

PARASIGHT

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September 2011



CATAWBA VALLEY PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

ELECTION OF 2011-2012 OFFICERS

By: Cyndy Adams, NCCP

We will elect our officers for the 2011-2012 year on October 11, 2011, at 6:00 pm at the CVCC Auditorium. The nominating committee, which consists of Kelley Walker and Jerri Lee Craig, Co-Chairs, and Anita Sigmon, Christel East, Sandra Shuman, and Betty Winstead, began its work on August 22. Members will be presented with the Slate of Officers by email no later than 10 days before the election, along with a proxy form. Dues and applications for the 2011-2012 membership year must be received no later than October 10 in order to vote on October 11 or have your name included on the Slate of Officers. Your application and check **must be in our hands by the end of the day on Monday October 10**. Find the application on our website at http://catawbavalleyparalegalassoc.org/?Join_CVPA

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

Longview Elementary School

By: Christel East, NCCP

On August 15, Community Outreach Chair, Cari Burns, and I made the first delivery of school supplies to Longview Elementary. Principal John Black was out of town, but former Assistant Principal and current Literacy First teacher, Pat Bain (pictured), was on hand to welcome us and to receive the totes, box and bags of supplies, as well as a check for \$235.

Mrs. Bain expressed her sincere thanks, as she talked about the great need of her school. It was evident as she spoke that for this woman, now in her fortieth year in education, teaching is not just a job but her passion. She told us how she recently re-connected with a former student online, one of her first. She proudly informed us that the student is now a professor at a college in the Midwest with two sons of his own.

Mrs. Bain also recounted stories of how she, as a young teacher, and her husband were often invited by parents of her students to different events. I remarked she must have touched a lot of students. With tears in her eyes, Mrs. Bain replied, "And they've touched me."



Maiden Elementary School

By: Debbie Miles, NCCP

My visit to Maiden Elementary School was great! I am so glad we chose this school as well as Longview. Both of these schools were in great need of our help. I met with the Principal, Lori Reed, who is a very kind and caring person. She was very surprised at the volume of items donated. But she was over-

whelmed with our generosity when I presented her with our check. She knew exactly what she was going to use the money for...food for the backpacks. Maiden provides food for the kids who otherwise would do without on the long weekends when there is no school. That brought tears to my eyes. Lori gave me so many hugs to show her gratefulness to our organization.

This is a lady who just lost her husband to cancer during the early party of the summer. This act of kindness covered me in goose bumps. Our organization should be extremely proud of the out pouring of generosity shown by its members.

I am very proud to say I am a member of CVPA and honored to serve on its board! My thanks to everyone!

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Some changes that have occurred and will occur that I thought might be helpful to CVPA members.

SATISFACTION OF SECURITY INTRUSMENTS:

On October 1, 2011, satisfaction by presentation will end. This means that the original instruments can no longer be taken to the registry by the secured creditor or trustee for the register's review and cancellation. Honestly, in our office this practice had become a thing of the past and we mostly use the satisfaction forms. (Session Law 2011-246).

RECORDING FEES:

Once again, fees are going up and this time there are a lot of changes to review. Be sure to check the Register of Deeds and Clerk's office for the updated fee schedule. Especially pay close attention to the documents that now have filing fees in the Clerk's office.

DEED FORMAT:

As of June 27, 2011, all deeds and deeds of trust must identify the person or law firm that drafted such document even if it was prepared outside the State of North Carolina (Session Law 2011-351). "Note that the only entity or organization name that is sufficient alone is a law firm; otherwise a person's name must appear as drafter."

On October 1, 2011, all documents presented for recording with the Register of Deeds (not including plats), must have side margins of at least one-quarter inch, and a font size no smaller than nine points.

ELECTRONIC:

NC G.S. 47-14(a1) has allowed for the acceptance of electronic documents from the government and trusted submitters. However, the Statute did not list any specific requirements for digital plats. Session Law 2011-246, Section 7 remedies this matter by providing the requirements for the form, dimensions and certification of electronically submitted plats. Electronic plats are still only accepted from governmental units and trusted submitters.

INDEXING:

Revised indexing standards will be effective January 1, 2012, (except in Wake County where they get to wait until January 1, 2014).

Basically, indexing for names of parties will be to enter them in all capitals (such as they appear on the document). Human names are entered into surname and given names, non-humans are entered in FULL in a single field. All characters in a name will be entered (as long as it is on a standard keyboard). The register will "assume that all names on a document are in the US name convention of given name(s) followed by surname." In other words the last name listed is the surname.

If the surname is hyphenated, the indexing system will create multiple entries: one with only the last word as the surname, and one with both words as the surname but no hyphen.

There are six titles that will be included in the index - as long as the status is clearly indicated. Those six are:

Trustee;
Attorney-in-fact;
Administrator;
Administratrix;
Executor; or
Executrix.

To help with indexing, drafters are being asked to:

- Clearly list the names of all parties and their designation as grantor or grantee;
- Put all names of parties in the beginning of the document;
- Separate the names to be indexed from the rest of the document;
- Make sure names are consistent throughout the document and the signatures match what is typed;
- List a brief description of the property for easy indexing; and
- If a document is related to a prior recorded instrument, be sure to show the original recording information and the parties names.

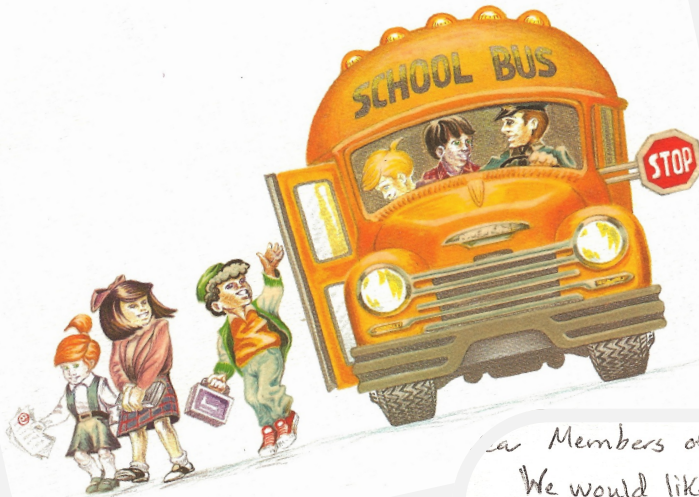
For additional information please see the cited Session Laws and/or the UNC School of Government, Land Records Bulletin, No. 35, July 2011.

Thanks to Peggy Hallman, NCCP, for providing a copy of the Land Records Bulletin.



CVPA RECEIVES THANK-YOU FROM MAIDEN ELEMENTARY

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“The monetary donation will be placed where students can benefit. This . . . helps provide field trip money and lunch account money for those children whose families are facing financial hardship.”

Dear Members of the Catawba Valley Paralegal Association
We would like to wish you a wonderful fall season. You have definitely provided us with many tools and supplies for our fall. All of the items will be used and are greatly appreciated. It is so heartwarming to know that there are individuals in the surrounding community who are so thoughtful and generous.

The monetary donation will be placed where students can benefit. This fund line usually helps provide field trip money and lunch account money for those children whose families are facing financial hardship.

MAIDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
“Success Begins With Me”

MES faculty + staff

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. at the Catawba Valley Community College Auditorium. There are some very informative CPE's on the schedule:

- September 13:** Primer on Probate presented by Attorney Shirley Anthony.
- October 11:** Election of Officers.
- November 8:** Attorney Wes Barkley will be presenting our CPE.
- December 13:** Holiday Social—TBA
- January 10:** Bill Morgan—Ethics: The Unauthorized Practice of Law.



Longview Elementary School

John Black, Principal
Grover Linebarger, Asst. Principal

Dr. Causby, Superintendent
Hickory Public Schools

September 7, 2011

Dear Ms. Burns & Catawba Valley Paralegal Association Members,

Thank you for your generous donation to our school. You demonstrated the true meaning of community through your willingness to give of yourselves and your resources to others in need. Classroom supplies have been distributed and are already in use!

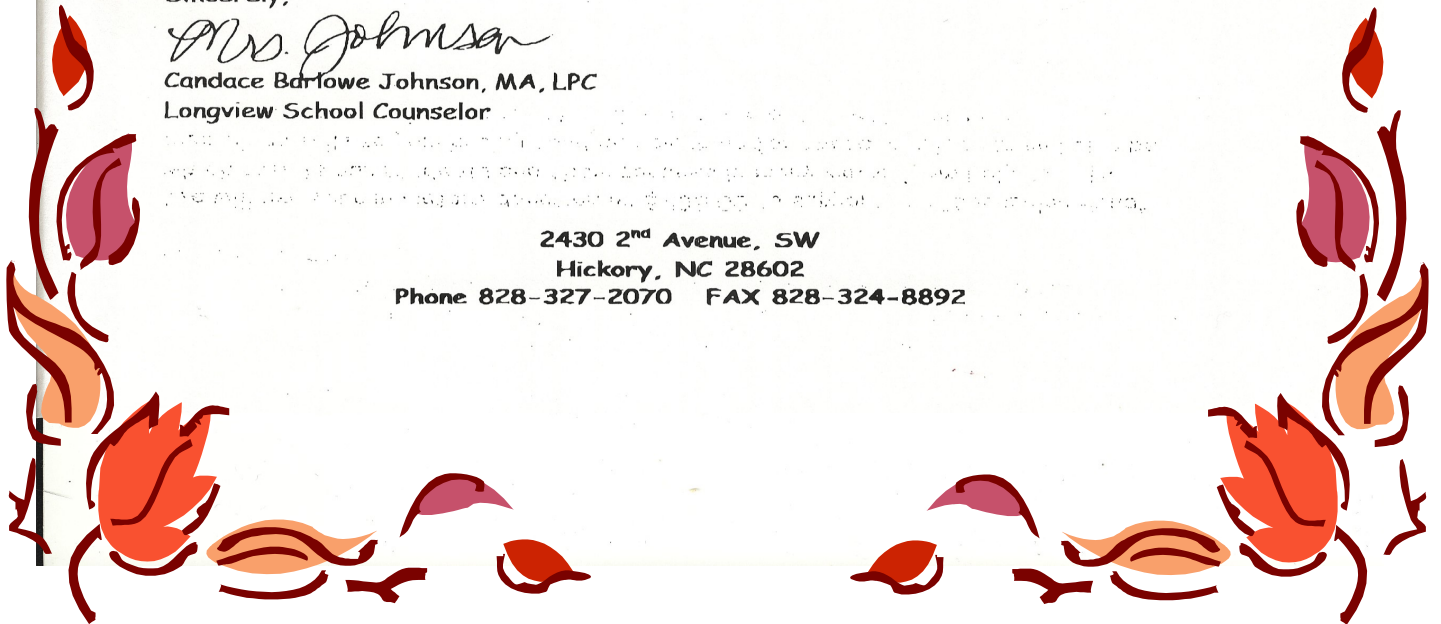
We will use your monetary donation of \$235.00 to support our "Counselor Fund" which assists our students and their families in many ways; from helping with electricity bills to purchasing food and clothing for those in crisis. It will also be used to buy treats for our monthly "Character Kid Parties" where students are rewarded for respectful, responsible, kind, and caring behavior.

We truly appreciate your kindness and support of Longview Elementary School. We hope you and your families are blessed.

Sincerely,

Candace Barlowe Johnson, MA, LPC
Longview School Counselor

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MEET A MEMBER

September's featured member is Christel East, NCCP. Here Christel tells us a little bit about herself:

I am originally from Danville, Virginia. I earned a BA in English from UNC-Charlotte, with thoughts of going into journalism. I had trouble finding a job in my field, as did my friend, Martha, and it was her mother who introduced the idea of the paralegal field. Martha wasn't interested, but I looked into it and ended up getting my paralegal certification from Meredith College. What drew me to the paralegal profession was the research aspect of it, which I really enjoy.

I moved to Hickory in 1990 to go to work for Young Smith. I worked for him until 2000. From 2000 to 2004, I worked for Scott Matthews. I did title searches for both offices.

In 2004, I started my freelance title search business. I really enjoyed free-lancing,

even though it involved a lot of nights and weekends work. The flexibility and freedom of being one's own person is great. I also really enjoyed the direct contact with my clients. I worked with some great people.



Then in 2009 I joined the staff of the Catawba County Register of Deeds, which is where I currently work.

I think the thing I like most about my job is working with the public which ironically is what I worried about the most before I started. It had been a long time since I had done that. Also, dealing with vital records—birth, death, and mar-

riage records—has inspired me to begin genealogy research on my own family. I have done some preliminary research online and plan to do more hands-on research when I go home for the holidays.

So, I guess genealogy is my newest hobby. I also enjoy reading, movies, sports (I am a rabid Carolina basketball fan!), and gardening. I am happiest spending time with my friends and with my mom who I try to get to Virginia to see as often as I can. People who know me well know my secret ambition is

to write. I have a sister who has actually written and published some children's books. She has always encouraged me.

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CVPA Treasurer Report As of July 29, 2011

Submitted to Board of Directors 08-09-2011

Prepared by: Delores Deal

Account Balance: \$3,254.84

Deposits:

07-29-2011 Refund from Winkler Park.....\$38.00

Total Deposits:\$38.00

Disbursements:

.....\$00.00

Total Disbursements.....\$00.00

RECOGNITION OF ALL NEW MEMBERS FOR THE 2010-2011 YEAR

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CVPA currently has 45 members, 15 of whom are new members for the year 2010-2011. We would like to give a "shout out" to all of those new members and thank each and everyone one for the support they have given the association. The 2010-2011 new members are as follows:

Elaine Bivens
Teresa Brown
Judy Campbell
Stephanie Clawson
Amanda Evans
Amber Hawley
Samantha Hefner
Susan Hertzler
Phebe McClellan
Teresa Miles
Veronica Murphy
Melisa Rollins
Anita Sigmon
Kimberly Turner
John Shaw



USELESS LEGAL FACTOIDS

Contributed by: Cyndy Adams, NCCP

- The words "insane" and "insanity" are not recognized medical terms but rather legal ones.
- The word "lethologica" describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.
- Pennsylvania was the first colony to legalize witchcraft.
- The only seven letter word in the English language that contains ten words without rearranging any of its letters is "therein" -- the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, here, ere, therein, and herein.
- In the coastal provinces of Canada it is illegal to shoot a whale from a moving automobile.
- The word "sheriff" is derived from "shire reeve." In early England, each shire had a reeve who was the law for that shire. When the term was brought to the United States it was shortened to sheriff.
- In Texas, it's illegal to put graffiti on someone else's cow.
- Neck ties were first worn in Croatia, hence, the name cravats (pronounced "cro-vats").
- The dome in Thomas Jefferson's Monticello home concealed a billiards room at a time when billiards were illegal in Virginia.
- Dueling is legal in Paraguay so long as both parties are registered blood donors.



“The Help”— A Movie Review Plus Other Commentary, and A Plug For The Community Blood Bank

By: Kelley Walker, NCCP

I love going to a movie where there is applause at the end. That was the case with “The Help” the movie based on Kathryn Stockett’s novel. Viola Davis is my new favorite actress. She brings to full bloom in “The Help” what was glimpsed in “Doubt.” She plays Abileen with such dignity that you become indignant at the way she is treated. Bryce Dallas Howard as Hilly Hollbrook—what a personification of evil! You can almost hear a serpent hiss when she says the word, Christian. Octavia Spencer as Minnie is such a natural, that you feel the part was written for her, and it was.

Emma Stone, as Skeeter, is great. There was one thing that I felt didn’t ring true to her character. If she was able to tell off a guy she just met for being a jerk, why couldn’t she tell Hilly what she thought about her “Home Sanitation Initiative” or whatever the heck that thing was that Hilly was pushing on every one in Jackson.

I cringed a lot during this movie. I had not read the book, and some of the movie was very disturbing to me. I believe because, I am sad to say, I can see racism’s very ugly head still being raised today.

After seeing the movie, I had the opportunity to do-

nate to the Community Blood Bank and receive a free movie ticket. I am going to put in a little plug here for them. All the blood that you donate to them stays in this community to be used at local hospitals. They were very professional and, of course, I got a free ticket to the movies. Not bad considering that you almost have to take out a second mortgage to see a movie.

The young woman who took my blood was African American, and as we started talking about movies, we came upon the subject of “The Help.” She had seen it , and could almost quote the movie verbatim. She practically glowed when I told her that Viola Davis was my new favorite actress. She remarked at how brave the “help” had been to speak out because ‘back then, you were taking your life in your hands to go against white people.’ It brought home to me that even though Kathryn Stockett had created fictional people, there were real people that had lived those lives . You will laugh, you will cry and you may even be challenged to out and do the right thing. Out of five buckets of popcorn, I give this a 10.

I must also mention this, my husband and I went to see “The Change-Up”. He loved it. I felt like I needed to have my mind washed clean. I was so disappointed because I love Jason Bateman and Ryan Reynolds, but the movie’s language is very, very, very vulgar. Don’t say I didn’t warn you.

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