



## **CHESAPEAKE DISTRICT OF CIVITAN INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING**

Holiday Inn Martinsburg  
301 Foxcroft Avenue  
Martinsburg, WV 25401  
August 22, 2009

Gov. Joe O'Toole called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

Patricia Koepsel led the Pledge to the Flag, Charles Smith led the creed, and Chaplain Lydia Harvey gave the invocation.

Gov. O'Toole introduced distinguished guests, International Pres.-Elect Mark Eisinger, Region 4 Director Charles Jackowski, Chesapeake District Jr. Gov. Kayla Park-Brouse, and Past International President 1979-80, Syd Fishman. Past governors were recognized.

Ron Sams gave the Secretary's Report. He reported on yesterday's Board of Directors meeting and advised the March 21, 2009 Business Meeting minutes were distributed a few weeks after the meeting and no comments have been received. Approval is assumed.

David Bridges gave the Treasurer's Report for the 2008- 2009 Civitan year to date. He said we are in good shape and doing well financially. He expects to be right at budget at the end of the Civitan year. A copy of his financial report was made available to all.

Region 4 Director Charles Jackowski reported Civitan International has 22 new clubs this year and Junior Civitan has 28 new clubs this year. Geographical Officer training has been great. He said Civitan International is financially well and he encouraged everyone to see the new CIRC Video and to use it to inform the public about Civitan's activities.

Candy Box Project Chairman John Markey provided a written report noting our District collected \$37,142.15 this past year. Our district has placed 5<sup>th</sup> in sales out of all the participating districts in all of International. "As of June 2009 Roanoke Club is #1 in International and the Norfolk club has moved up to ninth. Norfolk, Fairfax, Martinsburg and Fredrick Challenger clubs have exceeded their collections over last year.

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Junior Civitan District Governor Kayla Park-Brouse reported her theme for 2009-2010 is "Make Your Mark". She is organizing the use of Facebook by Jr. Civitans to improve communications. She used Facebook in her club and found it to be very successful. The Chesapeake District's Junior Convention will be held next April 16-18, 2010 in Ocean City, MD. Gov. Kayla raised \$2632 and attended this year's SNO-DO and Dance-a-thon events. Her goal for next year is to raise \$3005. Nine of our District's Jr. Clubs have increased their membership by 10% or more. Our District Jr. Civitan has increase membership overall by 22% this year. The Linganore High School Junior Civitan Club sponsored by the Fredrick Civitan Club was chartered in April. More Jr. Clubs are being built. Pat Koepsel requests each senior club sponsoring a Jr. Civitan club select a person in their club to liaison with the Jr. Club.

The clubs who participated in the Selection/Collection project with the Junior Civitans were recognized. This project provided goods and food for the needy.

Pat Robson reported the Leaders in Freedom Conference at Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center, Blackstone, VA 11-13 December 2009. This year the conference will again be a compacted 3 days with the cost remaining at \$300 per participant.

Past Governor Pat Koepsel presented 2007-2008 awards. Honor club awards were presented to 11 Clubs and Honor Club of Excellence was presented to 2 clubs. 12 club Presidents received the Distinguished Club President award. 2007-2008 Civitans at the Helm awards were also presented to participating clubs.

Gov. Joe presented a membership comparison chart. The District membership is at 1031. We have lost 67 members overall this year as of July 31. He recognized clubs whose memberships have grown and members who sponsored new members. MST Honor Roll included Pat Koepsel w/ 14 new members, Thom Minnis w/ 9 and Kathy McCoy w/ 4.

Gov.-Elect Maribeth presented the 2009-2010 Meeting Information:

- Winter District Meeting, Nov 6-8, 2009, Sheraton Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, VA
- Leaders in Freedom Conference, Dec 11-13, 2009, Blackstone, VA
- Spring District Meeting, March 26-28, 2010, Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, MD
- Jr. Civitan District Convention, April 16-18, 2010, Fenwick Inn, Ocean City, MD
- June Board Meeting, Dates to be announced, Fredericksburg, VA
- District Convention, Aug 13-15, 2010, Hyatt Fair Lakes, Fairfax, VA
- International Convention, Sep 3-6, 2010, Cancun, Mexico

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The 2009-2010 Chesapeake District Officers were nominated by the nominating committee Chairperson Patricia Koepsel and elected by the voting delegates to the convention. They are:

- Governor-Elect: Jo Ann O'Toole
- Director Area 1: Thom Minnis
- Director Area 3: David Wahl
- Director Area 5: Sue Hepwoth
- Past Governor Director: Charlie Smith
- Director Area 2: Nat Bittenbender
- Director Area 4: Eugene Kinder
- Director Area 6: Larry "Moe" Mattox

Governor-Elect Maribeth Jacobs delivered her acceptance speech and presented her goals ( 4+ New Senior Clubs, 1+ Jr. Club and 1+ Campus Club)and theme (Civitan Rocks our World) for the 2009-2010 year. The appointed officers and chairpersons announced are:

- Secretary: Dee Leonard
- Treasurer: David Bridges
- Awards: Patricia Kinder
- Budget & Finance: James M. "Rip" Dellaripa, Sr.
- Candy/Coin Box: John Markey
- Chaplin: Lydia Harvey
- Club Retention: Whitfield "Whit" Mallory
- Credentials and Resolutions: Richard "Dick" Finlay
- District Directory: Jo Ann O'Toole
- District Liaison: Joe O'Toole
- Fruitcake: William E. "Bill" Jackson
- Fundraising: Charles "Chip" Hill
- Judge Advocate: James M. "Rip" Dellaripa, Sr.
- Junior Civitan: Pat Koepsel
- Leaders in Freedom Conference: B Patterson "Pat" Robson, Jr.
- Leaders in Freedom, On-Site Coordinator: Edward H. "Ed" Pyles
- Long Range Planning: Patricia Koepsel
- Meeting Coordinator: John Cain
- New Club Building: Charles E. "Charlie" Smith
- Nominations: Joe O'Toole
- District Photographer: Linda Lilly
- Pilot Editor: Steve Leonard
- Scholarships & Fellows: David F. Shirk
- Sergeant at Arms: Ben "Buzz" Dodge
- Honorary Sergeant at Arms: Patricia Dailey
- Training Coordinator: Meribeth Jacobs
- Webmaster: Ed Senft

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President-Elect Mark Eisinger conducted a training exercise he called “The Big Picture”. This involved dividing up into six person teams and each team tried to assemble their puzzle in 12 minutes. The object of this exercise was to help players see “The Big Picture” when looking at their Civitan Club. It was a fun learning exercise.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Sams  
Secretary

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