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CVPA NEEDS YOU

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Welcome to a new year with CVPA. We are glad you are here and want to extend an invitation to everyone to become active members so that we can make this the very best year in CVPA's history.

Committee members and chairs are needed so that CVPA will continue to be a strong association achieving its objectives to further our education, to promote ethical conduct, to establish fellowship among our members and the legal community, and to promote our profession through community service.

Here's a list of committees, chairs, and members. Please take the time to find your best fit and volunteer. CVPA needs you!

CPE needs a chair. Members are Leah Poovey, Jennifer Koch, and Stephanie Clawson.

Kelley Walker chairs the **Membership/Benefits** committee. Members are Cyndy Adams and Cari Burns.

Socials committee is chaired by Jennifer Koch and desperately needs members.

Community Outreach needs a chair. Members are Amber Hawley and Amanda Evans.

Website/Publicity is chaired by Cyndy Adams. Peggy Hallman is a member.

Ellen Cranford chairs the **Fax** committee. Members are Cari Burns, Peggy Hallman, and Pamela Hemphill.

Newsletter is chaired by Peggy Hallman. Amanda Evans is a member.

Law Update chair is Beverly Moore. Phebe McClellan is a member.

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*Happy
Thanksgiving*

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Kelley Walker, chair of the Membership Committee, has facilitated our membership drive this year which will, in part, consist of baskets filled with cookies, candies and all sorts of other goodies to be presented to several law firms in December to increase CVPA membership and to further

awareness of our organization and its goals.

Come help the membership committee make these baskets on December 4, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., at the Waddell Law Office, 22 South Main Avenue, Second Floor, Newton, NC.

This will be a great opportunity to meet your fellow CVPA members and have some social get together time. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, we need clean, gently used or new baskets to fill.

Coffee and snacks will be served.

For the first time ever, the Young Lawyers Division of the NC Bar Association is hosting Wills for Heroes in Hickory. The event will take place December 4, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the CVCC Business & Industrial Complex (formerly Ryan's steakhouse on Hwy. 70).

Wills for Heroes provides free essential estate planning documents, including wills and powers of attorney, to policemen, firefighters, EMTs, and other first responders and their spouses.

We have had an overwhelming response for the program, with over 500 first responders expressing interest in participating. However, at this time, we have enough volunteers to help only about 10% of those folks. As you can see, there is plenty to do and we need as much help as possible.

We are in particular need of attorneys to volunteer to draft the documents, and also non-lawyers to volunteer as witnesses and notaries. You can volunteer for the entire day or just for the morning or afternoon session.

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for this event, please click on the link below for more information and to register as a volunteer.

<http://younglawyers.ncbar.org/resources/wills-for-heroes/wfh-hickory-12042010.aspx>

Thank you for your support!
Casey M. Winebarger, Attorney



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HSCC Asks For Help! Needs Bleach And Detergent

Bleach and dish detergent are used to clean, sanitize and disinfect EVERYTHING in the shelter. This includes living spaces, food bowls, toys and linens. Our major bleach donor does not have any to give to the Humane Society of Catawba County at this time. Please consider organizing a bleach and dish detergent drive or add a little extra to your shopping cart this month and help make a difference. We have to keep the shelter animals clean and healthy!

Beth Hatley
Operations Manager
Humane Society of Catawba County

During the month of December, we are asking CVPA members to donate to our Community Outreach projects, the Humane Society or/and the Women's Resource Center. If you have some items that you want to donate, please let us know so that we can arrange to receive the items. You may also bring your item(s) to the social on December 14, 2010, but it would be preferable to arrange a drop-off apart from the social. Who knows what kind of weather we will have that evening, and we don't want to be outside if it is cold or rainy any more than is necessary. For the "Wish List" for items the HSCC and WRC really need, visit the CVPA website under Community Outreach.

DECEMBER SOCIAL TUESDAY DECEMBER 14 AT BISTRO 127



The votes are in for the December social. It's Bistro 127 on December 14, 2010 and **EVERYONE** over the age of 18 is welcome and invited. Everyone attending and choosing to eat will order from the menu and pay for their own food and drink. The social will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.

After dinner, we are going to carpool or drive on our own to tour the home of Hickory attorneys Dan and Jennifer Fulkerson. We understand that the Fulkerson's house is a sight to behold, with some 21 trees. Many rooms are decorated with a theme, such as the Carolina Room and Wizard of Oz Room. Thanks to the Fulkersons for opening up their beautiful home to us this year.

UPCOMING CPE'S and MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars! Plan now to attend our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday in each month at 6:00 p.m. There are some very informative CPE's on the schedule:

January 11: Leslie McKesson, Coordinator/instructor of Paralegal Technology at CPCC, will present Ethics and Technology for our CPE;

February 8: Eric Farr & Tammy West from the District Attorney's office present a CPE regarding the new discovery procedures in the DA's office;

March 8: Quarterly Social

April 12: Andrew Cogdell, managing attorney for Legal Aid, has agreed to present the CPE on Landlord and Tenant law;

May 10: Neal Bevans, paralegal instructor at WPCC and former Assistant DA in Georgia, will discuss real estate.

What is Counterintelligence?

What is "Counterintelligence", and how could it possibly apply to me?

A : The term counterintelligence refers to a very specialized field of investigation more commonly known as electronic eavesdropping detection, or "bug sweeps". The need for this type of service is actually quite commonplace in today's high-tech environment. The equipment needed to "bug" someone is easily obtained either at a local electronics store, or over the internet. Anyone whose private communications or information could be valuable to another party can be the target of covert eavesdropping. Many individuals and businesses are at a greater risk because of their occupation, financial position, legal or domestic situation. Phones, computers, homes, offices and vehicles can all be areas of concern for possible eavesdropping devices. If you suspect that you may be the victim of covert eavesdropping, you should contact an experienced, well qualified and licensed counterintelligence expert. You should also verify the expert's credentials by asking about background, training, experience, and equipment to be used. This will allow you to make your decisions based on the quality of personnel and service, rather than price alone.

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Many thanks to John LaRue and LaRue & Rogers for the generous donation of the gift basket which was awarded at our October meeting. Cari Burns won the prize valued at over \$100.00.

Treasurer's Report

As of 9/30/10 the balance in our account is \$3,065.21.

Deposits:

9/21/10 - \$200.00 for guests on 9/14/10;

Payments:

9/20/10 - \$18 to NC State Bar, CLE credit for attorney Janney;

9/01/10 - \$8.80 for UPS, stamps;

9/22/10 - \$30 to Kelley Walker, reimbursement for basket items



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