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## Paralegal Perspectives

## Par for PAR! to benefit Legal Aid Society, et al

The Paralegal Association of Rochester is honored to host its first annual Par for PAR! golf fundraiser on Friday, Sept. 30, at Shadow Lake Golf Club in Penfield rain or shine. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Legal Aid Society of Rochester.

PAR is excited to host a Nine and Dine at Shadow Lake that will include 9 holes of golf beginning at 4 p.m. and then a chicken BBQ buffet dinner immediately following at 7 p.m. Whether you are a beginner or a pro, we welcome all participants. The cost is \$50 per person to include 9 holes of golf, cart, and dinner or for non-golfers, feel free to join us for dinner for \$35. Regardless of your level, there is sure to be fun for all and we are hoping to see members, sponsors and non-members on September 30.

We also welcome hole and table sponsors. Proudly display your firm or company's logo for a nominal fee, which will benefit the Legal Aid Society of Rochester. Legal Aid has been providing legal assistance and service for 95 years.

They support various programs such as Domestic Violence Legal Services, Limited Means Program, Attorney for the Child, Assigned Counsel Program and Home Ownership Initiative in addition to many others. Their hard work and dedication are instrumental to positively impacting not only individual's lives, but also the community as a whole.

PAR asks that you RSVP by Sept. 1. The flyer and registration form can be found on PAR's website at www.rochesterparalegal. org under the Events tab. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Board members also listed on the website.

PAR is also excited to announce that



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we are working on a new website that will include many features not previously available. We will be offering streamlined access to events, flyers, registration forms, etc., as well as an opportunity for members to customize their own profiles, including an option to add a photo of themselves. There is something to

be said about putting a face to a name.

While the general public will be able to take advantage of our new site as a valuable resource for many things, several items will only be viewable to members. PAR values each member's right to privacy and enhancing benefits to all levels of memberships is one of our many goals for the Board this year.

On Aug. 23, PAR will be hosting a seminar titled The Legal Profession: Where We Are and Where We are Headed. Our speaker is Timothy W. Hoover, Esq. of Hodgson Russ LLP who will discuss key issues and trends in the delivery of legal service and the legal profession, legal education and technology and limited license legal technicians, as well as a questions and answers session. The registration flyer is available on PAR's website or contact a Board member for more information.

Finally, PAR's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kick-Off Dinner and Auction is being held Sept. 21 at Benucci's Italian Ristorante at The Mall at Greece Ridge. In addition to a great venue and delicious food, we will have an auction of many fabulous items. We hope all members plan on attending to network with members and sponsors, enjoy a fabulous dinner and hopefully, leave with an auction item of their choice. Proceeds will benefit PAR.

PAR will also be collecting books for the United through Reading Book Drive at this event. The program sends donated new books to military personnel who are filmed reading the book and then sends the book and DVD to their child back home. See PAR's website for details and the registration form or contact any Board member.

Reminder — PAR is offering a \$500 scholarship again in 2016 for a paralegal studies student attending Monroe Community College or Bryant & Stratton College. The scholarship application and eligibility requirements are posted on our website. The scholarship will be presented to the scholarship winner at our Annual Kick-Off Dinner on Sept. 21. All applications must be postmarked no later than Sept. 2.

We look forward to all upcoming events over the next month and look forward to seeing many members, sponsors and guests in the coming weeks. PAR also welcomes suggestions for future events and/or seminars so please contact any Board member with your idea. To answer the question "What's Happening?"..."PAR is happening" and we hope you will join us!

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