



# The Chesapeake Pilot Newsletter

THE CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT  
OF CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL



## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Fon Smith, Governor

We are fast approaching the end of this Civitan year and the beginning of a new one. New leaders are emerging on every level of our organization – International, District, and of course your club. Plans are underway for a smooth

transition, filled with new ideas and loftier goals, but let's not forget that we have important work to finish before we look to our new beginning. We must stay focused to achieve the goals we established for this year.

We have three months left in the 2003-04 Civitan year, so there is ample time to reach our goal. Together we made a commitment to end this year with thirty clubs and to increase the membership in our existing clubs to thirty members. Remember 30/30? To date, we have 27 and two in the pre-charter stages. Just a little extra effort will bring this goal to a close.

Now think about this. The Chesapeake District currently has 15 Golden Circle clubs (clubs with 30 or more members) and six clubs that need five members or less to achieve this prestigious status. Is your club one of these? Can you help to make your club a Golden Circle club by inviting a friend to your next club meeting? Sure you can! Just think what would happen if every member recruited just one new member. The possibilities are endless.

It is true that we have made tremendous strides in increasing our membership and building new clubs and my thanks goes out to each of you for your steadfastness. The pride I feel for all your efforts is difficult to put into words. But we all can do a little more to make this a banner year. Together we can all be winners. Let's stay focused to the end, for our clubs and our district, so that our new leaders start the 2004-2005 year on a positive note.

Respectfully, Fon

### Class I and Class IV Directors for The Foundation for Mentally Retarded and Handicapped Children, Chesapeake District, Civitan International

Once again it is time for each club to nominate Class I and Class IV Directors for the 2004-2005 Civitan

year. These nominations will be elected at the Foundation meeting to be held at the Marriott Washington Dulles Airport, 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles, VA on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 8:00 PM. Nomination forms have been mailed to each current club president and secretary.

**Class I Directors** are the 2004-2005 President (or his/her club's designee) of each Chesapeake District Adult Civitan Club. The name, full mailing address, phone number and email must be submitted on the attached form, signed by the club secretary and returned to me **prior to the Foundation meeting** as this information is a required by the Foundation and must be on file with the Secretary of the Foundation.

**Class IV Directors** may be members of any Chesapeake District Adult Civitan Club. There may not be more than a total of thirty (30) Class IV Directors, of whom not more than five (5) may be members of any one Civitan Club. Each new nominee must submit a nomination form. Current Class IV Directors who are nominated to repeat another term as a Class IV director for 2004-2005 must also complete and submit a form. **Note: A separate form must be submitted for each nominee.**

Please take special care to nominate Class I and Class IV Directors that will be in attendance at all Foundation meetings. **The Deadline for submitting Class I and Class IV Directors is AUGUST 13, 2004.**

Charlie Smith, President-Elect

## ROD BOWER

On May 23rd a memorial service was held at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies in Silver Spring, MD for Rod Bower who passed away in April. There was a grand showing of Rod's former business associates, Civitans and friends.

We Civitans who knew Rod know the love and dedication he gave to Civitan. Rod's dedication to the clubs he belonged to and to the positions he held on the District Board will be remembered. We salute Rod and thank him in our prayers for his dedicated service to Civitan.

One came away from the service knowing how much a family man Rod was. His children and grandchildren gave their eulogies that were so appreciative for the father and grandfather Rod had been. As root beer lovers, one grandson told of the search with his grandfather for the "Perfect Root Beer. He said "they are still looking for the Perfect Root Beer."

May he rest in peace.

## **CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT OFFICERS 2003-2004**

- \* Governor, Fon Smith
- \* Governor-Elect, Edward Pyles
- \* Immediate Past-Governor, Charles Smith
- \* Past Governor-Director, David Shirk
- \* Foundation Liaison, Whitfield Mallory

### **Area Directors:**

- \* Area 1: Liz Goins
- \* Area 2: George Shoemaker
- \* Area 3: Maribeth Jacobs
- \* Area 4: Julie Ludwig
- \* Area 5: Doug Potter
- \* Area 6: John Markey

### **Appointed Officers and Committee Chairs:**

- \* Awards/VIP, JoAnn Jenkins
- \* Budget and Finance, James Dellaripa, Sr.
- \* Candy/Coin Box Fundraising, John Markey
- \* Chaplain, Ann Krome
- \* CIRC Liaison, Whit Mallory
- \* District Directory, Kyle Martin
- \* Fruitcake/Meeting Coordinator, John Cain
- \* Judge Advocate, James Dellaripa, Sr.
- \* Junior Civitan/Campus Coordinator, Pat Koepsel
- \* Nominations & Retention, Charlie Smith
- \* **Public Relations**
  - Ray Krome...Webmaster
  - Bill Bird.....Pilot
  - Kyle Martin..District Directory
  - Linda Lilly....District Photographer
- \* Recruiter/Club Builder, Tammy Ponder
- \* Scholarship/Fellows, David Shirk
- \* Secretary, Ann Krome
- \* Sergeant-at-Arms, Ben Dodge
- \* Training Coordinator, Eugene Kinder
- \* Treasurer, B. Pat Robson, Jr.
- \* Youth Seminar, B. Pat Robson, Jr.

## **MARTINSBURG PROJECT HELPS SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT CIVITAN**

Martinsburg was involved in a new project the weekend of June 4-6. They worked at a rest area on I-81 South in Martinsburg, WV. They handed out hotdogs, coffee and Civitan literature. One person had already contacted Louis Stevens from his stop at the rest area. Food was free, donations were accepted. On Friday June 4th, they had handed out 1000 hotdogs by mid-afternoon.

Editors Note: A service club did this in Maryland a few years ago; passing out hotdogs, soft drinks, water, chips, for a donation on I-95. A good fundraiser, but think of the effort that is necessary. Not for the weak!

## **This Old House**

Greater Richmond Civitans received a real eye-opener about rural living conditions. In an age when outdoor plumbing, bucket-served wells, and snakes slithering across the yard are all considered Third-World, it is sobering to realize that many Americans live this way every day.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, a small group of Greater Richmond Civitans responded to a request from a 17-year old student to help repair a rural shack into which he and his mother would soon move. The work list included: (1) replace the outhouse door, (2) construct a new bucket arch over the well, (3) clear knee-deep weeds and undergrowth from the immediate area around the house, (4) patch holes and leaky seams in the metal roof, and (5) install window screens on all windows.

Understand, this was as far from a Habitat house as you can get. It was more like barely habitable, even when we finished. However, we accomplished everything on the list using the sweat of some Civitans and the carpentry skills of others. The window screens, the last item completed, had to be made by hand because the windows were odd sized. Everything was done by club labor and at club expense.

The young man, his mother and his sister, at least have a dry place to sleep at night, a thing that we all take for granted. Our hands do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.

## **FREDERICK CIVITANS**

The Civitan Club of Frederick held their annual Special Education Teacher Awards Banquet at the Golden Corral Restaurant on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Three teachers from Frederick County Public Schools were honored for their achievements in Special Education. Ms. Sharon West, Director of Special Education and Psychological Services was the guest speaker for the evening. Pictured from left are: Judy Dawson, Brunswick Middle School; Lea Woolsey of Whittier Elementary School; Glen Gibson, Jr., President, Frederick Civitan Club; Adrienne Mayonado, Tuscarora High School; Sharon West; Fon Smith, Governor, Chesapeake District-Civitan International; and Jo Ann Jenkins, Frederick Civitan Club.



## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

by: whitfield e. mallory

These are GREAT DAYS FOR Chesapeake District because we are GROWING. We are providing many individuals the opportunity to be involved in GIVING SOMETHING BACK to our communities and to get that GOOD FEELING that you get when you become involved with Civitan. Yes most of our existing clubs are recruiting new members for their rosters, another new club is in progress and plans are being made for several more new clubs.

NEW CLUB BUILDING is where we need your help. We need for your club to decide that it will be a NEW CLUB BUILDER. What does this require from your members? Tammy and/or I will be happy to discuss this with you. Simply stated it requires that 3 or 4 of your members decide that they are going to build a New Civitan Club. They should plan on working on this project regularly for 6 to 8 weeks. Tammy will be your full-time assistant but you club members will make the difference in a successful effort. Your club will need to front some expense money that you can recover by earning the right to a \$5,000 grant from the Foundation to a qualifying charity by successfully building a 30-member club.

We need ten NEW CIVITAN CLUBS in Chesapeake over the next two years. Please discuss and consider committing to this GREAT PROJECT. It could be one of the greatest projects in the life of your club and the GOOD FEELINGS that you will get from completing this project are simply the greatest that you have ever had. Please think about this---Good for CIVITAN, THE DISTRICT, INTERNATIONAL and rewarding for the CIVITANS THAT MAKE IT HAPPEN

## **PROJECTS, PROJECTS, PROJECTS!**

Tammy Ponder, Club Builder

Clubs can use projects to attract new members. Service projects that are closely connected to the community are a great place to start. Fund raisers that benefit a local community interests work well too. Projects can promote Civitan awareness within the community and show the community the great things our clubs do. Call the local newspaper or television station; try to get a reporter to your event. Advertise for volunteers to assist if appropriate.

During the project, if at all possible, clubs should display their banner or other Civitan signage, club brochures that state where and when the club meets and Civitan International brochures. Members should wear name badges or Civitan t-shirts when possible. Project a positive image at all times. Have your club's sergeant of arms available to answer questions and TALK CIVITAN!

"But our club doesn't have enough active members to work a project that big!" That is ok, call

your district officials, invite your local Junior Civitan club and nearby senior clubs to participate. Organize it and Civitans will come. Advertise it and the community will come.

Club building is currently taking place in the Warrenton and Leesburg area, thanks to the efforts of the Fairfax and Tyson's clubs. These new clubs will soon charter and we are looking for new construction sites! Clubs are asked to consider a new club building effort and contact either our governor or myself with ideas. Let's continue to build our district and spread the work of Civitan!

As always I am available to assist. Please feel free to call or email me at any time @ club-builder10@aol.com or 240-217-1190.

## **GLEN BURNIE CIVITANS**

The Glen Burnie Civitans celebrated their 50th Year Golden Jubilee on Sunday May 2nd 2004.



Pictured above left to right are Ron Sams, President, Charter Member Jerry Falkenstine, Clayton Green Jr., Associate Judge Court of Appeals of Maryland, and Chesapeake Governor Fon Smith.

President Ron Sams presented Jerry Falkenstine with the Civitan International Medallion Member award for his 50 years of service. **Congratulations Jerry!**

**G.I. TINKER MOUNTAIN  
CIVITAN CLUB  
FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE**

**Serving Our Community  
Since 1948  
CIVITAN CLUB OF ROANOKE**

### PLAN OF ACTION District Training 2004-2005

<> For Secretaries and Treasurers the preferred training plan will be to train online.

<> To exercise this option the designated officer must first go to the Civitan International web site [www.civitan.org](http://www.civitan.org).

<> Once on the home page, place the cursor on MEMBERS and follow the popup menu down to Club Leader Education and Resources and click on that item.

<> When the page loads, click on the large print item **TRAINING AND RESOURCE MANUALS**. Do not click on the "[Online Club Secretary Education](#)" and "[Online Club Treasurer Education](#)" links at this time. **It is very important to skip over these logical distracters at this time. They contain the appropriate test, and each officer is given only one opportunity at the test.**

<> On the TRAINING AND RESOURCE MANUALS page, choose from the options available. The items can be opened, downloaded or printed and studied in as much detail as necessary.

<> Then after studying the appropriate manual the member should take the appropriate test for the desired position.

<> After testing, Civitan International will inform the district on results.

**For Presidents and Presidents-Elect the preferred training plan will be to attend the special training session on Saturday afternoon, August 28th, during the district convention. Area Director training will be arranged by Governor Ed Pyles**

### FROM THE DISTRICT CHAPLAIN

This morning when I wakened  
And saw the sun above,  
I softly said, "Good morning, Lord,  
Bless everyone I love."  
And right away I thought of you  
And said a loving prayer,  
That He would bless you specially,  
And keep you free from care.  
I thought of all the happiness  
A day could hold in store,  
I wished it all for you because  
No one deserves it more.

### JUNIOR CIVITAN

Many thanks to all who helped collect the aluminum pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. We turned in 400,450 tabs to the Fairfax Ronald McDonald House at Fairfax Hospital. Pull tabs are collected because they are made of a more pure, high-grade aluminum so recycling companies do not have to go through the separating and purifying processes associated with recycling the whole can.

CFS Proud Hearts helped collect 2,250 tabs. This is a Dual District Project with West Virginia.

The juniors thank all persons who helped with our Dual District Project "Pennies for Puppies." We raised \$1400 which was sent to Pilot Dogs to help train puppies to work with the blind.

Sixty juniors attended the District Junior Convention in Ocean City April 30-May 2nd. Twenty-seven district juniors will attend the International Junior Civitan Convention in Nashville June 24-26. *Pat Koepsel*

## The Frederick Civitan Club

invites you to

The Chesapeake District Civitan Annual Convention  
and  
Foundation Meeting for Mentally  
and Physically Handicapped Children



August 27-29, 2004

Marriott Washington Dulles Airport Hotel  
45020 Aviation Drive  
Dulles, VA 20166

Phone: 800.228.9290 or 703.471.9500

Deadline for Reservations: August 5th, 2004

See Pages 13 and 14 for information.



## LEADERS IN FREEDOM CONFERENCE 2004

Okay, let's see where we stand. The camp's been booked, the speakers have been engaged, the busses have been reserved, the agenda's been fine-tuned, and all materials have been updated. By golly, I think we're ready... and it's only June. We're about 5 months ahead of schedule, but that's a good thing. We've done most of our job.

Your Leaders In Freedom Conference is pretty much ready to go. All we need now is kids... lots of kids... about 60 kids. **That's YOUR job.**

Here are the specifics:

- Date: November 18-21, 2004  
 Site: Camp Easter Seal, Milford, VA  
 Cost: \$300 per student, includes transportation, meals, lodging, and programs. Souvenir money is the student's responsibility.  
 Eligibility: Grades 10, 11, and 12. No 9<sup>th</sup> graders, no exceptions.  
 Deadlines: Sep. 17... club commitments due to Judy Amato, Registration.  
 Nov. 5... applications and money due to Judy Amato.  
 Remember: A commitment made is a sponsorship paid.

Most of our speakers from 2003 will return. Motivational speakers **Bob Tryanski** and **Paul Mellor** expand everyone's abilities to think and achieve largely. Political scientists **Akiba Covitz** and **Matt Basso** (U of R) and **Aram Hessami** (Montgomery College, Rockville, MD) will offer unique perspectives on Constitutional issues, the recent Presidential election, and the challenges of Western presence in the Middle East. **Capt. Jack Felowes**, a former Hanoi Hilton POW, presents a wonderful and soul touching look at the character of leadership under extreme conditions. Bosnian immigrant, **Mugdum Bilagic**, relates his family's story of losing all personal freedom and possessions in an oppressive regime and rebuilding their lives in a free America. In addition, our own Civitans, Ann Krome and Pat Robson will present sessions on the essence of Civitan, teambuilding skills, and the lobbying process. We've taken great care to target topics that are immediately relevant and that promote good citizenship.

Expect application and informational packets to be distributed at the August district meeting in Reston, VA. These will be trusted to the Area Directors who will, in turn, distribute them to their clubs. Any club that wants to get a jump on the process can email to [patrobson@mindspring.com](mailto:patrobson@mindspring.com) to receive their material earlier.

We have room for only 60 kids, so billets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Be a "Builder of Good Citizenship" and share this experience with one or several qualified students in your area.

Pat Robson

### PLACE A SURE BET!!



**Vote for  
 Chesapeake District's  
 Own  
 "Chip" Hill  
 For International  
 President-Elect in Reno**

**Come to Reno, Nevada!  
 Vote for Chip at the  
 2003-2004  
 Civitan International Convention**

### *From Your Governor and Immediate Past Governor*



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**With Your Help—  
 Together We Can**

## Civitan's Children

Bill Wengert

Often times in our "Civitan Children's" article it is interesting to read personal stories about those who benefit from Club donations through our *Foundation for Mentally Retarded and Handicapped Children, Chesapeake District, Civitan International, Inc.* Elliot Benham, a coworker with Jennifer Wengert, our District's Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms, has been blind from birth. His brother Richard, also blind from birth, is an avid "Beep Ball" player whose team was assisted in a few of their baseball matches by members of the Fairfax Club. Richard, whose wife Kara is also blind, has been trained with and lived with 2 different Guiding Eyes dogs. You may remember Richard and Kara when they provided music for our listening and dancing pleasure at our Convention in Tysons Corner a couple years ago. Through these links the Fairfax Club members became interested in learning more about these dogs and the program that makes them available to the blind. As a result, the Fairfax Club contacted a local group (in Gainesville, VA) of serving citizens who voluntarily raise dogs for possible selection to be trained as Guiding Eyes dogs. As a result of a show-n-tell presentation regarding Guiding Eyes, their mission, and their successes, the Fairfax Club has had, for several years, an interest in and provided donations to the "Guiding Eyes For The Blind" organization.

Guiding Eyes was one of the first guide dog schools in the U.S. to develop a program specifically designed for people, who in addition to blindness have other physical or developmental disabilities that affect their mobility. This Special Needs Program has graduated individuals with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, balance problems, and people who are deaf-blind. Following are excerpts from an article in the Spring 2004 issue of "GuideLines," a newsletter by Guiding Eyes For the Blind. It is about Ruth Humes, a first time graduate of the Guiding Eyes Special Needs Program, who writes of her Guiding Eyes experience.

Ruth writes: "I have a congenital disease called Pelizaeus Merzbacher Syndrome that affects my vision and balance, both of which have grown progressively worse since birth. Doctors always believed I might have Cerebral Palsy or Multiple Sclerosis. It was only one year ago that I was diagnosed correctly.

I have always used sighted guides, but people are not always reliable and I didn't like being dependent on others. Five years ago I started using a cane, but that didn't work out because of my unique balance problems. As my vision deteriorated even further, I contacted a number of guide dog schools but none had a

special needs program that could accommodate my disabilities. I was about to give up hope when the Missouri State Rehabilitation Department told me about Guiding Eyes For The Blind.

I could write twenty pages on Ellin Purcell, the Director of the Special Needs Program. Before coming to Guiding Eyes I was ready to throw in the towel. Even after I was accepted into the program, I was afraid that I would be terribly disappointed to find that there was no way I could do this. But Ellin always believed in me and said that I would not have been accepted if they didn't believe I could succeed. She is an excellent instructor, and she will also be my friend for life.

Like Ellin, my Guiding Eyes dog, Judd, is also extraordinary! He and I just "clicked." He knows what throws me off balance and he will adjust his position to balance my side. Going down hills throws me off terribly so he slows down. Cracks in sidewalks are also difficult, so Judd instinctively stops and gives me a chance to retain my balance. He also has learned to match my pace perfectly, which is one of the reasons he was selected to be my guide.

Judd is opening a world of independence that I thought was closed to me. In the area where I live, everything I could ever need is only 3-5 blocks away. Still, I always had to rely on a sighted guide to take a cab. With Judd by my side, I can now walk to the stores. I also like to travel a lot, especially by train, and having this dog makes me feel secure.

When I graduated from Guiding Eyes this past February, I already had numerous public speaking engagements lined up in churches and senior citizen centers. My talks are both educational (about using a guide dog) and inspirational (about what a person can do if they have faith and believe in themselves). I have also offered to speak at Guiding Eyes if they ever needed me. Every Monday I volunteer at the local animal shelter. Tuesdays through Saturdays I work at my mother's massage therapy center, where I help with reception and cashier work.

Now, instead of people saying, "I'm so sorry for you," they comment on how well I work with my guide dog. I hope that having a guide dog will change people's pity into respect for my independence.

The Special Needs Program is a real Godsend. As my balance problems got worse, I needed something to keep me going or I would end up in a wheelchair. **Now that I have my Guiding Eyes dog, a wheelchair is the furthest thing from my mind."**

\*\*\*Thanks to Linda Press (Email: info@guidingeyes.org or Website: www.guidingeyes.org) of Guiding Eyes For The Blind for permission to use a portion of their newsletter "GuideLines."\*\*\*

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**"Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving."**

**Excerpts from Bobbi Walden's Brief about  
the International President's Trip to Asia, Japan, Korea, Philippines, May 2004**  
by the editor

What a different world in which our Asian Civitans live. But we have a common bond; we are all Civitans, "People Helping People" and "Talking Civitan." What an interesting trip to visit our Asian Clubs.

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, .....Mr. Oshima and Mr. Kondo from the Hiroshima Club met us. Mr. Oshima is a past legislator and president of the Hiroshima Civitan Club. In the evening we had a dinner meeting with the Hiroshima Civitan Club where I spoke briefly to 17 male Civitans.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, ..... We met Mr. Yoshi Sakogawa, the general secretary of Japan Civitan and builder of 5 of the Japanese Civitan Clubs in Fuji. Japan has 7 Civitan Clubs. Yoshi is working to build several new clubs. We then met Mr. Sanito, a Fuji Civitan. We saw two of the Fuji Civitan projects, Ayumi, a workshop for people with developmental disabilities (DD) who make bread. Then on to Asahide to visit a group home for people with DD. They serve approximately 150 residents and some 70 commuting persons with DD.

Later Mia, a Fuji Civitan, took us to Mr. Sanito's home for the monthly Civitan meeting, which was a dinner that included guests, prospective members and students from Ayumi Workshop. I spoke briefly (Yoshi translated) and Ms. Sanitos, president of the club, told their visitors about Civitan in Japanese. We exchanged gifts and took pictures.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, ..... took the bullet train with Yoshi to Tokyo. Yoshi took us a traditional Japanese restaurant and honored Bob and me. We then went to a meeting of the Nippon Civitan Club of Tokyo at the University Club in Tokyo.

This is Yoshi's club and its members are primarily doctors, lawyers, economist, and educators. All of the members are older and male. I spoke briefly and we exchanged gifts. This is Japan's oldest Civitan Club, its Mother Club.

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, ..... took the train to Machida, Yoshi's hometown. He took us to Narusedai Presbyterian Church, where his wife, Michiko is the Pastor and president of the Machida Civitan Club. Yoshi translated the sermon for us. At the end of the service, I spoke briefly about why we were in Japan and Civitan. After church we attended a luncheon meeting of the Machida Civitan Club. I spoke briefly and we exchanged gifts.

On May 17,

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, .....we departed for Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Shin, general secretary of Korea Civitan met us.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>... we had dinner with Dr. Shin, Dr. Park, Dr. Chun, Governor of Korea, and the Korean Civitan District Club Members. I spoke, he translated, and we exchanged gifts.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> ..... Dr. Park (medical doctor and now the director of the hospital) drove us to the site where they were having the festival at the Korean Army Athletic Center. There were over 1,000 special students (DD) from different schools. This festival is very much like our Special Olympics. The Jr. Civitans, who are actually Campus Civitans, approximately 100, helped with the festival. The Korean Civitan District Clubs do this Festival. Awards were presented to outstanding Special Education Teachers. The Festival lasted approximately 3 hours. The Korean Army, Navy, Marine band performed for the students, also the rifle corp. I spoke briefly and Mr. Chun the Governor of Korea translated. It was a great afternoon. It was Civitan - "People Helping People! "

On May 20<sup>th</sup> ..... Dr. Shin hosted a dinner in the hotel for us. Korea is a District with 45 Civitan Clubs - 31 Senior Clubs and 14 Jr. Clubs (Campus).

On May 21<sup>st</sup> .....we left for Manila, Philippines. Dr. Tess Yambot met us. The Philippine Civitan Clubs are composed primarily of doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, health care workers and pastors.

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> .....we were taken to Dr. Tess's hospital for a meeting of the Philippine District Clubs and the dedication of the Institute for Growth and Human Development. I had the honor of unveiling the plaque that lists Civitan, my name, Bob's, John's, and other sponsor's names. Dr. Tess puts Civitan in the forefront of everything that she does. We then toured the facility that will provide health services for indigent children, especially eye care. Dr. Tess began work on this in 2001 and it is finally a reality. She credits this to Civitan. We attended a Civitan meeting of all the clubs in the Philippines and for chartering seven (7) new Civitan Clubs - Caloocan City, Pampanga, San Mateo, Bajino City, Iloilo, Laguna, and Bicol. John made a presentation on the Civitan International Research Center using a power point done by Dr. Tess's son Carlos, and I spoke on Civitan and then initiated new members and installed the officers of the new clubs. John and Dr. Tess presented pins. I presented the club banners.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> ..... we left the hotel at 8:00am to attend an all day workshop at the Philippine Department of Education - Orientation - Training of School Nurses on Standard Vision Testing. After introductions and presentations on the Vision 2020 in the Philippines implemented by Dr. Tess, she spoke on eye growth and visual skills development. John gave the power point presentation on the CIRC and I spoke on Civitan and their role as school nurses in vision testing from an educator's standpoint, (mine). Dr. Tess is planning to organize more Civitan clubs from these school nurse groups. Civitan sponsors a group of Philippine Civitans to whom Dr. Tess gives Civitan the credit. Then Home!!!

We need clubs in the U.S. to sponsor some of our Philippine Civitan Clubs. To be a sponsor it will only cost you \$350.00. If your clubs need a good club project, this would be a good one.

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## Some Club Doin's

**Chester**—had a yard sale that netted \$1,100.00. They recruited one new member in May and are voting on two new members in June.

**Greater Richmond**—is planning a Golf Tournament on Monday, October 4, 2005. They conducted their annual banquet to honor to outstanding citizenship recipients among area high school seniors. One honoree received a scholarship.

**Hopewell-Prince George**—held their First Lap Gala Fundraiser; they had a dinner, auction and silent auction of NASCAR products that proved to be a good fundraiser. They conducted a "Start Your Engine Concert" that featured a beach party for the SuperKids and the club members. In August they plan to have a groundbreaking celebration for the Frances Holland-Woo Daves Group Home.

**Fairfax**—is working to build a club in Warrenton, VA.

**Tyson**—is starting the process to form a club in Leesburg, VA. They are continuing to save pull-tabs from soda and other cans for the Junior Civitan Fundraiser. Celebrated their 20th Anniversary on May 25th.

**Bowie**—concluded a successful Magic Show Fundraiser in June to raise funds for it's two Special Centers, PETS and Challenger Little League. Presented their annual \$1500.00 Jack Shanahan Scholarship to a Junior Civitan graduating at Bowie H.S.

**Roanoke**— had a belated Clergy Appreciation night. **45 clergy** attended! Wow!!!

## To Club Presidents and Secretaries

Elections have been held, votes have been cast, and I am betting you have a lot of new people filling club officer positions. The time is now to provide me updated officer personnel information for the new district directory.

Those of you who use the directory know how important it can be. One problem, it is only as good as the correct contact information that is found in it! Even if the same person is holding the same, or possibly a different position, phone numbers, e-mails and street addresses all have the possibility of changing.

If the clubs could provide me all their club officers in an e-mail ([martin@tatrc.org](mailto:martin@tatrc.org)) or a fax (301.619.7911) between now and the District Convention (which you will not want to miss) that would prove helpful.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me. My contact information is in the directory, but because *my* business phone number has changed I will give to you here (301.619.4010). I want to thank you

I want to thank you in advance for gathering and sharing this information.

**Kyle Martin**  
District Directory

## THANK YOU FROM THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA

Dear Civitans:

On behalf of Area 3, Special Olympics Virginia, thank you very much for the recent grant to help us purchase uniforms for our gymnasts, basketball players and swimmers.

The gymnast's uniforms and the basketball uniforms have already been put to good use. Recently our athletes in the State Games wore the basketball uniforms. I can assure you our athletes looked sharp and were really excited about having the new uniforms to wear!



Our biggest challenge is getting them back after each event so that we will have them for the next competition. Our athletes would love to just keep them!

Our swimmers will wear their new lightweight hooded sweatshirts at their meet in June at JMU and at the Summer State Games at the University of Richmond.

Our swimmers are very excited to have something classy to wear as they march into the competition and in-between their events.

Enclosed are pictures of our awesome new basketball uniforms being worn by some of our very proud athletes. THANK YOU for making this happen.

Gene Arnold  
Area 3 Special Olympics Virginia Coordinator

## Generally Speaking

A semi-occasional publication  
Of Eugene H. Kinder  
General of the North  
Number 4

It takes time. It really takes time. And it takes effort to build Civitan. Even after you find that person who would be a perfect Civitan, even when you locate a place that is simply crying out for a Civitan club, it still takes time and effort.

I have coined the term "Ponderism" after working with Tammy Ponder so closely over the last several months. A Ponderism is an original phrase, or even a familiar phrase given new meaning by the context, which when uttered makes you pause and ponder its wisdom. Perhaps my favorite Ponderism is heard on recruiting missions. Tammy describes that as "talking with Civitans who just don't know it yet."

What an absolutely beautiful concept for us all to remember! All true Civitans sometimes need to have the reasons for getting more involved with the organization explained in more detail. Whenever we find people who would be excellent additions to the organization it behooves us to get to know the interests of that person and show them how Civitan fits into those interests. Such people must be invited, to meetings, to help with projects, to join (and not necessarily in that order). They must be greeted when they walk in the door at any Civitan function. They must feel welcome like they belong.

That all takes time and effort, but the dividends are enormous! I have always believed that a successful club is always recruiting. Recruiting happens at every meeting, at every project, at every event, at every opportunity. A healthy club will add members without ever having a seek night. However, seek/membership meetings are still important even for healthy clubs. If nothing else, they cause us to formally think about the history and goals of our individual club and they add an element of time pressure to the procrastinators who have just not gotten around to inviting that potential member they have in mind.

Similarly, building a Civitan club takes time and effort. Yes, it takes much more time and effort than recruiting an individual member. But the benefits are also much greater.

The standard training for building a club suggests that a luncheon club can be built in six to eight weeks. But... And there are several of them in the real world. The planning necessary to start the building process takes another month. The time line is now around three months. Build a dinner club and the conventional wisdom is that it will take still longer. If your time for recruiting must be limited for any reason, weather, work schedule, etc., the total time can be expected to expand another month for every day per week lost in your recruiting time. Then there are the unforeseen happenings, the snafus that delay any project. You cannot plan on what they will be but you should expect them.

This has been an incredible year for clubs being added to Chesapeake District. Each new club has a unique story of things that worked well and things that did not. And each took more time in building than what most people not involved directly in the project would at first realize. But now that each has chartered, I am sure that all involved would agree that each was well worth the time and effort.

Let us honestly review the successes to date and carefully examine the time line on each. First to charter after the "war" was declared was the Berkeley Springs Civitan Club -- although it technically chartered just at the end of last Civitan year. The charter appears to have been awarded in near record time. But efforts continue to this date to build the membership to the point that the club is healthy and viable. And the fact that sufficient charter strength was achieved in a matter of weeks disguises the fact that only five of the charter members were actually "new" to Civitan. Of the other members, some had previous involvement with Civitan, some had relatives involved in Civitan or Junior Civitan, and some received financial support for dues from another Civitan.

Next added to the district were the Roanoke and G I Tinker Mountain Civitan Clubs. They transferred from the Appalachian District. What could appear to be easier than a simple transfer? But remember that the transfer was first requested in 1987. And the transfer was actually completed this year after much discussion and negotiation as high as International Board level.

Then real magic appeared to happen with the Hopewell -- Prince George Civitan Club that chartered with a record 117 charter members after almost no time. Ah, but remember that Bob Maitland was telling anyone who would listen at the Civitan International Convention last July that he had plans. Who knows for sure what motivated this super salesman to do perhaps his best sales pitch ever, perhaps he was influenced by an awareness of his health problems. We do know that, with the assistance of disciples within the new club, he had over fifty people ready to join when Charlie and Fon Smith arrived at the first organizational meeting. And people were still joining at and after the charter ceremony.

The next quick development was the CFS Proud Hearts Civitan Club. But remember that Ann Krome has been planning for and working on this club all this Civitan year. Plans included visits of key CFS personnel to meetings of the Friendship Civitan Club well before the first pre-charter meeting ever happened.

The most recent Civitan club to charter was the Winchester Civitan club after only six months of recruiting and planning. This club withstood a change of meeting place, a change of meeting night, pre charter meetings to which no new people showed, and some rhythm breaking holidays and bad weather before it finally jelled into the strong unit it has become.

Finally, the one Junior Civitan Club to charter this year has been some 16 months in the development despite having David Shirk, known to most as a person who gets things done, on the job.

Even the club currently being built in the Warrenton, Virginia, area is now some two months past the original charter goal. And still has more red tape to cut through before Civitan International is satisfied with percentages of transfers, reinstated members and the like. More recruiting and negotiating will be necessary before that club becomes an official part of Chesapeake.

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(Cont. from Pg. 9) The one key in all this growth has been Civitans who are willing to put out such time and effort as they could afford and who have not given up when problems arose and have continued their efforts. Such Civitans have taken the theme of Dr. Bobbie Walden to their heart and are talking Civitan to others who do not yet know that they are Civitans.

General Gene

**2004-2005  
DISTRICT CALANDAR**

- ? **November 12-14, 2004 District Meeting**  
**Holiday Inn**  
**Timonium, MD**  
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- ? **April 15-17, 2005 District Meeting**  
**Ramada Inn**  
**Virginia Beach, VA**  
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- ? **August 26-28, 2005 District Convention**  
**Clarion Hotel**  
**Hagerstown, MD**  
**\$69.00 Single/Double**

**More explicit information at the August Meeting  
and in the October issue of the Pilot.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE  
from John Cain**

There will be a Fruit Cake Meeting at the August Convention. Each club should send their Fruit Cake Chairman or a representative to this meeting. Final assignment of stores will be made at this meeting. **This is important!!**

JOHN

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION  
RECEIVES PLEDGE**

Several clubs in the Chesapeake District have pledged funds for the National Capital Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Civitan's International Research Center located on the campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham, recently expanded it's interdisciplinary approach to include an Alzheimer's Disease Center.

The first pledge of \$1800.00 was presented to Jeanne Dubois (National Capital Area Chapter, Alzheimer's Association) by Barbara Timberlake-Haller (Director, Tyson's Club) and Bill Jackson (Treasurer, Rockville Club) at the April 18th Tyson's meeting.



L to R, Jeanne Dubois, Barbara and Bill

**A TYSONS SILVER ANNIVERSARY**



Jack Whitmore celebrated 25 years of service with Civitan and was honored with a commemorative plaque at the April 13th club meeting.

Jack first joined the Springfield Civitan Club. During his tenure he served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and President. Springfield initiated Civitan's support of the Northern Virginia Training Center, now The Phillips School. When Springfield disbanded in 1998, Jack transferred to the Tyson's club.

As a member of both clubs Jack was and is instrumental in servicing fruit cake and candy box sites throughout Northern Virginia and other fundraising projects. **CONGRATULATIONS JACK!**

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**August 27, 28, 29, 2004**

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Are you a first time attendee to a Chesapeake District meeting? ( ) YES ( ) NO

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