankee Swap.



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See what's happening at Civitan International headquarters!

<http://www.circ.uab.edu/>
Visit Civitan's flagship project – UAB Civitan International Research Center

<http://www.nvtc.dmhhrsas.virginia.gov>
Visit our Fairfax Civitan Club's flagship project – Northern Virginia Training Center

Elicitations from Elaine

... Rockin' Notes From our President—Goals 2009-2010

Over the past three months, I have been talking about three of my five major goals for our club this year: Service, New members, and the importance of having quality speakers. This month I want to talk about having fellowship opportunities among our membership.

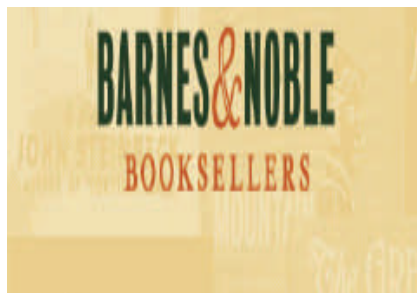
As the Volunteer Co-Ordinator at Sunrise Assistive Living in Fairfax said, "There are certainly nice people in this group!" But I already knew that! That's just one of the many reasons why being a member of the Fairfax Civitans is fun and important to me.

At our meetings and at our service projects, from gift wrapping at B&N, to our Bingo's at various places, to our 4th of July Concession Stand, to our "walks in the park," to our suppers and entertainment at Fellowship Houses, and everything else we do to support others, we have opportunities to chat and keep up on each other's lives and enjoy each other's company.

Our annual Christmas Party at Dave and Donna Hartmann's was purely a fellowship event. Even though the snowy roads kept some from following through on their plans, about 20 people were there to enjoy the great food and fun of the Yankee Swap.

I'd like for us to have at least two more purely social events before September 30. So if you learn of a good show that is being put on by a theater group, or an evening at Wolf Trap, or doing a tour of an historical site, or a picnic somewhere (of course, well after the snow is long gone!) or some other event that sounds like fun, please let me know. If we all keep our eyes and ears open, we should be able to come up with some really good fellowship events.

YEAR-END FUNDRAISERS



We had another successful book wrapping fundraiser at Barnes & Noble in Reston, in spite of the economy and the Blizzard of 2009 attacking the area on the busy weekend before Christmas—at least it SHOULD have been busy. Santa and Mrs. Claus were wonderful on Christmas Eve day: they greeted shoppers, delighted children and adults alike, and encouraged shoppers in the direction of the wrapping table. Plus, they must have been a very positive influence on the B&N

Regional Manager who was there for most of the day—nothing like having the real Santa and Mrs. Claus in their store at no cost to them!! We look forward to being there again next December with even more wrappers.

The White House Ornaments were again a very popular item. Our total sales number will be somewhat less than last year, but even the White House Historical Society ran out of ornaments last year! We still have some left, so if you get requests for ornaments, contact Howard Oberheu.



Wellspring Group Home Christmas Party & Bingo — December 6, 2009



The Christmas Bingo Party at the Wellspring Group Home was the following afternoon. The roads were still not good, but Santa and Mrs. Claus were able to hitch the reindeer to the sleigh and visit with the ladies. Then we got to play lots of Bingo games, and the ladies won lots of prizes—what fun! We all enjoyed the cookies and treats that the ladies provided for us.



Northern Virginia Training Center Home 5A Christmas Party - December 12, 2009

The following Saturday was the Holiday Party at NVTC's Home 5A. Lots of things were going on throughout the party: photos of each resident were taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus; the residents decorated a Holiday Card to which their picture would later be affixed and mailed to their family; they were ringing bells to the Christmas music; and they were glitter-gluing Christmas tree decorations that would be used to decorate a bulletin board near the office. Santa and Mrs. Claus also gave each resident a gift of lotion or body spray. The party concluded with some apple juice punch and cake. We are most grateful to the staff who was so helpful in making this party a fun success.

At right, NVTC staff member Linda Lovelace tells Santa what she wants for Christmas.

All of the presents donated to the residents of Home 5A arrived at the home a couple days before Christmas. But it was on Christmas morning that the men opened their presents and were delighted with their gifts. The residents and staff of Home 5A extend their deepest gratitude to the MOST GENEROUS Fairfax Civitans and friends who donated so many wonderful gifts of clothing, recreational items, and grooming items.



In addition to the Christmas parties featured above, Fairfax Civitans & their very own Santa were happy to contribute some Christmas Joy and a Santa visit to the Greensprings Group Home in Sterling, VA, two parties at Central Fairfax Services in Springfield, VA including the party for their Civitan Proud Hearts Club, and an appearance at the MVLE Broadway Stars Civitan Club, also in Springfield, VA.

CIVITANS! LET'S ROCK OUR WORLD!!

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