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## Message from the President

It's official! Your 2010 Board of Directors has been sworn in, and our goals for the year have been set forth. For those of you who were unable to attend, here is the recap:

The Honorable John S. Murray, III was kind enough to do the honors in inducting the 2010 Officers and Board Members. Thank you, Judge Murray, for taking the time to come out and support our Association!

With the formalities out of the way, it was time to focus on what the Board of Directors hopes to accomplish this year. Our overall goal is to reach out to members in an effort to increase member involvement. Based upon various comments and feedback from you, we have come up with several ways in which we hope to achieve this. (We really do listen ☺ !)

First, a new committee has been formed – the Hospitality Committee. The purpose of this new committee is to have someone available to greet new members at any of our functions and to introduce them to others who work in their field and/or a member of a committee in which the new member may have expressed an interest. Sheila Kees-Hayden, who served as LSB's Student Liaison to the Board of Directors in 2009, has agreed to chair this committee. If you are interested in serving on this committee, you may contact Sheila at [srkshamrock9@yahoo.com](mailto:srkshamrock9@yahoo.com).

Additionally, we will be making a greater effort to keep the membership informed about the inner workings of the MCPA. To that end, "Board Highlights" will now appear in the bi-monthly newsletter. This will basically be a recap of the board meeting minutes – but without the dry format! Since the Board meets every month and *MCPA Today* appears bi-monthly, the "Board Highlights" will be provided via e-mail blast during those months in which the newsletter is not published. We will make every effort to coordinate this e-mail blast with one of those which you would ordinarily receive so that your inbox is not inundated by MCPA.

The Board of Directors will also be working more closely with the committees this year in an effort to clarify the specific tasks to be performed in carrying out the duties of each committee. In this way, members who may be interested in serving, or even chairing, a committee can have a better understanding of the commitment involved and can more clearly state the level of involvement that he or she feels is appropriate for them. Look to future issues of *MCPA Today* for reports on our progress in this area. Ultimately, we would like to see complete information detailed for our members on our website.

2010 is the year our members become more involved in the evolution of the MCPA and its mission to take an effective role in the development and growth of the paralegal profession. Your 2010 Officers and Board Members look forward to working with you.

*Deborah A. Long, Pa. C.P.*  
President

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## SAVE THE DATE!!

*February 18, 2010 Ethics CLE Seminar*

*March 20, 2010 Breakfast CLE Seminar*

*April 21, 2010 venue to be announced*

## Welcome New Members

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

On January 28, 2010, the MCPA started off the New Year with its “Kickoff” Event. The evening began with the induction of the 2010 Board of Directors. The Honorable John S. Murray, III, Magisterial District Judge, accepted the honor of inducting the new Board and Debbie Long, Pa. C.P., President of the Board of Directors, continued the induction with some inspirational words.



After some announcements regarding upcoming events in the MCPA, Debbie Long, on behalf of the Board of Directors, surprised this MCPA member with a beautiful award acknowledging my years of involvement in the MCPA. I was very honored to receive such an award and I hope to contribute more to the Association as it continues to grow.

Following the award presentation, members enjoyed a delicious dinner and dessert. William Kenney and Michael Farley then continued with a PowerPoint presentation on File Management and the use of vendors.



Thank you to the Honorable John S. Murray, III, for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend our event.

A big thank you also goes out to all who attended the evening and for your generous donations to the Mitten Tree for Head Start and to the military outreach program. For those of you who could not attend, you can still make donations to the military outreach program. Donations will be accepted at all General Membership Meetings throughout 2010. Any Board Member will also be happy to accept your contributions and pass them along to Charlene Healy, our Military Outreach Coordinator. Please visit the MCPA website ([www.montcoparalegals.org](http://www.montcoparalegals.org)) for information regarding the types of items which may be donated.



As we move forward in 2010, be sure to share your comments and ideas with your Board of Directors. It is their stated goal in 2010 to reach out to members and increase member involvement in our Association. If you go to the website and click on the “suggestion box,” your e-mail will go directly to our President. Please be assured that each and every communication will be given careful consideration.





## **The Mentoring Committee**

By: Lisa M. LaPenna, Pa.C.P.

Manor College is looking for volunteers to serve on their Advisory Board. Please contact Mary L. Sims, Esquire at 215-745-4656 or email: [msims@manor.edu](mailto:msims@manor.edu) if you are interested.

If you are interested in giving back to the paralegal profession in any way, including speaking at local colleges or becoming a mentor, please e-mail or call Lisa M. LaPenna at [llapenna@kaplaw.com](mailto:llapenna@kaplaw.com) or (610) 941-2523.

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We have made good progress in the last months - thanks to you and other hosts around the country. If you read THE BEAD Newsletter, you will know we are making great strides in expanding the services to our beaders and their communities. Please re-visit the website for more news and features at [www.beadforlife.org](http://www.beadforlife.org).

We hope you know how much we appreciate you and how your efforts over the past months have helped.

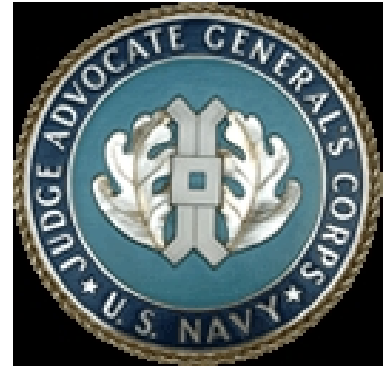
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## MCPA AND THE MILITARY OUTREACH PROGRAM



Dear Colleagues,

For the past several years, the Montgomery County Paralegal Association has joined the NFPA in supporting our colleagues that are serving our country in combat zones around the world. Many of these paralegals are reservists that have left their safe and secure homes and families to defend our way of life. These military paralegals are from each and every branch of the military. In an effort to show our appreciation and support, MCPA has been sending care packages on your behalf to Iraq and some to Afghanistan. Recently, the program has been revised in an effort to support more of our colleagues. Instead of being assigned an individual to send the packages to, we are now supporting a JAG (Judge Advocate General) office of paralegals so that no one in that office is left out.

I have been given the honor of continuing to coordinate those packages for our troops. Please visit the MCPA website ([www.montcoparalegals.org](http://www.montcoparalegals.org)) for suggested donations for the package. We will be sending one in February and one again later in the year. It is my hope that we will get enough donations to be able to send an extra package now and then to help lift the moral of our troops. As a veteran, I cannot tell you how much mail and packages mean to those away from home. Please **DO NOT** send any items that can be considered obscene or even questionable in any way and **DO NOT** send anything that contains pork or a pork byproduct. The troops must respect the customs of the country where they are stationed.

I have placed my contact information below so that anyone wishing to donate will be able to reach me. Feel free to contact me at any time. Items may also be given to Board members. Thank you so much for your support of MCPA and the Military Outreach Program.

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## **“What a Difference a Year Makes”**

By Mary Kay Alt

Last night there I was, sitting around a table with the board members of the Montgomery County Paralegal Association (MCPA). I was surrounded by professional paralegals, that in my hopes I would be able to mimic someday. I could not help but think to myself, “What a difference a year makes.”

Currently, I am a manicurist and have been for 16 years. However, last year I decided that I needed to make a change in my career. After some thought, I enrolled in Lansdale School of Business as a paralegal student and began classes in February of 2009. My first class was Tort Law. Unsure of what to expect, I was very nervous. Shortly after class started, and the instructor well into his lecture, I vividly remember thinking “What am I doing here? I am in way over my head!” Today, however, I feel very confident as a student and enjoy learning something new every day. Also, what I remember from that class was that the instructor spoke, with enthusiasm, about the MCPA and its benefits. Intrigued, I browsed through the MCPA Web site and ultimately became a student member. I thought this was a great way to meet new people in the new career that I chose. That was the easy part!

The MCPA announced that it was offering a scholarship to one of their student members, and I was up for the challenge. After all, what did I have to lose? I owed it to myself to give it my best effort. So, I spent the next week writing, editing, and revising the two essays required over and over again. Somewhat of a perfectionist, I finally finished the application and placed it in the mail. Okay that part, not so easy!

Shortly after, the MCPA was looking for a new student liaison from Lansdale School of Business. While contemplating this position, I heard my father’s voice inside of my head. When I was a young teen he would say to me, “Mary Kay you need to stretch your rubber bands.” What he was really saying was that sometimes it was important for me to push beyond my comfort level. I have to admit, it is only in the last few years that I understand the importance of my father’s wisdom. Anyway, this sounded like a great opportunity. So, I decided to test the boundaries of my “rubber bands” and applied for the position. Honestly, that was the hard part!

It was at the MCPA’s holiday social that I learned that, not only did I receive the scholarship, but I was also awarded the title of student liaison. It was at the point when I realized a few things. First, I was sure that I made the right decision in pursuing a career

as a paralegal. Second, I was surrounding myself with astounding people. Lastly, I will learn from the members of the MCPA what a textbook cannot teach me. I found it to be such an honor to be recognized by this remarkable group of people.

My experience since I joined the Montgomery County Paralegal Association has been astonishing. I was welcomed as a new student member, but more importantly I was respected as a person. In the short time that I have been a member it is apparent that the MCPA genuinely believes in offering continual educational seminars for its members. Members are not the only focus of the association, for it is very dedicated to its community outreach program. I can say without hesitation that I am proud to be a member of the MCPA.



### ***MCPA APPAREL, MUGS and TOTES***

MCPA long-sleeved t-shirts and short-sleeved polo shirts are still available. The long-sleeve shirts are \$10 and the short-sleeve shirts are \$20. Show your MCPA spirit by purchasing a shirt (or two).

MCPA coffee (or tea, or hot chocolate) mugs and re-usable MCPA Totes are also still available! Each at a low cost of \$5. Show off your MCPA spirit in the office with a new mug and in the community with a tote bag or two.

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Have you ever received a divorce decree only to have to send it back to be certified, further delaying the settlement process?

Have you struggled to read the signature of a signing judge on an order?

Have you ever thought, “There has to be an easier way to do this??!!”

It’s time to make a change!

Family law judge, the Honorable Kelly Wall, is seeking MCPA’s assistance in improving Montgomery County’s family court procedures!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for improving the family law process in Montgomery County, please submit them to Debbie Long ([dlong@dbyd.com](mailto:dlong@dbyd.com)), Lindsey Tait ([ltait@millerturetsky.com](mailto:ltait@millerturetsky.com)), or any MCPA Board Member as soon as possible so that we can help improve family court for the better.

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## **Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations (KAPA)** **News of Note**

The MCPA is a member of the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations (“KAPA”), a professional organization comprised of paralegal organizations located throughout Pennsylvania. The member associations represent in excess of 1,400 paralegals of varying backgrounds, experience, education, and job responsibilities, reflecting the diversity of the paralegal profession. The Keystone Alliance was formally established in 1995 from groundwork laid in the 1980's by the paralegal associations in Pennsylvania.

Be sure to visit KAPA’s web site for more updates at <http://www.keystoneparalegals.org/>.



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1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of a Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations member association;
2. Applicant must be a legal resident of the United States of America;
3. Applicant must satisfy Education/Experience or Grandfathering requirements;
4. Applicant must submit declarations from one (1) attorney in good standing with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania who will attest to his/her direct knowledge of the Applicant's skill level and his/her work as a Paralegal;
5. A Paralegal making application under work experience only must submit declarations from two (2) attorneys; and
6. Certified copy of Applicant's official transcript(s) from the educational institution(s) attended OR a letter from the education institution(s) attended indicating the dates of the Applicant's attendance and the date(s) of the Applicant's graduation OR a copy of the Diploma/Certificate received by the Applicant from the education's institution(s) attended. Certified Legal Assistants ("CLA"), Certified Paralegals ("CP"), Registered Paralegals ("RP"), or Paralegals holding another Paralegal credential approved and recognized by the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations need only submit a copy of their original credential certification and their current letter of good standing. Applicants who are making application for certification under work experience only, do not need to submit transcripts or Diplomas/Certificates.

## **GRANDFATHERING PROVISION:**

**Prior to June 30, 2012, Applicant must meet one (1) of the following criteria:**

1. Bachelor's Degree in Paralegal Studies from an ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND one (1) year of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
2. Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND a Certificate/Associate's Degree from an ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND one (1) year of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
3. Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND three (3) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
4. Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies AND three (3) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
5. Certificate from an ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND three (3) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
6. Associate's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND five (5) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
7. Certificate from a non-ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND five (5) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
8. Seven (7) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
9. Designation of CLA, CP or RP or other Paralegal credential approved and recognized by the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations AND two (2) years of substantive Paralegal experience.

## **EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**After July 1, 2012, Applicant must meet one (1) of the following criteria:**

1. Bachelor's Degree in Paralegal Studies from an ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND one (1) year of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
2. Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND a Certificate/Associate's Degree from an ABA-approved Paralegal Program AND one (1) year of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
3. Bachelor's Degree in any discipline from an accredited institution AND three (3) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
4. Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies from a Paralegal Program AND five (5) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
5. Certificate from a Paralegal Program AND five (5) years of substantive Paralegal experience; OR
6. Designation of CLA, CP or RP or other Paralegal credential approved and recognized by the Keystone Alliance of Paralegal Associations AND two (2) years of substantive Paralegal experience.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Requirements – Twelve (12) hours with two (2) hours being in ethics for every two (2) years' renewal.
- Examination – No exam at this time.
- Fees – Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars non-refundable Processing Fee for initial two (2) year period. Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars non-refundable Processing Fee for each renewal period of two (2) years. Fees subject to change.

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## **NFPA NEWS OF NOTE**

### **NATIONAL FEDERATION OF PARALEGAL ASSOCIATIONS (NFPA) ANNOUNCES THE APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT OF A BASIC PROFICIENCY EXAM**

Edmonds, WA, December 2009

At the 2009 Annual Policy Meeting, the NFPA delegates voted to approve the development and implementation of a Basic Proficiency Exam. The National Federation of Paralegal Associations, the Leader of the Paralegal Profession, has begun developing an entry-level exam for newly graduating paralegals to test their skills, knowledge and ability. This is great news for students graduating from a paralegal program, paralegals just entering the work force, and other paralegals who may not yet qualify for a state certification exam or PACE, NFPA's Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam.

The Basic Proficiency Exam is being developed with the assistance of the nationally recognized not-for-profit firm, Professional Examination Service ("PES", [www.proexam.org](http://www.proexam.org)), as well as experienced paralegals and paralegal educators. PES has been involved in developing credentialing exams for over 50 years. PES is well respected for its scientific development of exams with integrity and validity of the test questions, including PACE.

The Basic Proficiency Exam will test the knowledge, skills and ability of individuals who are working as paralegals or entering the profession. The format and length of the exam will be based on results gathered from a scientifically prepared task analysis. It will take into account coursework in paralegal programs as well as actual skills considered essential to basic competency in the profession. It will also include sections on law office technology and ethics. The exam is intended to distinguish those individuals taking it from other entry level paralegals.

The exam is expected to debut in early 2011.

NFPA is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 11,000 paralegals and is headquartered in Edmonds, WA. NFPA's core purpose is the advancement of the paralegal profession. NFPA promotes a global presence for the paralegal profession and leadership in the legal community.

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As members of a self-directed profession, all paralegals should consider the vital role the profession performs within the legal service industry. PACE is independently monitored and well-structured. PACE provides test results across practice areas and, possibly, state-specific laws. While the test is offered on a voluntary basis, all experienced paralegals are encouraged to sit for the exam.

NFPA® is committed to ensuring the paralegal profession responds to the changing needs of the public and legal service industry. In voting to develop PACE, NFPA's membership took a bold step toward addressing the future issues facing the profession.

Lexis-Nexis has sponsored a twenty minute presentation on paralegals which highlights PACE and can be ordered from the [PACE Merchandise](#) page. For more information on Lexis-Nexis newsletter [click here](#).





## **STUDENT CORNER**

### **Student liaisons hard at work on “How I Got My First Job”**

Student liaisons Mary Kay Alt and Mark D’Annunzio are allowing no dust to settle on them! They are in the process of planning a student event entitled *How I Got My First Job*. An exact date has not yet been set, but they are looking to schedule the event for the end of May, just in time to assist graduating students. “Our objective is to give paralegal students a chance to have their resumes previewed and to receive insight as to how other paralegals obtained their first job,” explained Mary Kay.

A panel of 4-5 experienced members of the MCPA will be sought to speak about their early career experiences. If you would like to participate in this panel discussion for the benefit of the students, please contact Mary Kay at [mkayalt@comcast.net](mailto:mkayalt@comcast.net) or Mark at [dannunzio.mark@gmail.com](mailto:dannunzio.mark@gmail.com).

This event will be open to both member and non-member paralegal students. Resume help will be available, so be sure to bring your resume along.

Specific details will be provided in the April issue of the newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any questions or additional ideas, please contact Mary Kay or Mark.



# VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MCPA

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! The Fundraising and Public Relations Committees are newly formed and are actively seeking new committee members.

## **Membership**

Coordinate membership drives and membership matters

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## **Newsletter**

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## **Job Bank**

Solicit, accumulate, and distribute current job postings to the general membership

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## **Marketing**

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## **Public Relations**

Promote the MCPA in the legal and general Community

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## **Planning**

Plan and schedule upcoming MCPA presentations, meetings and social events

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## **Community Outreach**

Plan and schedule MCPA charitable and community events

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## **Fundraising**

Organize and hold fundraisers for the Association and/or charitable organizations

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## **Mentoring**

Provide a range of services and support to students interested in a paralegal career

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- Assist with discovery and trial preparation.
- Attend and report on independent medical exams (IME).
- Develop MSA reports for workers' compensation cases.
- Any case with medical related issues.

- *Personal Injury* • *Nursing Home* • *Auto* • *Criminal*
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## **MCPA JANUARY 2010 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Old Business -**

Year end balance for 2009 as of 12/30/09 is \$7,962.46.

BeadforLife sale at the Holiday Social raised \$895.00 for the Women of Uganda.

### **New Business -**

Our first general meeting will be our Kick-off / Induction Meeting on January 28, 2010 at Williamsons Restaurant at 6:00 P.M. The next general meeting will be an Ethics seminar held at Elliott Greenleaf in Blue Bell.

MCPA will host KAPA's Spring Meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> in King of Prussia.

NFPA Spring meeting will be held in Pittsburgh on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Deb Arbuckle and our new secondary, Sherry Barag, will be attending to represent MCPA.

The Board was presented a 2010 Business Plan and projected Budget for review and discussion.

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### **The following Motions were made and carried:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Harry Reichner to move \$5,000.00 to a separate interest bearing account entitled "Reserve Fund" and the purpose and use of these funds will be determined by the Board with an approval of use by a majority vote.

- **SECONDED** by Debbie Long

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Harry that we award plaques to two former board members for their commitment and their many years of hard work and dedication to MCPA.

- **SECONDED** by Deb Arbuckle

**MOTION:** Deb Arbuckle motioned that we offer a free membership each year to 1 voting member and 1 student and that this be awarded at the Holiday Social.

- **SECONDED** by Annette Rolon

**NOTICE TO MCPA MEMBERS:** You need not to be a board member to attend board meetings – members are always welcome to attend. Please feel free to contact a board member at any time to confirm the date, time and location of the next board meeting.





## *And now a word from our sponsors...*

Actually, a word *about* our sponsors. The relationship between the MCPA and its sponsors offers mutual benefits.

### **Benefits to the MCPA**

The support we receive from our sponsors allows us to carry out Association functions, offer free CLE's, and participate in the development of the paralegal profession not only locally, but also at the statewide and national levels. Additionally, we have a pool of expert resources readily available if, for instance, we need to obtain a Certificate of Merit, develop a Life Care Plan, schedule a deposition, or suggest a resource for assistance with legal staffing.

### **Benefits to Our Sponsors**

Sponsors of the MCPA have a direct link to the legal community. Information distributed at our general membership meetings can be shared with attorneys, office managers, and coworkers who may have a need for the specific services offered. Direct advertising is available through *MCPA Today*, and sponsor and vendor links are readily accessible through our website.

### **What Can You Do?**

Check the MCPA website on a regular basis so that you know who our sponsors are. Then, share this information – as well as information you receive at our general membership meetings – with those in your office who have a need for these services. Be sure to have them mention the MCPA when they call so that the provider knows the work came through us and will be likely to renew their sponsorship next year.

Don't see one of your office's service providers on our website? Could this service provider benefit from a relationship with the MCPA? Let us know! Send an e-mail to Debbie Long at [dlong@dbyd.com](mailto:dlong@dbyd.com) or Debbie Arbuckle at [darbuckle@kaplaw.com](mailto:darbuckle@kaplaw.com). If the service provider becomes a sponsor of the MCPA, you will receive a \$25 debit card!

*"This is your organization. The more involved you are, the more you will benefit from your membership." Sharon Jones, founding President of MCPA, 1999*



## ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE TO MCPA MEMBERS

Do you own your own business? Consider advertising in the *MCPA Today*.

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¼ page ..... \$15 per issue

Business Card ..... \$8 per issue

**Commit to a full year and receive one ad for free!**

Complete the information below and submit along with your advertisement to Tracey L. Barnes, RP, Pa. C.P., [tbarnes@dbyd.com](mailto:tbarnes@dbyd.com) (Word or JPEG format preferred, PDF format accepted). Payments should be mailed to MCPA, PO Box 1765, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422.

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Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Issues \_\_\_\_\_

\*All submissions are subject to Board review and approval.



## **CYBER HELP**

Suggestions for helpful websites always needed.  
Please submit to Tracey Barnes at [tbarnes@dbyd.com](mailto:tbarnes@dbyd.com).

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