

Cumberland County Paralegal Association

January 2008 Newsletter

Our January 10th, 2008 meeting was held at Hunan Garden on Raeford Road. There were 22 members in attendance, and the meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. Lisa reminded everybody that we agreed to wear name tags while attending our meetings, and to pick one up from Tanja. She announced that Jennifer Piner donated an adorable purse for our Raffle, which Beth Smith ended up winning. Congratulations, Beth!

Lisa sent a special **CONGRATULATIONS** to **Felecia Fife** on winning the **2007 Paralegal of the Year**.

Lisa asked if anybody had any questions or comments regarding the November 2007 Minutes. Leslee Black asked if our Guest Speaker should be included in the Minutes. It was agreed to table the Minutes until an Addendum was sent out.

Karen Kueny presented the Treasurer's Report for November and December, advising the members that the donations to the Rape Crisis Center and to the Animal Protection Services. Chris Rhodes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted; Rachel Estep, Ed Burkett, Pam Zinser and Trudy Rutherford all seconded the motion at the same time. The motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted was carried.

Old Business

The Website has been updated with the 2007 Winter Social and Paralegal of the Year pictures. Remember, if you have any pictures you would like to add to the website, please submit them to one of the Officers for approval.

Lisa announced that Tanja would be sending out Welcome Packets to all new members. Please email Tanja with your updates if any of your information has changed.

Lisa stated that the NCPA Meet and Greet was a TOTAL SUCCESS. She THANKED everybody who attended, and SHAME ON those who did not attend – you missed a fantastic presentation, that was both interesting and informative. She would like to have a similar presentation at one of our meetings.

A Special Thank You from Trudy Rutherford, to those who attended the NCPA Meet and Greet. She is truly grateful for your participation.

Lisa announced that we would be sending a \$250.00 check to the Beverly Rowlee Scholarship at Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Many, many thanks to Tanja and Felecia for their hard work in putting together the 2007 Winter Social. A special THANK YOU to Chris Rhodes for entertaining us and MCing the Chinese Gift Exchange. As you already know, Felecia was announced as the 2007 Paralegal of the Year.

Thank you to those who responded and provided information pertaining to their area of expertise. This information will be added to the Membership Booklet and the Membership List. If you haven't responded yet, please email Tanja ASAP.

New Business

Liz Smith from Reid, Lewis and Nance:
Regretfully, Lisa announced that Liz Smith passed away due to a heart attack. She will be missed in the legal community.

CCPA Seminar: Scheduled for April 12 at Fayetteville Technical Community College. We have a full line of Guest Speakers scheduled and are looking for more Exhibitors. If you know of anybody who is interested in being an Exhibitor, please have them contact Felecia. It was also discussed that Members would receive a free exhibitors table if that days sale proceeds would be split with the Association. If you are interested, please see Felecia.

Legal Support Seminar: is being scheduled for the end of April, beginning of May.

Bake Sale: your CCPA officers have tossed around the idea of having a bake sale for Valentine's Day. Unfortunately, we are not able to get the room for the bake sale, so we will hold on in March instead.

NCPA Seminar: Scheduled for March 26th and 27th in Concord, NC at the Embassy Suites Hotel. More information is available on the NCPA website, where you can register and pay with a credit card.

Membership Cards: Two of our very own, Kathy Gura and Ruth Lane brought up an idea regarding Membership Cards. It was determined that the Membership Cards would also serve as a name tag and that Tanja would create them. The 1st Membership Card / Name Tag will be free and each one replaced thereafter would cost \$2.

T-Shirts: Felecia had a fun idea regarding CCPA T-Shirts. Rather than the usual T-Shirts or Polo Shirts that list the Association's name over the right breast, maybe we could get something a little more fun. There have been a few paralegals running around town with T-Shirts that state "Paralegal - the Real Power of Attorney". An idea was presented to create a T-Shirt with our own (funny) slogan, or even a Top Ten List as to why Paralegals are better than Attorneys. Please email Michelle McQuorcendale with any suggestions.

Up & Coming

February Meeting: Will be held at Sammio's on February 14th.

Felecia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tanja seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50p.