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Paralegal PERSPECTIVES

PAR's Kickoff Dinner and Nine and Dine golf event

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September was an exceptionally busy month for the Paralegal Association of Rochester. We raised money, educated our members, and, of course, had fun while doing it!

On Sept. 21, PAR held its Kickoff Dinner and 12th Annual Auction at Benucci's Italian Ristorante. The night was full of fun, laughter, and great raffle items. It was well-attended by 55 people, consisting of members, sponsors and the scholarship winner, Sara Zschoche and her family.

To start the night off right, attendees mingled, grabbed a few drinks, and bought plenty of raffle tickets. There were numerous amazing items up for grabs, including gift cards to the Spa at the Delmonte donated by Hastings Law Office, P.C.; a gift card to the Gate House donated by LegalMed; gift cards to the Cheesecake Factory donated by Counsel Press; a gift card to Craft Café and Buffalo Sabres tickets donated by D4; gift cards to Massage Envy; an exceptional beverage package donated by Broom Clean Estate Services; and many more. While some had more luck at winning than others, fun was had by all.

In addition to the fabulous raffle, PAR was pleased to present our 2016 scholarship winner, Sara Zschoche, with her \$500 scholarship for the 2016-2017 academic year. Sara is a paralegal studies student at Monroe Community College and is working full time at Harris Beach, PLLC. The scholarship committee that selected Sara was impressed by her essay explaining why she has chosen to become a paralegal. PAR is pleased Sara and her family were able to join us at our Kick-Off Dinner.



Director of MCC Paralegal Studies Program Michael Martella, Esq., scholarship winner Sara Zschoche, and PAR President Dina Beaudette

PAR held its inaugural Nine and Dine Golf Event at Shadow Lake Golf Course on Friday, Sept. 30. It was a well-attended event, and although the outlook was gloomy at first the weather was very cooperative. We had 38 registered golfers and there was a three-way tie for the win. Shadow Lake was kind enough to settle the tie with the best score on two of the hardest holes. The winners were Alex Broccuto (Genesee Regional Bank), Paul Keenan (Genesee Regional Bank), Raul Martinez (Goldberg Segalla) and Nick Pontzer (Goldberg Segalla). One of our attendees, Kerri Colucci from Stewart Title, scored a hole in one.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious barbeque chicken buffet in the garden tent, and delicious desserts. We received a lot of

positive feedback about our event, and we are already taking some suggestions into consideration for next year. Between the golfers and hole sponsors, we were able to raise \$1,100 for the Legal Aid Society's Attorney for the Child Program. We are grateful to the following sponsors for helping us reach that goal: AppealTech, Batavia Legal Printing, Boylan Code LLP, Broom Clean Estate Services, Counsel Press, D4, Darlene Maimone – Nothnagle Realtors, ER Associates, Faraci Lange, Goldberg Segalla LLP, LegalMed, Merzbach Law Office, P.C., Probe Investigations, Todd Enright – RE/Max Realty and Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP. Thank you all so much for your support. We're already looking "fore"ward to next year.

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Meeting with Asst. AG

PAR's T&E section meeting with Audrey Cooper, assistant attorney general, Rochester Regional Office, was held Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Nixon Peabody. We had a great turnout with a majority of the trust and estates paralegals in Rochester attending. Cooper was well-received and very infor-

mative on the role of the Attorney General's Office representing charities or the "ultimate beneficiaries" (the public) as she put it for estate proceedings.

For those of you who might have missed out on the fun in September, have no fear. Coming up for the month of October: CLE/Lunch, titled "Anatomy of an Abstract and Title Report," presented by First American Title (Oct. 25) AND our Wine Tasting

Event at Casa Larga (Oct. 27). For anyone interested in these events, please visit our website at www.rochesterparalegal.org.

As always, thank you to our members and sponsors for making this month and every month successful!

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