



# Fairfax Hornblower

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**REMEMBER -  
March Meeting is  
THURSDAY,  
March 3rd**

### 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.

## BINGO FUN AT SUNRISE

Over 30 residents at the Fair Oaks Sunrise Assisted Living enjoyed an evening of Bingo on Sunday, January 23. When



we arrived, there already were about a dozen people seated and ready to begin—and it was a half hour before start time!! We displayed the prizes, and you could feel their excitement growing even more with some folks making decisions about which prize they will choose. The bingo cards and chips got passed out, and then the games began. Lots of games—lots of winners—lots of prizes! The evening ended with cookies, hot chocolate, a lot of happy faces, and numerous inquiries about when we might return for more Bingo!!



## LIF Conference Attendees Share Thoughts & Impressions

The Civitan Club of Fairfax was honored to host two of our LIF students and their parents at our February 1st meeting. Ben Leman and his parents Crista and Mike Leman (pictured below on the left) and Raven Treadway and her father Glen Treadway (pictured below on the right) were warmly welcomed by our club members. Ben and Raven were in agreement that they will always remember the conference and the new friends they made during their days in Blackstone, VA. The presenters at the conference left a long lasting impression on them. Specifically mentioned were the marathon runner who spoke of endurance and never giving up, and the young man from the Middle East who spoke of the freedoms here in the USA not enjoyed by some of his countrymen. Although they both claimed to be somewhat shy, it was obvious that the atmosphere at the conference center was one of inclusion and fun .



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### Civitan on the Web

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

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<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.dmhmrsva.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!



## 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.

## February is Clergy Appreciation Month

On February 3, 1943, the *USS Dorchester* was pushing through the treacherous waters of the North Atlantic. With 905 American servicemen aboard, the *Dorchester* left its convoy a few hours short of its destination. A German submarine, stalking the ship undetected, took this opportunity to fire a torpedo straight toward the ship's stern. The torpedo struck amidships and exploded in the boiler room. Many on board died instantly, and some were trapped below deck. Others, jolted from their bunks half asleep, clambered to reach the decks of the stricken vessel. Taking on water rapidly, the ship began listing to starboard. Because security reasons prevented use of distress flares, escort vessels, still close enough



to assist, pushed on into the darkness, unaware that the *Dorchester* was sinking. Overcrowded lifeboats capsized; rafts drifted away before anyone could reach them. On deck, amid confusion and terror, Army chaplains George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling and John P. Washington moved about calming frightened men, directing bewildered soldiers to lifeboats, and distributing life jackets with calm precision. Soon, the supply of jackets was exhausted, yet four young soldiers, afraid and without life vests, stood waiting. Quickly the chaplains stripped off their own and forced them upon the young soldiers.

The four men of God (one Catholic, one Jewish and two Protestant) had given away their only means of saving themselves in order to save others. Men rowing away from the sinking ship in lifeboats saw the chaplains clinging to each other on the slanting deck, arms linked together and heads bowed as they prayed to the one God whom each of them loved and served. The *Dorchester* sank beneath the icy waters of the North Atlantic, pulling with it the four chaplains and 675 servicemen.

It is this moment which Civitans annually pause to remember, and in so doing, pause to say thank you to the clergy of their communities.



## 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.

Here it is February already and spring is just ahead. After all the cold and snow we are really looking forward to April showers and flowers, April is Civitan Awareness Month and time for our Annual Seek Meeting. We all really need to invite our friends to join in the service and fellowship of Civitan. Lets make Civitan awareness our goal during the next month so that we can add new members, with fresh ideas, to our club.

We have not decided on our format for the upcoming seek meeting. If you have any ideas that might increase participation please let the board know. The most important aspect of the meeting is there must be guests! After that the location should encourage fellowship and the program must be interesting. So a guest speaker who would generate guest's interest would be great, allowing us to provide some Civitan information as it relates to the speaker's purpose.

The club approved a change of meeting night to the first Thursday of the month starting with the March 3rd meeting. We will see if this improves participation. Red Lobster is still our regular meeting place.

April also is the start of the monthly Arlington Garage Sales! As usual, it conflicts with the District Spring Meeting so the Senefts and Leonards will be out of town. But I really encourage club participation in this event. It is lots of fun and it will generate a lot of revenue for the club (\$10 hr. per person). Donna Hartmann is the lead on this, so talk to her about helping.

Tina has suggested that we participate in the 2011 National Walk for Epilepsy on March 27th in Washington, D.C. I will bring this up with the board as far as Club participation, but individuals may join/donate via <http://giving.epilepsyfoundation.org/site/R?i=hCfaoV2YASpPsNwIZYdVLA>

That's it for now. See you March 3rd!

## ARLINGTON CIVITAN CLUB'S GARAGE SALE TO BEGIN 2011 SEASON on April 2nd

Ok, folks! Now is the time to mark your calendar for the first Saturday of every month from April 2011 through November 2011. Again this year we plan to assist our Arlington Civitan Friends at their major fundraiser - the Arlington Garage Sale. For every hour that one person volunteers their time, \$10 is raised for our club's projects.

The Garage Sale is in the I-66 garage in North Arlington, adjacent to Washington-Lee High School and the Arlington Planetarium at 15<sup>th</sup> and north Quincy Streets in Arlington. 120-140 volunteer hours are needed to have the Garage Sale run smoothly. Volunteers are needed on the Friday before from 4:30pm until all preparations are done. On Saturday, volunteers are needed between 5am to 4:30pm (which includes clean-up). You select the time you want to volunteer. Volunteers can help visitors with parking, cutting onions, serving donuts, hot dogs & pizza, and all sorts of other tasks. On-the-spot training will be given. If you have questions, want to volunteer, or if you need directions, you can call or email Donna Hartmann at 703-978-4902 or [donna\\_hartmann@cox.net](mailto:donna_hartmann@cox.net)

**Just make sure that you sign in and out to insure credit for our club. Remember that for each hour you volunteer, our club gets \$10.**

THANKS A LOT!! The people we help support will be most grateful for your efforts!

