



Fairfax Hornblower

The Fairfax Civitan Club Newsletter Civitan Year 2010-2011 Issue 2
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Meeting Information:

1st Tuesday of the month*
Gather at 6:30 pm w/dinner at 7 pm
Adjournment by 9 pm



Red Lobster Restaurant
10325 Fairfax Boulevard
Fairfax, VA 22030

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

*Projects are scheduled at other times during the month.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

6:30pm at THE RED LOBSTER

On Route 50 Between Rt. 123 and Fairfax Circle, FAIRFAX, VA

This is Election Day, so vote early in the day and then make sure you come to the business meeting in the evening.



The program will be a presentation by Trudy Harsh of The Brain Foundation. The Brain Foundation enables those who are afflicted with serious and persistent brain diseases to live in dignity and safety within communities that respond to them with recognition, acceptance, protection, healing, and opportunity. In addition to the presentation, we will also be reviewing and approving the 2010-2011 budget.



**FIRST DISTRICT
MEETING OF 2010-2011
THIS WEEKEND, NOV. 5-7**



Make sure you have November 5-7 marked on your calendar for the first District Meeting of this new Civitan year. It will be at the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center in Roanoke, VA. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Civitan and what other clubs in our district are doing. It is also really nice getting to know more Civitans.

Even though the deadlines have passed, you can still register for the meals and meetings, and you'll want to check with the hotel for room availability. The speaker for the Saturday morning meeting sounds very interesting, so I'm sure it would be worth your while to attend. Additional details and the registration forms for the Fall Meeting are on the website at:

www.chesapeakedistrict.org

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR NVTC

Elaine will soon be receiving the "Wish Lists" of suggested presents for the men who live at Home 5A of the Northern Virginia Training Center. Be reminded that you may purchase as many of the suggested items as you wish. All presents will be individually wrapped and labeled with the person's name and the item in the present. You can let her know by email or by phone (esenft@comcast.net or 703-726-0965) if you would like to purchase some presents.



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Civitan on the Web

<http://www.fairfaxcivitan.org>
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Visit our Fairfax Civitan Club Web Page!

<http://www.cheapeakeadistrict.org>
Ed Senft, Webmaster
The Chesapeake District Web Page

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

Support These Ongoing Fundraisers



Please remember to bring your Pop Tops and your used printer Ink cartridges to our next Civitan meeting. Ed Senft is "in charge" of collecting the pop tops for a project supporting Ronald McDonald House (in partnership with our fellow Civitans at the CFS Proud Hearts Civitan Club). Denny Vaughan is our Ink Cartridge Re-cycling leader, helping to recycle cartridges and earn money and Office Depot credits to help other groups who we work with and support!



LAST ARLINGTON CIVITAN GARAGE SALE For 2010

A Fairfax Civitan Fundraiser

If you're not going to be able to attend the District Meeting, then please set aside some time to help at the Arlington Civitan Garage Sale.

The remaining date is Saturday, November 6. This has also been a great fundraiser for us because for every hour that one person volunteers their time, \$10 is raised for our club's projects. About \$300 was again raised at the October Sale.

The Garage Sale is in the I-66 garage in North Arlington, adjacent to Washington-Lee High School and the Arlington Planetarium at 15th and North Quincy Streets in Arlington. Volunteers are needed on Friday, Nov. 5, from 4:30pm until all preparations are done. On Saturday, volunteers are needed between 5am and 4:30pm (which includes clean-up). You select the time you want to volunteer. Vol-

unteers can help visitors with parking, cutting onions, helping at the Community Shred, and all sorts of other tasks. On-the-spot training will be given.

Contact Donna Hartmann (703-978-4902 or donna_hartmann@cox.net) to volunteer. For easy directions, contact Gabriella Smith (703-378-9241 or gabriellas31@verizon.net).

It is of utmost importance that you sign in and out under Fairfax Civitan to insure credit for our club. Remember that for each hour you volunteer, our club gets \$10.

Thanks SO much. The people we help support will be most grateful for your help.





Comments from the Chief*

*As most of you know, I am a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant (CMSgt) usually addressed as "Chief". I have served in Civitan for even longer than I did in the Air Force, but I still call myself Chief.



We are entering into our busiest Civitan season. It is a time of our biggest fundraisers and our major projects to celebrate the holiday season. Everyone needs to be involved in the Barnes and Noble (B&N) book wrapping. It is very manpower intensive, but it makes us a lot of money to support our projects. Sign up often and invite friends and coworkers to join you. B&N is a great opportunity to introduce someone to Civitan.

Our White House Christmas Ornaments are available, and we have the least expensive price in the area. All of your friends, neighbors, and coworkers are good prospects for the ornaments.

To start off November, we have the Chesapeake District Meeting in Roanoke, VA. Arlington has its last Garage Sale of the year. Dee and I will be out of town for my granddaughter's wedding during early to mid-November, returning just before Thanksgiving in time for B&N. The club also has bingo parties scheduled at Wellspring and Katrina's group home. Dates/info will be e-mailed to you.

In December, I'll be busy with lots of Santa appearances where I always represent the Fairfax club. . .and the club will have our normal NVTC gifts and parties. Our Fairfax Christmas Party will be on December 4th out here at the farm. And of course, B&N book wrapping continues every day though Christmas Eve. We'll be glad to slow down after Christmas and rest!

Let's end the year with a successful fundraising season, and Pay it Forward through our service projects.

We are Civitan and Civitan Pays It Forward in 2010-2011.

FAIRFAX CIVITAN CHRISTMAS PARTY DINNER AND YANKEE SWAP

OK, fellow Civitans . . . Let's start sending up our prayers for NO SNOW on Saturday, December 4th. That will be the date of our annual Fairfax Civitan Christmas Party Dinner and Yankee Swap! I hear that the party last year was fantastic as usual even though some of us living in the area west of Fairfax County got snowed in and couldn't make it.

The Leonard Family will be hosting the Christmas Party this year at the home of Larry and Lynn Leonard on the Brass Ring Farm. This will be a familiar trip to most of you because the farm is the site of our Civitan at the Farm party which is another yearly event. If you have Map Quest or a GPS, the address is 9469 Cedrus Drive, Midland, VA 22728. Feel free to call Dee with any questions.

Because the drive will be a little longer than you are use to, we propose to have you arrive between 4:00 pm and 4:30 pm. That will get you out here to Fauquier County while it is still daylight. We will get started with appetizers and snacks and your favorite Christmas beverages, and plan to have dinner start at around 5:30 pm.

Ham and perhaps a fresh smoked turkey will be provided as will all paper products and beverages. Please let Dee know your beverage preferences so she can be prepared! As usual, please plan to bring a dish to share. We always have fantastic selections of appetizers, salads, veggies, and desserts to round out our feast. Please send a quick e-mail to Dee at deeleonard@aol.com so she will know what's coming!! (We don't want to end up with 5 dishes of green bean casserole even though it is tasty!!!)

If you want to participate in the Yankee Swap, please bring a wrapped Christmas present with a value \$25 or less. It's always fun to find out what the most sought-after items will be!! We'll have a GREAT time. See you there!

We'll be contacting some of our former Civitans to see if they might be able to join us. Please extend the invitation to your extended family to join in the fun. Larry & Lynn's house is pretty big, so we should be able to accommodate everyone for a fun-filled evening.



CANDY AND COIN BOXES



Keep on looking for good places to place a candy or coin box. Car washes, florists, restaurants where you pay your check as you exit, dry cleaners, your veterinarian office—the list is unending. Talk to the manager, and tell him/her what good things the donations will be used for. Elaine has both candy and coin boxes available. Encourage the coin boxes—they net us 50% of the donations and are easier to service (no candy needed).

This is a pretty easy way to raise money for the organizations that we help support. If each of us could place ONE box, we would see a real difference in our income.

WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENT SALES FUNDRAISER

The 2010 White House Christmas ornament honors the twenty-fifth president of the United States, William McKinley, and celebrates the role of music in the traditions of the White House. The McKinley administration (1897–1901) is remembered as a time when the nation moved beyond its continental boundaries to become an international power, thus providing the second theme of the ornament—patriotism. The American people idolized McKinley during his presidency, and they were saddened greatly by his sudden death due to an assassin's bullet six months into his second term.

The ornaments really sell themselves. You can also suggest to potential buyers that they are great presents for people who live at a distance because they are easy and inexpensive to mail.

We will be selling the ornaments for \$20 this year. Call Howard Oberheu at 540-347-5323 to make arrangements to get your supply to support this club fundraiser.



Help Santa get his Calendar all set for the Season

The jolly old soul will be adding dates to his calendar so that he can make it to all of the events that we have planned. Help the old guy out by letting him know AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE what the dates/times are for events where YOU would like to see him make an appearance. Several dates in December are already booked. Please call Santa's secretary, Dee Leonard, at 540-439-1502 to make sure that you reserve your important dates.

CIVITANS! LET'S PAY IT FORWARD!

The Fairfax Civitan Hornblower will be published monthly. Please contact Dee Leonard, 9467 Cedrus Drive, Midland, VA 22728-1714 if you have questions or would like to contribute news articles. (deeleonard@aol.com), HOME: 540-439-1502 or CELL: 703-507-4903)



BARNES & NOBLE FUNDRAISER

Wrapping Books is EASY!!



BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

We will again be wrapping books for tips at the Reston Barnes & Noble across from the Reston Town Center and next to the Best Buy in the Spectrum Center at 1851 Fountain Drive, at the intersection of New Dominion Parkway and Reston Parkway. We need you to help, as well as the help of your family, friends, and neighbors. All of the money we raise is donated to the organizations that we help support.



To sign up for specific times, go to www.fairfaxcivitan.org. Click on the link in the calendar date of Nov. 26. The calendar with available times will come up. Click on one of the links to sign up, and an email will come up, addressed to Ed and Gabriella. Just fill in the subject line (B&N), tell them the dates and times that you would like to wrap, put the dates on your calendar, and then have fun wrapping and raising money! If you don't have a computer, just call Ed or Elaine at 703-726-0965.

LEADERS IN FREEDOM CONFERENCE

Start thinking about students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who might be enriched by attending this conference on December 10-12. Our club will again sponsor six students, and we would love it if they were known to our members as they were last year. Eleventh graders are preferred, but 12th graders and mature 10th graders are also encouraged and invited to attend. We have gotten information on the speakers and on general information, so check out www.chesapeakeadistrict.org. Go to the calendar section and click on the link for finding the forms menu. This event was extremely meaningful and beneficial to the students that we sponsored last year. For some general information, you can talk to Judy Fitton, Steve or Dee Leonard, or Ed or Elaine Senft. **Please let Steve Leonard know as soon as you know of a student who plans to attend. All application packets must be turned in to Judy Fitton by November 22.**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR-- IMPORTANT DATES, EVENTS, AND NOTES

Tuesday, November 2: Business Meeting at Red Lobster

Friday-Sunday, November 5-7: Fall District Meeting at the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center, Roanoke, VA. Go to www.chesapeakeadistrict.org for registration forms.

Friday, November 5, 4:30pm: Setting up for Arlington Civitan Garage Sale. Call Donna Hartmann.

Saturday, November 6, 5am – 4:30pm: Fundraising at the Arlington Civitan Garage Sale. Call Donna Hartmann.

Thursday, November 25: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! Give thanks for the many opportunities we have as Civitans to help others.

Friday, November 26 through Friday, December 24, 6pm: Book wrapping fundraiser at the Reston Barnes & Noble. Sign up on the www.fairfaxcivitan.org website.

Saturday, December 4, 4 - ?? pm: Fairfax Civitan Christmas Party at the home of Larry and Lynn Leonard. Directions will be coming.

Thursday, December 9, 10am: Civitan Variety Show at the NVTC gym

Friday-Sunday, December 10-12: Leaders in Freedom Conference for students in 11th, 12th, and 10th grades.

Sunday, December 12, 3pm: Holiday Party at Home 5A at NVTC, complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus



Watch for news of additional parties and events during this November/December Holiday Season.



LOOKING BACK ON OCTOBER EVENTS

The month started off with several Fairfax Civitans helping at the Arlington Civitan Garage Sale (on October 2nd) and making about \$300 for the organizations that we help support. It is also a fun time for those who help.

On Tuesday, October 5, Jo Ann O'Toole, 2010-2011 Governor of the Chesapeake District, was here to install Steve Leonard and the rest of the Board as officers for the upcoming year. Elaine passed the gavel to Steve, and then he presented some of his goals for this year. It is surely going to be a great year for the Fairfax Civitans!



On a brisk, but sunny Saturday morning, on October 30, twelve Fairfax Civitans and family members gathered at Wilcoxon Park to do our last clean-up of the year. It truly was a beautiful walk in the park!

Claxton Fruit Cake News!



You may have heard your new President, Steve Leonard, tell you the night of his initiation that our club would be involved in Fruit Cake Sales this year - because Claxton and Civitan is a well known partnership.

Mr. Leonard appointed his side-kick Dee Leonard to head up the Fruit Cake effort for the year. Unfortunately, it appears that we got off to a late start which made our full participation impossible.

Linda Powell, President of the Tysons Civitan Club, has taken on the project of "coordinating" Claxton Fruit Cake sales efforts for the Northern Virginia clubs. She called Dee last week asking what we wanted our part to be in the project. The major players in fruit cake sales for our area are the Bloom/Food Lion grocery stores,

Harris Teeter grocery stores, and Safeway grocery stores. Last year, servicing the stores was divided up among those clubs who were interested. In order to be eligible to earn profits from these stores, individual Civitan Clubs are required to sell 250 lbs of fruit cake beyond what those grocery chains sell. Knowing that our club is not in the position to sell 250 lbs of fruit cake this year, Dee opted to have our club's participation accomplished on a smaller scale. Dee will purchase a case of light Claxton Fruit Cake from Linda Powell/Tysons Civitan Club at Tyson's cost for the product. The cakes will be made available for purchase at cost to our club members and anyone else who is interested in buying fruit cake. When the cake is available, Dee will send out an e-mail to let you know. Fruit Cakes will be delivered to you during one of our many December club activities . . . Santa will even be helping with the delivery. Call Dee at 540-439-1502 or 703-401-7741 for more information. (Please be thinking about how YOU think Fruit Cake should be approached for next year's Fruit Cake season!)