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about the induction
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Tracey L. Barnes, RP, Pa.C.P.

Over the past two years I have been honored to serve both on the Board of Directors in general and also as President. I have served with an outstanding group of paralegals who made the job of President less stressful and definitely enjoyable. Thank you 2014-2016 Board of Directors for all your hard work and patience.

As I look back over the past two years, I see amazing advances with MCPA. We celebrated our 15th year with an extraordinary gala attended by many honorable guests including judges, members of the Sheriff Department, District Attorney Risa Vetri-Ferman, Bar Association members, and, of course, many of our dedicated members. Our relationship with the Montgomery Bar Association has grown stronger and continues to grow stronger every year. Members have become more active with the charitable side of the legal profession, including becoming involved with the Montgomery Bar Foundation. In fact, on January 8, 2016, I, on behalf of the MCPA, accepted the Milton O. Moss Public Service Award at the Montgomery Bar Association Annual Luncheon recognizing this involvement. This award, sponsored by the Montgomery Bar Foundation, is presented annually to persons or entities that provide distinguished service to the judicial system and the legal community. What an exciting honor to be recognized in this manner!

I have witnessed more involvement by members on committees and with the executive side of the MCPA over my tenure. In 2015 we inducted two new members to the Board of Directors—Jennifer Kuemmerle and Michelle Calkins. On January 12th we will, once again, welcome two new additions to the Board of Directors—Nancy Piechota and Shari Weber-Bradley. Speaking of the kickoff, we have over 50 attendees—record breaking attendance for our MCPA kick-off event!

Our students have also become more involved. We have three new student liaisons this year from Bucks County Community College and Lansdale School of Business. Two of these students have already attended their first Board meeting. Last year we had active liaisons as well who attended meetings and provided input. On a side note, Annette Long-Tulio has made the decision to return to school and has assumed the role of Student Liaison for Peirce College.

We have come a long way since 1999 and the sky is the limit. Growth comes from the energy of our members—let's keep it going! If you haven't done so yet, join a committee! As I have mentioned in almost every newsletter volunteering for a committee does not take a monumental amount of time but can provide a wealth of benefits to both MCPA as a group and to you as an individual. Become involved—no amount of time or idea is too small. Our planning committee is a committee that needs your help especially. Have ideas for CLE's? Have speakers who are willing to present CLE's? Have ideas for areas in the County to hold CLE's? Would your firm or company be willing to host a CLE? Let us know. As the late President John F. Kennedy once said, "One person can make a difference and everyone should try."

Once again, thank you to all Board members, officers, representatives, and committee chairs who have made my tenure as President a memorable one. You are all wonderful and talented paralegals and individuals who I consider dear friends. Best wishes to everyone for a healthy and happy 2016.

Do you want to
know who you are?
Don't ask, Act!
Action will
delineate and define
you.

~Thomas Jefferson~

MCPA RECEIVES THE MILTON O. MOSS PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD!!

Authored by Tracey Barnes, RP, Pa.C.P

On January 8, 2016, I, along with many past, present and future MCPA Board Members, attended the annual Montgomery Bar Association Business Luncheon at the Plymouth Country Club. "Why?" you ask. Because we were invited! Again, I am sure you are wondering why. Let me tell you.

MCPA was invited to this event because we were awarded the Milton O. Moss Public Service Award. This award is sponsored by the Montgomery Bar Foundation and is awarded to individuals and/or entities who have demonstrated distinguished service to the judicial system. For those who didn't know, as I was unfamiliar, Milton O. Moss was a Montgomery County District Attorney who became a Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas judge. Judge Moss spent a majority of his professional life in public service to Montgomery County.

On January 8th, nine MCPA members enjoyed a lovely lunch and experienced the business workings of the Bar Association wherein, among other business, a Bylaw change was briefly discussed and tabled. After the business of the Bar, Steven H. Lupin, Esquire, President of the Montgomery Bar Foundation, presented the Milton O. Moss Public Service Award to the Montgomery County Paralegal Association. I, on behalf of MCPA members, accepted the award. What a historical event--a division of the Bar Association recognizing paralegals! Who, back in 1999 when the MCPA organization was created, would have ever imagined that the paralegals of MCPA would be recognized in this manner? I received many congratulatory remarks from attorneys after the meeting.

The meeting concluded with the appointment of Carolyn R. Mirabile as the new Montgomery Bar Association President. Many of Ms. Mirabile's firm and family were in attendance for her induction.

The afternoon was a historic one for MCPA and I hope to see continued recognition by the Bar of the importance of our profession.





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CONGRATULATIONS ANNETTE LONG-TULIO, CRP, Pa. C.P.

MCPA long-time member and past president, Annette Long-Tulio, CRP, Pa. C.P. was recently awarded scholarships for

Mary Creekmore Foundation Scholarship and Peirce Presidential Scholarship

Please congratulate Annette on her accomplishments the next time you see her!

NEXT CLE EVENT: February 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm

ELDER LAW

*Presented by
Maureen L. Anderson, Esquire*

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Hatboro, PA 19040
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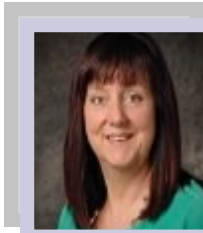
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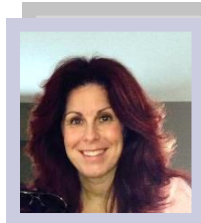
Outreach Committees. She has also previously served as Treasurer for four years and Secretary for two years and was recently elected to serve as President. She resides in West Norriton with her husband, Larry.

Jen Kuemmerle, CRP, Pa. C.P.—Secretary

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Jen is the Vice President of Finance at The Luther Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation located in Hatboro. She has served on the Association's Board of Directors and was recently

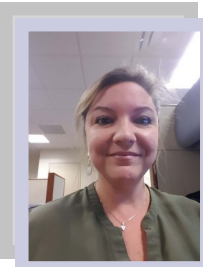
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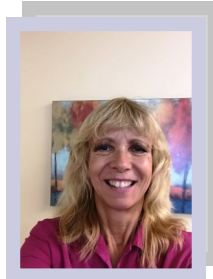
Noreen Messmer, Pa. C.P.
(2014—2016)

Noreen is a Paralegal with the law firm of Ford & Buckman, P.C. in Blue Bell and has worked with Sarah Ford, Esquire for over 40 years. She has been a Board member since 2010 and also serves on the Hospitality/Planning Committee. Noreen lives in Blue Bell and is the mother of three and Nana to three granddaughters.



Michelle Calkins, Pa. C.P.
(2014—2016)

Michelle is a Paralegal with Miller, Turetsky, Rule & McLennan located in Collegeville. She is an active member of the Association and currently serves as the Layout Editor of the MCPA newsletter. She lives live in Collegeville with her husband, Wes.



Shari Weber Bradley, Pa. C.P.
(2016—2018)

Shari works for Peter E. Bort, Esquire at Bort Law which is a general practice firm. A long time member of MCPA, she was recently elected to the Board of Directors. Shari lives in Eagleville and is the mother of two twenty something boys and stepmother of three teen boys.



Nancy Piechota, Pa. C.P.
(2016—2018)

Nancy is a Paralegal at the law firm of Mannion Prior, LLP in King of Prussia. Nancy was recently elected to the Board of Directors and also serves as Chair of the Marketing Committee. She lives in Berks County with her husband, Joe and rescue dogs.

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