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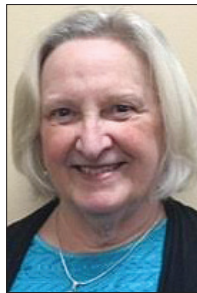
PAR holds anatomy of an abstract and title seminar

One of the aspects of the Paralegal Association of Rochester, Inc. is to keep its members informed and educated through seminars in various areas of the law, especially since there are many changes as technology constantly evolves. We also encourage and invite our sponsors and others in the legal community to offer suggestions of seminars, or to volunteer to present a seminar on a legal matter which they feel will assist paralegals.

On Oct. 25, PAR held a seminar on the "Anatomy of an Abstract and Title Report" presented by Maureen Garvey, Esq. and Anthony Lee, Esq. from First American Title Insurance Company. It was a well-attended seminar by many paralegals in the area.

There were many discussions regarding the chain of title, tenancies, covenants, easements, restrictions, bankruptcies, and the periods of limitation for various liens, just to name a few.

It was also emphasized to put as much information into deeds that can link the various parties to the property. For instance, if there is a deceased spouse, specify that the property was deeded



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to wife and husband "name," now deceased, and date of death. This way the chain of title shows that they were still married at the time of one spouse's death.

The same is true in a matrimonial situation. In the case where one spouse transfers his or her interest in the property to another, state in the deed, "pursuant to an agreement dated X"... Many questions were asked and answered, and it was a very informative seminar.

Annual holiday party

PAR's annual holiday party for its members and sponsors will be on Wednesday, Dec. 14. PAR has adopted two families through Willow Domestic Violence Center and will be gathering gift cards, clothes and toys for the families. We are also collecting books for the United Through Reading Program with the USO. For this

charity a service person receives a children's book; he or she is then recorded reading the book, and, in turn, the book and recording is sent to the service person's child. To learn more about the donations to either organization, please go to PAR's website at www.rochesterparalegal.org.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, some of our members will volunteer with the Small Business Council to help distribute food boxes filled with Thanksgiving dinners to be distributed to more than 3,000 families.

PAR will offer a tour of the Monroe County Crime Lab again on Friday, Jan. 27, at 4:00 p.m. Registration information will be emailed shortly to members.

Again, if anyone has a topic for a seminar or if anyone is interested in presenting a seminar, please contact Jill Warner at jillannwarner@gmail.com.

PAR would like to wish everyone a happy and safe thanksgiving!

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