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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

I hope everyone is enjoying a pleasant and relaxing summer so far.

As you enjoy the summer months, the Planning Committee has been quite busy scheduling events for the second half of 2015. The events during the first half of 2015 were very informative, interesting, and engaging. The second half of the year promises to be even better starting with a HIPAA Compliance and Technology CLE in September. Other topics that will be scheduled for the second half include a Montgomery County Conflict Mediation Group presentation and a roundtable discussion regarding various topics affecting paralegals. Our year will end in December with our annual holiday social. Keep a look out for these and many other activities that are planned for the rest of the year.

As you will see in the newsletter the Governor of Pennsylvania has issued a Proclamation. The week of July 27 through July 31st shall be designated as Paralegal Week with July 31st being Paralegal Day. Due to summer schedule conflicts the MCPA will be delaying its Paralegal Day Celebrations until September. Keep your September calendars free for this celebratory and creative event.

Next year the Board of Directors will have four vacant seats. Ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes at MCPA? Are you interested in doing more for our professional organization that does so much for paralegals like yourself? Have you been reading the past President's messages regarding volunteering and thought "I could do that"? Maybe it's time to think about a leadership role for 2016! Consider running for the MCPA Board. The Board meets once per month excluding the summer months. Serving on the Board is voluntary but has benefits that are far more rewarding than monetary compensation. Interested? Please contact Suzanne Sarver (email suzannehoffman32@yahoo.com) or myself (tbarnes@dischellbartle.com) with any questions or your nomination. Submissions for the Board must be received by September 30th.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September!

A Perfect Summer Day...

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken.

--- James Dent ---

COMING SOON
NEXT CLE EVENT!
HIPAA Compliance
and Technology



LOOK

*For more information
about how we will be
celebrating the paralegal
proclamation in the*

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2015 AWARD NOMINATIONS & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

DEADLINE EXTENDED!

The deadline to apply for NFPA Awards and Student Scholarships was July 1st. We are pleased to announce that Paralegal Education Group (PEG) is the sponsor for both the 2015 PACE Scholarship and PCCE Scholarship. Since this information was just received, the deadline to apply for the Certification Scholarships *has been extended until August 1, 2015*. Below are links to both Scholarship Applications.

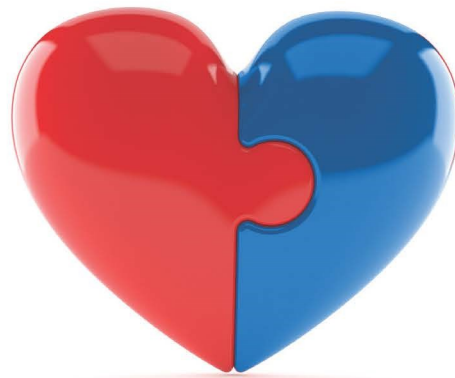
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We're pleased to announce the Department of State's new Online Notary Public Application System. This new tool will allow Pennsylvania notaries public and prospective notaries public to apply for and renew their notary commissions in an efficient paperless process. This new approach will simplify handling, thereby reducing the expenditure of tax dollars, eliminate paperwork, simplify the payment procedures and enable better customer service to notaries. The Online Notary Public Application System will require the same information currently required as part of the paper application.

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PROCLAMATION

PARALEGAL WEEK
July 27-31, 2015

PARALEGAL DAY
July 31, 2015

WHEREAS, The practice of law is a demanding, challenging and complex endeavor – one in which the rights, liberties and safety of our citizens has been protected and preserved for centuries; and

WHEREAS, members of the bar require knowledgeable and reliable assistance to fulfill the duties of their profession. Paralegals have become an invaluable source of support in law offices, providing lawyers with a variety of skilled professional services throughout their practice; and

WHEREAS, paralegals are highly educated, trained and experienced professionals with expertise in legal and case research, interviewing clients and witnesses, legal and correspondence writing and other critical areas of successful and efficient law practices; and

WHEREAS, the value of talented paralegals is often overlooked by the general public, but their worth is never underestimated by the lawyers and firms for whom they work.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim July 27 – 31, 2015, as PARALEGAL WEEK and July 31, 2015, as PARALEGAL DAY in the Commonwealth.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this tenth day of June in the Year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the two-hundred and thirty-ninth.

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Montgomery Bar Association:

www.montgomerybar.org

The Montgomery Bar Association is a resource for Montgomery County Paralegals that are registered with the site and are also an MCPA member. The website has an entire marketplace for CLE classes, seminars, publications and opinions that affect our state and county. The website is a great resource for job searching as well in the Montgomery County area.

Montgomery Paralegal Association:

www.montcoparalegals.org

The Montgomery County Paralegal Association has a website that can give you the latest details on events and happenings with Montgomery County Paralegals. It is a site to connect to other paralegals and get involved in committees or other volunteer events.

National Federation Paralegal Association:

www.paralegals.org

The NFPA website is an invaluable resource for all paralegals. The NFPA is devoted to establishing standards for all paralegals and providing resources for paralegals to continue and enhance their skills in the field. The site has CLE information, a job bank, professional development as well as exam information to become a certified or registered paralegal.

VALUABLE LEGAL RESEARCH SITES:

Supreme Court of the United States:

www.supremecourt.gov

The official page of the United States Supreme Court featuring court opinions, orders, calendars, schedules, rules, news releases and general information. A great resource concerning issues affecting our constitution.

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www.gpo.gov

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MCPA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Below are the names and contact information for the Chairpersons of the various MCPA committees. If you have an idea or would like to volunteer, please contact a Chairperson!

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