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Denton County Paralegal Association

Bingo Night at Bridgemoor

By Jennifer Stout, Fundraising Committee Chair & Priscilla Brooks, Social Committee Chair

The Fundraising & Social Committees joined forces to plan and hold the 2nd Annual Bingo Night at Bridgemoor on June 5, 2014. Proceeds from the event benefited DCPA and Denton County Friends of the family.

We had some great Vendors:

- ❖ Carol Pelzel - Zeal for Life Wellness Products
- ❖ Julie Alvarez - Handmade Jewelry
- ❖ Michael Earhart - Dearheart Creations Handmade Soaps
- ❖ Shauna Falcinilli - Nerium Skin Care Products

The Bridgemoor Residents and Bingo Players had a great time and went home with some great door prizes and game prizes. Thank you to Bridgemoor for allowing DCPA to use their beautiful facility and for the use of their bingo equipment.

A special thank you to following law firms, businesses and committee members for the items donated:

Game Prizes & Door Prizes: Chuy's, Flower Garden; Garden Gate, Jason's Deli; Los Toreros Restaurant; McAlister's Restaurant; Pei Wei Restaurant; Red Lobster; Debbie Minter – Mary Kay; Carol Pelzel – Scentsy; Attorney Mary Miller – Wreaths

Snacks & Other Items: Kroger – Sandwiches, Cookies, Fruit Trays, Drinks, Plates, Napkins and Plasticware; Hayes, Berry, White & Vanzant, LLP – Popcorn & Popcorn Oil, Dry Erase Board and markers; Steve Wohr – Chips, Cups, Popcorn Salt and Popcorn Bags; Christy Rodgers – Ice, Cooler, Lemonade Urn, Serving Utensils; Priscilla Brooks – Lemonade Drink Mix

See pictures from this event on Pages – 7 - 10

Meeting Notice

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The Denton County Paralegal Association's next Luncheon will be on Thursday, **June 26, 2014** at noon at Oakmont Country Club, 1901 Oakmont Drive, Corinth, Texas.

The all-inclusive cost of lunch is \$14.00 payable when you sign in. We cannot accept debit or credit cards, or make change, so please bring **exact** amount of cash or a check made payable to DCPA.

Did you know...

Payments for the CLE Luncheon can now be made online. For more information and online registration see Events/CLE Luncheon at www.dentonparalegals.org.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and can be made via e-mail to kim.guertler@dentoncounty.com. The deadline to RSVP is **June 20, 2014**.

Notice: We must notify Oakmont of the number attending prior to the meeting for preparation of adequate food and seating arrangements. Those that have RSVP'd will get served and seated first. We cannot guarantee that you will have seating or food if you do not RSVP. Please note we are also required to bill those individuals who make reservations and do not attend.

Directions to Oakmont

Oakmont Country Club is located in Corinth off I-35 East between Lewisville and Denton.

- Exit 461 – Shady Grove Road/Post Oak Drive
- Turn west onto Post Oak Drive
- Turn right (west) onto Robinson Road at stop sign
- Turn left (south) onto Oakmont Drive – you will see an Oakmont sign in the median
- Turn right into Oakmont Country Club (second right)

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AGENDA FOR JUNE MEETING

Date: June 26, 2014
Place: Oakmont Country Club
1901 Oakmont Drive
Corinth, Texas 76210
Time: Noon

- 1. Welcome members and guests**
- 2. Old Business**
 - a. Approve May, 2014, Treasurer's Report
 - b. Approve May, 2014, meeting Minutes
 - c. DCPA T-shirts available to pick up
- 3. New Business**
 - a. 2nd Quarter Reports from all committee chairs
 - b. Changes to the by-laws re emeritus membership
- 4. Door Prize and Announcements**
- 5. Adjournment**



President's Message

By: Kim Guertler

Hello DCPA members,

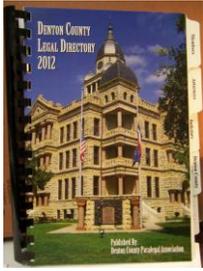
Welcome to Summer! I cannot believe that half of the year has already flown by. I know I say it often, but I must say it again – thank you to all who are working so hard on behalf of the DCPA and the community. Our two latest events, Wills for Heroes and Bingo at Bridgemoor, are perfect examples of how awesome our group is. We had a good turnout of DCPA members at both of these events, and not only was our work and presence appreciated by the beneficiaries of these events, we all had a lot of fun in the process!

Hopefully, this summer you can all take a break from work and get away on some type of vacation! Sometimes it is hard to get away from the office for a whole week, so I wanted to provide you with some fun options for weekend getaways! The Travel/Club blog of D Magazine has provided a few weekend road trips that I thought I would pass along. Some of them you may have heard of, but some of them are off the beaten track (or at least for me they are)!

- Fredericksburg and the Texas Hill Country – Just a four-hour drive from Dallas, Fredericksburg in Texas' Hill Country is a convenient getaway. A diverse offering of experiences keeps regular visitors coming back. From wildflower tours and world-class golf to Oktoberfest and presidential and war museums, there's something for everyone.
- Topeka, Kansas - Check out the Topeka Zoo, Gage Park, the Shunga Trail, and Lake Shawnee.
- Palo Duro Canyon, Texas - The 120-mile-long canyon is a dramatic landscape of deep red sedimentary rocks against red, yellow, and almost lavender layers of sandstone and gentle pink shale.
- Garner State Park, Concan, Texas - The most important thing, the reason to get there early to secure a spot and then stay for a few days, is the Frio River.
- Mountain Harbor Resort and Spa, Arkansas - Grab a bike or a backpack and head out on the miles of paths that originate near the resort.
- Lost Maples State Natural Area, Texas - As you hike through the wilderness, you will encounter deep canyons of limestone and heavily forested hills.

For more information on these places, or for more choices, visit the website at <http://travel.dmagazine.com/?interests=weekend-getaways>. Whether you take a long vacation, a short weekend getaway, or just a staycation at home, do your best to take some time in the next couple of months to rejuvenate and re-energize yourself!

Please plan to attend our luncheon next Thursday, June 26, at Oakmont Country Club. This will be our business meeting so there will not be a Speaker, but your Committee Chairs will provide reports on what they have been doing, and we will have more time to visit and socialize with each other. Looking forward to seeing you all!



Legal Directory

The 2012 Legal Directory is available for purchase. This latest directory has been updated to include some of the newest attorneys in Denton County. The cost of the directory is \$25.00 each. If you have an old directory, turn it in for a \$2.00 rebate on the purchase price. This is a great resource! Get yours today! For more information contact Michele George or Lisa Pittman at (940) 387-3518 or at mgeorge@hbwwlaw.com or lpittman@hbwwlaw.com.

Birthdays

Our members with July Birthdays are:

Janel Stoffels (7/7)
 Heather Walker (7/22)
 Jessica Cannon (7/29)

Hope each of you will have a **Happy Birthday!**

Membership News

Please encourage those paralegals and others in the legal field, whom are not currently members, to join. If you know of anyone who would like to join, please contact Gina Gotti at gottigina@yahoo.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Margie Mohr, Associate

Benefits of Membership In The Denton County Paralegal Association Include:

- ❖ Receipt of the monthly issue of *The Verdict*
- ❖ *Free Accredited CLE at monthly meetings*
- ❖ *Continuing Legal Education seminars on various topics*
- ❖ *Job Bank*
- ❖ *Motivation*
- ❖ *Networking with other paralegals in Denton County*
- ❖ Professional growth through participation
- ❖ Communication and promotion of professional conduct and responsibility
- ❖ Continued individual and professional growth as paralegals

Support Our Sustaining Members

Please help support our Sustaining Members by calling them when you have a project that needs outside support. Remember it is through their continued support and generosity that DCPA is able to provide social events at a low cost.

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Congratulations



Introducing Cambria Scott Earhart who was born on June 5, 2014 and is the granddaughter to Jenna Earhart, daughter to Cody and Corey, and little sister to Charles. Don't these pictures just make you smile and go "Aww"!

Bingo Night Photos



Thank you to Kroger for their generous donation to DCPA's Bingo Night Event





Bingo Night Vendors



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Homemade Soaps



Shauna Falcinilli
Nerium Skin Care Products



Carol Pelzel
Zeal for Life Wellness Products



Julie Alvarez
Handmade Jewelry



Wills for Heroes Update

A Big Wills for Heroes Thank You

Written by: *Kristen Hensley*

On Saturday, May 31, 2014, local volunteer attorneys, paralegals, notaries and members of the Denton community gathered in the Denton County Sheriff's Department to deliver over one hundred will packages to members of the Denton County Sheriff's Department, including deputies, jailers, bailiffs, and administrators.

The Wills for Heroes event was handled seamlessly wholly due to the gracious contributions of DCBA and DCPA members and supporters who donated their time and services so generously. Prior to the event, several attorneys and paralegals donated their time to draft and prepare the documents for our Denton County Sheriff's Department heroes. The documents provided to each hero included a simple Will, Durable Power of Attorney, Medical Power of Attorney, Directive to Physicians, and a HIPAA form. Each hero was assigned a volunteer attorney who answered questions and finalized each document prior to the event. Teams of volunteer attorneys, paralegals, notaries, and witnesses were then able to administer the requisite legal formalities at the event.

Upon arrival at their pre-arranged appointment times, officers and spouses were welcomed into a room decorated with red, white, and blue balloons, ribbons and flowers. As well, and more importantly, there was an assortment of fabulous food supplied by DCBA members as well as community partners such as Hannah's off the Square, Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, and Mom's on Main. Please make sure that you thank these community partners by providing them business when possible!

Planning for the event began approximately nine months ago with the formation of the Wills for Heroes committee, a group that met several times to make decisions and finalize the many preparations to make this event a huge success. Extra special thanks to the committee I worked with: Dawnelle Thompson, Michelle Beecher, Carol Wolfram, Deborah Boone, Derbha Jones, Barbara Evans, and our pro bono chair, Julia Kerestine.

The Wills for Heroes program began as a response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Since that time, many bar associations across the country, as well as the American Bar Association, have implemented this wonderful program. This was the third annual Wills for Heroes event sponsored by the Denton County Bar Association. Every year, the program gets better and better and is a wonderful service for the men and women who support this community. Based on this year's response, it is a much needed and appreciated event. Some of the photos of the event follow on the next page.

Wills for Heroes Photos



President, Kim Guertler, Priscilla Brooks, Melody Brackeen, Ava Watson
Lisa Pittman and Michelle Beecher



Christine Piott



President, Kim Guertler, Denise Spaulding
Priscilla Brooks



Minutes

1. President Kim Guertler called the meeting of May 22, 2014, to order at 12:15 p. m. at the Oakmont Country Club. There were 31 attendees (28 members, 2 guests, and 1 guest speaker). President Guertler welcomed guests.
2. President Guertler asked for a vote of approval of the April, 2014, Treasurer's report. A motion for approval was presented by Cheryl Cooper and seconded by Melody Brackeen. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

3. President Guertler asked for a vote on the April 2014 meeting minutes. A motion for approval was presented by Melody Brackeen and seconded by Michelle George. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. President Guertler announced that T-shirts were in and being distributed at the sign up table. Also a big thank you to all who have volunteered to help with the Wills for Heroes Event on May 31, 2014.
5. President Guertler also announced that Brandi Hunter has graciously volunteered to chair the legal directory committee. A big thank you to Brandi.
6. Cheryl Cooper reminded everyone of the Bingo Event coming up quickly on June 5th at the Bridgemoor. She confirmed that Jennifer Stout, Fundraising Chair had gotten all of the food donated by Kroger. Also announced that we were still seeking vendors who may be interested in setting up at the event.
7. Sunnie Palmer announced that the website is up and running and if everyone would please log in and make sure there information is updated and correct it would really help the membership committee.
8. Michelle Beecher welcomed Richard Hayes, Guest Speaker of the day.
9. The speaker drew the name of the door prize winner: Carol Pelzel.
10. President Guertler awarded a trophy and Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Hayes.
11. There being no further business, President Guertler adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and reminded everyone that next month's meeting is a Business Meeting, no CLE.

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