

Greater Silver Spring Civitan Club Joins the Chesapeake District

By Dee Leonard, Club Builder

Excitement was building at the Hollywood East Chinese Restaurant in the Westfield-Wheaton Mall, Wheaton, MD, as the soon-to-be initiated and installed members and officers arrived for the Greater Silver Spring Chartering Celebration. There to join them were Chamber of Commerce leaders and Civitans from all over the Chesapeake District. Chesapeake District Field Director Bob Shaffer served as the emcee of the event.



Left to right: A representative of the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce, Luisa Montero, Mirza Donegan, and William Moore (Chamber President).



Celebration cake.

Bob congratulated the club on being the last Civitan Club built in Civitan International's 2016 - 2017 Centennial Year and the final club to be recognized as a Centennial Club! He recognized Club Builders Governor Lynn Leitch, Shed & Nancy Jah, Dee Leonard, and Executive Master Club Builder Patricia Koepsel. Shed and his wife Nancy were very instrumental in initiating the chartering efforts of this club.

The Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce team (of which three of the four pictured will be initiated as members of the club tonight) cut the ribbon welcoming Civitan to the community.

Chesapeake District Immediate Past Governor Denise Phelps called each of the new members to the front of the room and told them what an important decision that they had made to join Civitan. She initiated the members and presented them with a member pin and a Civitan bag full of information.

Chesapeake District Governor Lynn Leitch installed the new officers sharing with them what Civitan has meant to her.

Denise Phelps presented the new Club Charter to President Elect Mirza Donegan who accepted it for President Jenny Melendez who was not able to be at the chartering ceremony.

Arlington Civitan President Leandra Finder, Arlington Immediate Past President Kevin Ahearn, and Arlington Secretary and club builder Patricia Koepsel represented the sponsoring club, congratulated them on their chartering and presented gifts to the new club.



President Elect Mirza Donegan accepts the Greater Silver Spring Civitan Club charter from '16-'17 Chesapeake District Governor Denise Phelps.



The newly initiated Greater Silver Spring Civitans and their Guests and supporters all posed for a group photo to commemorate this event.

Welcome to the Chesapeake District!