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2009 ROANOKE BAR FOUNDATION GALA AND LAW DAY CELEBRATION

BY SARAH JESSEE

This year's Roanoke Bar Association Foundation Gala took place on May 1 2009 – a day that was truly a cause for celebration. May 1 is traditionally observed as "Law Day" in recognition of the role of law in this country's foundation. The birthday of pioneer civil rights attorney Oliver White Hill also falls on May 1st, making the annual celebration of justice especially poignant since the Oliver White Hill Foundation shared the proceeds of this year's Gala with the Roanoke Bar Association Foundation.



Robert S. Glenn, 2009
Bo Rogers Award Winner

RBA members didn't let the sluggish economy stop them from showing their support for the Gala's worthy causes, and thanks to the generous contributions of individual bar members and Gala sponsors, the Roanoke Bar Association Foundation and the Oliver White Hill Foundation each received over \$7500 to continue their important work.

The Oliver White Hill Foundation honors Mr. Hill by carrying on his legacy in the field of civil rights. The Foundation acknowledges that our increasingly diverse society still holds the vestiges of inequality, and it sponsors programs that work to meet those challenges in Mr. Hill's memory. Prior to this year's Gala, the Oliver White Hill Foundation hosted an open house at Mr. Hill's childhood home here in Roanoke. The event marked the start of the Washington and Lee Community Law Center, an exciting new partnership between the Foundation and the Washington and Lee University School of Law, intended to alleviate the harsh consequences of urban poverty. (See W&L Community Law Center Article, p.10) Many Gala attendees had the opportunity to attend the Community Law Center's open house earlier on the afternoon of May 1 and welcome its services into the Roanoke community.

Later in the evening, Gala guests gathered at the Hotel Roanoke, where the dinner – and the dinner program – were the best in recent memory. Esther H. Vassar, Virginia ABC Commissioner and Oliver

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White Hill Foundation President, spoke to Mr. Hill's impressive legacy in a moving speech titled: "Who Is Mr. Hill?" Ms. Vassar painted a picture of a man whose careful thought and fearless action encourage us to be better people. As several presenters acknowledged, the spirit of Mr. Hill was very much alive in the room that evening. Dean Rodney Smolla, of the Washington and Lee University School of Law, spoke to the "Rule of Law," reminding attendees that the Rule itself is no substitute for a firm belief in and commitment to justice.

This year's Young Lawyer and Lifetime Achievement award recipients also delivered excellent speeches. Accepting the award for "Young Lawyer of the Year," Wade Anderson, spoke humbly and hilariously about his Bar involvement. This year's Frank W. "Bo" Rogers Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Robert Glenn, brought down the house with an unforgettable story about a boy...and his duck. RBA Presi-

dent Mark Cathey made one last nod to history at the program's closing when he shared a picture of the Roanoke Bar Association members taken in 1960. The por-



Esther Vassar, Oliver White Hill Foundation President

trait not only featured the Lifetime Achievement Award's namesake, Bo Rogers, but also every Lifetime Achievement Award recipient to-date.



Rodney Smolla, Dean of W&L Law

The Gala would not have been possible without its gener-

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY MARK K. CATHEY, PRESIDENT



Our association had a very good year, highlighted by our participation in the VBA's Rule of Law Program, the best Law Day Gala and Celebration yet, and a new-format Bench-Bar Conference. Barrister Book Buddies, Youth Court, and Santa in the Square were flawless.

Our CLEs were well-attended, and the revenue they

produced, along with the Gala Revenue, fully funded the Foundation's Kincanon scholarships again this year.

Our Board of Directors was one of the strongest in our history. Leaving this year are Tracy Giles, Bryce Hunter, Al Knighton, Al McLean, and Elizabeth Perrow. Although their first terms had ended, David Bowers and Linda Gustad are returning for more service.

Our Association has programs that we did not present this year already in place: the Practice of Law in Southwest Virginia, the Trial Practice Seminar and Mock Trial, and Wills for Heroes. Depending on demand and the availability of volunteers, all of these programs may well return.

We have also begun a relationship with the Washington and Lee Community Law Clinic at the Oliver Hill House. Our volunteer

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LAWYERS TEACH THE RULE OF LAW BY

BY ELIZABETH BARBOUR AND LINDA GUSTAD

"Ours is a government of liberty by, through and under law. No man is above it, and no man is below it."

- Theodore Roosevelt

The rule of law limits political power, prevents tyrannical government and mob rule, protects against discrimination of all types, and serves as the mediator in disputes between the executive and legislative branches of our government. It preserves the independence of the judiciary, who interpret and enforce the law. It provides the framework in which the business of a free market can flourish in orderly fashion.

On February 18, 2009, 60 lawyers, judges and law students reported to seventh and eighth grade civics classrooms in Roanoke City, Roanoke County and Salem to help approximately 2000 students gain a deeper understanding of the rule of law and Roosevelt's maxim. This outpouring of volunteer effort represented the pilot staging of the Rule of Law Project, developed by the Virginia Bar Association under the leadership of 2009 VBA president, G. Michael Pace, Jr., managing partner of Gentry, Locke, Rakes, & Moore.

"I like this project because it gave the students a chance to interact with the people actually in the field of study," commented Bob Penn, a teacher from Salem. "It wasn't a you-tube clip, or a blurb in a textbook, but real lawyers and judges

discussing the law, our rights, and the principles of our democracy."

A Successful Beginning

This fall, the VBA Rule of Law Project will be introduced to public and private schools throughout Virginia. H. Timothy Isaacs, Director of Curriculum Development for the Roanoke City schools, who worked

importantly, they learned first hand that lawyers and judges are citizens like themselves, and each citizen has a part in maintaining the rule of law for the good of us all." Isaacs heard "universally supportive" comments from participants, with the most repeated comment being a request for more time together.

"Both of the volunteers I worked with shared specific examples of cases with the students. These examples can bring law to life for our students," said Heather Gerbus, Social Studies Chair at Breckinridge Middle School.

Mary Natkin and Howard Highland, attorneys working with the Washington and Lee Community Law Center at the Oliver Hill House in Roanoke,



on the project from the beginning, visited several classrooms on February 18. He praised the efforts of the volunteer attorneys to create a relaxed and friendly atmosphere that encouraged students to engage in the discussion.

"I saw at least one judge and three lawyers give students their phone numbers and email addresses so the students could contact them if they had questions," said Isaacs. "This kind of involvement marked the real success of the program. Yes, students learned what the rule of law means and why it's important to study civics in order to be good citizens. But more

recruited three law students to teach the Rule of Law Project curriculum. Law student Anthony Segura remarked, "It was truly inspiring to see how engaged and interested the students were in learning about the rule of law."

How the Project Grew

As VBA president, Pace felt called to inspire Virginia lawyers to build public awareness of the rule of law and its importance to the American system of government and way of life. When his daughter talked about studying the Constitution and the three branches of government as part of her public school

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civics class at Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem, Pace had an idea. "It struck me that lawyers are uniquely positioned to teach our children about the rule of law as the foundation for everything we have and enjoy as citizens," says Pace. "I wanted my daughter and her classmates around Virginia to understand that in America, the rule of law means we live free because of laws and we are all in this together. Absent the rule of law, life here would be much, much different."

Working closely with civics teachers and school administrators, VBA Rule of Law Project coordinators scheduled each volunteer attorney or law student to teach one or more civics classes, using a model curriculum developed through the VBA Rule of Law Program. This revolutionary educational model, which was made possible by a \$50,000 grant from the Virginia Law Foundation, included development of a website (www.ruleoflaw-vba.org) and production of a DVD to be used as part of the classroom presentations. In the DVD, Virginia Supreme Court justices Leroy Hassell and Elizabeth Lacy and former governor Gerald Baliles explore the history and meaning of the rule of law

The Rule of Law Project is intended to enhance the intellectual

skills required for responsible citizenship and instill respect for law in students as they realize that the rule of law is what sets America apart from the rest of the world. For attorneys, the project presents an opportunity to exemplify the profession's ideals of serving and educating the public about laws and lawyers' role in society. Roanoke City superintendent of

torneys. They watched the DVD, received teaching materials that included suggested discussion topics, lesson plans, and landmark court decisions, and had a chance to pose questions and help each other prepare for the classroom activities. All teachers, students, and volunteer attorneys received a blue rubber bracelet that read, "The Law Rules."



In the Classrooms

"The students in my group were well versed in the political process, thanks to their fantastic teacher, Vince Mier, who had prepped them for the day," said Erin Ashwell, adjunct professor at Hollins University. "I was impressed at how easily they related rule of law concepts to the school."

Jacqueline F.

schools Dr. Rita Bishop has long emphasized the goal of her administration to "engage the entire community in our educational endeavors."

The Rule of Law Project's "community effort" included a scholarly symposium for middle school civics teachers, facilitated by Dean Rodney A. Smolla of the Washington and Lee University School of Law to assist them in teaching the rule of law in their classrooms. Pace called the energy in the room "palpable."

In the weeks leading to February 18, 2009, Pace conducted training seminars for the volunteer at-

Ward Talevi, Chief Judge of the General District Court for the 23rd Judicial District, addressed two civics classes at Lucy Addison Middle School. "I think immediate engagement of the student audience is vital to the success of the session," Judge Talevi said. "Before the DVD began, I introduced 'buzz words' that I wanted the students to listen for . . . rule of law, equal, fair, consequences. After the DVD, I asked for a show of hands as to who heard the phrase 'rule of law' and what was the context. That got the students immediately engaged. I also used an example case cited in the DVD (about a teacher who brought a handgun to school and

BARRISTER BOOK BUDDY TAKES CLASS TO RICHMOND FOR FIELD TRIP

BY LEIGH STRELKA



Justice Koontz with the Lincoln Terrace 4th Graders

On February 26, 2009, two Fourth Grade classes from Lincoln Terrace Elementary School in Roanoke traveled to the Supreme Court of Virginia with their Roanoke Bar Association Barrister Book Buddy, Tommy Strelka. Because Strelka is a judicial law clerk for Justice Lawrence L. Koontz, Jr., the children were provided with a rare look behind the scenes of the February Merit Session of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

After the children observed oral arguments, Chief Justice Hassell and Justice Koontz addressed the students about the importance of the rule of law, maintaining good study habits, and provided a brief history of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The children ended the session with a tour of the Courthouse of the Supreme Court of Virginia where they learned about the history of the building, including that it had once been a federal reserve bank.

Strelka also arranged for the children to take a tour of the General Assembly, where they learned the history of the legislature in Virginia and how laws are made today. The students also met with their representative in the House of Delegates, Del. Onzlee Ware, at his office.

Del. Ware discussed the importance of education and maintaining a positive attitude and formally welcomed the students from Lincoln Terrace on the floor of the House of Delegates.

The students had a wonderful and educational experience.

Thanks to Tommy Strelka for going above and beyond as a Roanoke Bar Association Barrister Book Buddy.



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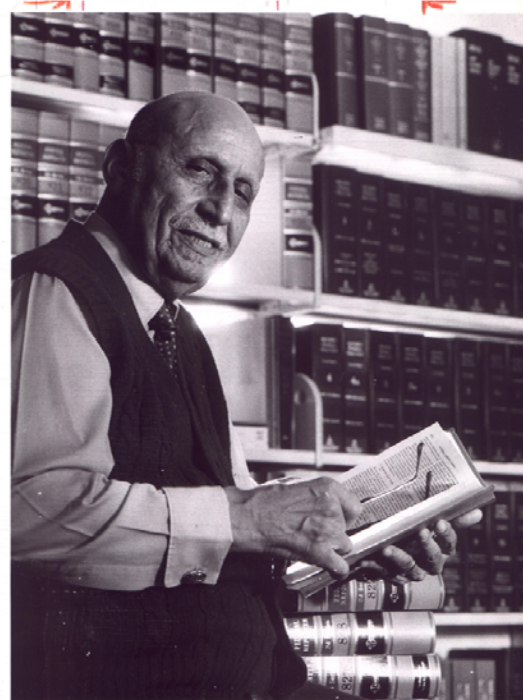
was subsequently convicted) to illustrate many points, such as even-handed application of the law. This case study generated other questions, too, about the court's role and sentencing options, etc." Roanoke Mayor David A. Bowers, in his class at Breckenridge Middle School, discussed the element of "mercy" and the ideal of "justice" which temper the law. "The example of the teacher unknowingly taking a gun onto school premises opened up a discussion about how the judicial system should counter balance harshness with compassion," said Bowers. I happened to look at an American Eagle on the wall of the classroom and pointed out that the eagle was clutching arrows in one talon and an olive branch symbolizing peace in the other."

While February 2009 marked the initial presentation of the Rule of Law Project, it is designed to become an annual event to bring lawyers and educators together. "Schools do the real work of our democracy," said Harvard Law School Professor David Wilkins last September at the Virginia Department of Education Civics Summit in Richmond. Noting Thomas Jefferson and George Mason, Wilkins continued, "Virginia is ground zero for thinking about issues of education and civics and the relationship between the two." Engaging students in civic life is the future of our democracy. Abraham Lincoln said: "Teach the children so it will not be necessary to teach the adults."

WHO IS OLIVER WHITE HILL, SR?

BY SARAH JESSEE

Oliver White Hill, Sr. led a long, successful life and left us with an important legacy. Here, we take a closer look at some of Mr. Hill's milestones and accomplishments. Mr. Hill successfully argued hundreds of civil rights cases, including cases which led to desegregation of buses and trains, equal pay for African American teachers, desegregation of public assembly and recreational facilities, and the right of African Americans to sit on juries.



- 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* finds that equal but separate public accommodations based on race are not unconstitutional.
- 1907 Oliver White Hill born in Richmond, VA. His family moved to Roanoke, VA when he was still a small child.
- 1930 Entered Howard University's School of Law, after earning an undergraduate degree from Howard University. Met Charles Hamilton Houston, who would later go on to assemble a "dream team" of civil rights attorneys.
- 1933 Graduated from Howard University School of Law, second in his class after Thurgood Marshall.
- 1939 Began practicing law in Richmond, VA.
- 1940 Won his first civil rights case with fellow attorneys Thurgood Marshall, William H. Hastie, and Leon A. Ransom.
- 1949 Became the first African American on the City Council of Richmond since Reconstruction.
- 1951 Represented the students at the segregated R.R. Morton High School in Farmville, Virginia. The subsequent lawsuit, *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*, later became one of the five cases decided under *Brown v. Board of Education*.
- 1959 Named National Bar Association's "Lawyer of the Year."
- 1968 The U.S. Supreme Court decides against "freedom of choice" in *Green v. School Board of New Kent County*. Mr. Hill's law partner, Samuel Tucker, was lead counsel in the landmark case.
- 1999 Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton.
- 2005 Awarded the Springarn Medal, the NAACP's highest honor.
- 2007 Mr. Hill passed away peacefully at his home in Richmond, VA. His life spanned an entire century.

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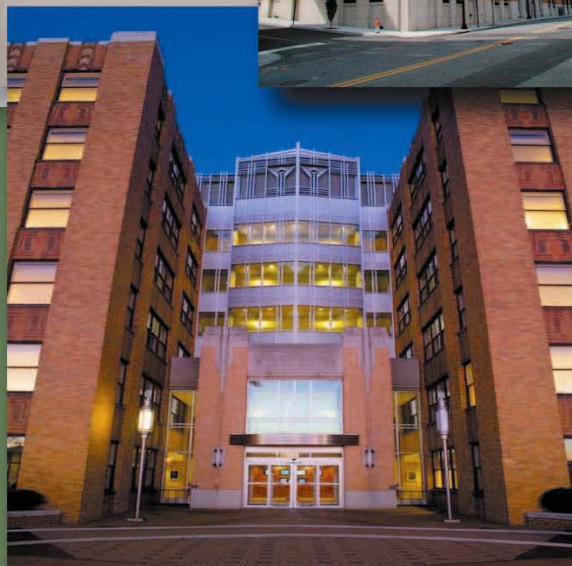


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ROANOKE LAW LIBRARY NEWS & INFORMATION

BY JOSEPH KLEIN



In November I will have been at the Law Library for five years and we have seen many changes during those five years. The Library is now open five days a week, we check out popular fiction and DVDs, we have switched our free public legal research access to Westlaw, we have moved things around a lot, and hopefully most of these changes have been met with approval. The one constant has been our commitment to providing quality legal information and friendly service to the Roanoke Legal Community. I am sure many of you have read about the City of Roanoke's tough budget situation and I have even been asked many concerned questions about the future of the Law Library. I can assure you that the Law Library will continue to be here to serve you for many years and we don't anticipate any changes to our services or collection or to the current hours of operation. One further change that will be taking place is that Joyce Sherman, the wonderful Library Associate who has been with the Roanoke Law Library for eight years, will be moving to the beautifully renovated Gainsboro Branch of the Library beginning in July. If you get a chance to stop by and wish her well, I know she would appreciate it. I know Joyce has enjoyed working here and will miss you all.



Historical Display Case

I would like to thank the Bar Association and particularly Mark Cathey and Cathy Caddy for this beautiful new addition to the Roanoke Law Library (photograph above). Mark and Cathy thought it was important to make these materials available to the public in a safe place and I think we have certainly accomplished that. I encourage you all to stop by and check it out when you get a chance.

As you can see, the display blends right in with the Law Library, and the fascinating historical documents inside are both interesting and educational.

Friday Morning Coffee

Beginning on July 10th the Roanoke Law Library will start serving complimentary coffee in the Attorneys' Lounge every Friday morning. This will be an opportunity for you to run by for a quick jolt before court or a meeting or to stop for longer and relax with a cup of coffee and perhaps run into old acquaintances or meet new ones. This is one way for us to show the Roanoke legal community how much we appreciate their continued support throughout the years.

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members will be helping the W&L students on duty at the clinic to provide services to their clients.

Howard Highland, Lawyer in residence at the Oliver Hill House, has spotted a need for estate planning for elderly citizens, and the RBA will (we hope) step up and help the clinic get under way with this project.

New Board member Mike Whitlow has taken up Judge Broadhurst's challenge to educate the public about the law, and we are looking towards a series of legal seminars next bar year.

Allow me to quote myself from my first "President's Column": "As you can see, our program and service offerings are larger than ever and growing rapidly. We have more programs than we have volunteers to staff them." In the years to come, please step up and help us continue to succeed. We are a strong Associa-

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BARRISTER BOOK BUDDIES BY THE NUMBERS

BY SAM VANCE AND LINDA GUSTAD



School is out for another year. In honor of the fact that the Barrister Book Buddy Program turns ten years old this year, let's look back at the 2008-2009 season. A total of 41 Roanoke Bar Association volunteers read to 38 classes of students in Roanoke City Public Schools. From kindergarten to fifth grade, 610 students listened to Buddies read (Kindergarten, 192; 1st Grade, 105; 2nd Grade, 156; 3rd Grade, 53; 4th Grade, 56; 5th Grade, 48). Here's a breakdown of the number of kids at each school that participated in the program:

Garden City	172
Lincoln Terrace	94
Morningside	147
Preston Park	167
Roanoke Academy for Mathematics and Science (RAMS), R. Hill	30

The RBA partners in the Barrister Book Buddy program are the Roanoke City Schools, Scholastic Books, and Mental Health America of the Roanoke Valley (MHA). This year the MHA donated a new, hardback book for each classroom in the program. It was called "Odd Violet," about a new girl who came to school and taught everyone that being different can be fun. The RBA purchased enough age-appropriate books through Scholastic to give each

student in each Barrister Book Buddy classroom a book to take home. To cap off another great year, the program received an award plaque from the Roanoke City Schools which honors Barrister Book Buddy volunteers for "service above and beyond the call."

RBA members can all be proud of these numbers. But it's the one-on-one contact with kids and teachers that makes being a Book Buddy so special.

Barrister Book Buddy Sara Gick read to her kindergarten class at RAMS one last time on Tuesday, June 9. The kids presented her with a class picture to keep and lots of hugs. Linda Gustad's kindergarten class at Morningside gave her hugs and a booklet of hand-lettered thank you notes with a 3-D butterfly on the cover that the kids had colored.

George Clemo's students typed thank letters on computers and bound them into a nice coffee table book with a yellow construction paper cover. Here's one sample: "Dear Roanoke Bar Association, Thank you for the books. That was nice of you to do that. I like Robots. I didn't know that robots can be chickens. I hope you have a good summer. Sincerely, Tre."

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tion, and it been my pleasure to serve you all.

One more thing: this year we have worked to recognize the long and impressive history of our Association. Please take a minute to check out the RBA display case, and the photos of the Past Presidents now located in the Law Library.

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The Gala committee members should also be thanked for their hard work: Cathy Caddy, Tracy Giles, Lori Thompson, Al McLean, Bill Hopkins, Ric Scott, Sam Vance, and RBA President Mark Cathey all contributed to the evening's success. Here's hoping that the Gala's spirit of service lives on well into next year!

(For a review of Mr. Hill's incredible career, please see "Who Is Oliver White Hill, Sr." at page 6.) Photos from Gala Courtesy of John Barton, [Virginia ProPhoto](#).

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WASHINGTON AND LEE COMMUNITY LAW CENTER AT THE OLIVER HILL HOUSE

BY MARY Z. NATKIN



The Washington and Lee Community Law Center began offering pro bono legal services in fall 2008 to help alleviate the harsh consequences of urban poverty and to enhance access to justice efforts in Roanoke, Virginia.

The Center began a partnership with Blue Ridge Legal Services in November 2008, focusing on elder law issues. The Center also works with TAP and with Virginia CARES to assist ex-offenders with restoration of civil rights; with the Virginia Bar Association on the Rule of Law Project; with Christine Poarch of the Poarch Law Firm to assist immigrant victims of violent crimes, domestic violence, and child abuse; and is beginning work on domestic relations issues with Roanoke's Family Violence Coordinating Council. The Center has also accepted its first state habeas corpus client.

Since May 2009, the Center has maintained an "open door" policy, and invites the indigent community to schedule an appointment to meet with the on-site attorney, Howard L.

Highland. Mr. Highland can be reached by phone at 491-9302.

Upper-level law students from Washington and Lee School of Law with training in client interviewing and counseling skills also staff the Center. Nine law students have worked at the Hill House since it opened last year.

Highland will be joined by Clinical Instructor Anthony Segura during the fall 2009 semester. In addition, two third-year law students will devote approximately twenty hours per week during the semester to expand services at the Center. Other students will assist on a project basis, as needed.

Local attorneys who desire assistance with pro bono matters or

who would like to help the serve the Center's growing client base can contact the Center. In addition, attorneys can be a part of the new third-year curriculum at W&L Law by becoming a mentor to a future attorney. As part of the new program, students must fulfill a law-related service requirement, and these experiences will be greatly enhanced through partnerships with attorneys experienced in providing advice or assistance to fellow community members.

Mary Z. Natkin is Assistant Dean for Clinical Education & Public Service and a Clinical Professor of Law at W&L Law School.

NO-BILLS NIGHT NEEDS YOU!

June 30, 2009 is No Bills Night. This special event, conducted by the Young Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar, is an opportunity for members of the Roanoke legal community to provide a valuable service to our local community, while promoting our profession in a positive manner. The Roanoke No Bills Night coordinates with the Council of Community Services and News Channel 10. Volunteers from the legal community will be available at both of these locations on Tuesday evening, June 30, 2009, answering telephone calls and

providing limited legal representation to callers from the community who need legal advice. Volunteers can register for participation in No Bills Night by going to www.roanokebar.com and clicking "Events." Attorneys can choose from several shifts. News Channel 10, 401 3rd Street SW: Shift 1 (4:45-5:45 p.m.) or Shift 2 (5:45-6:30 p.m.). Council of Community Services, 502 Campbell Ave. SW: Shift 1 (5:30-6:30 p.m.), Shift 2 (6:30-7:30 p.m.), Shift 3 (7:30-8:30 p.m.). If you have questions, please contact Leigh Strelka (leigh_strelka@gentrylocke.com) and or Travis Graham. (travis_graham@gentrylocke.com).

CORNELISON HONORED

BY MARK CATHEY

At the Annual Meeting on June 9, the Board and membership of the Roanoke Bar Association afforded special recognition to Charlie Cornelison, President of the Association in 1996-7. Mr. Cornelison, using funds carefully socked away by long-time RBA treasurer James M. Kincanon, established and incorporated the Roanoke Bar Association Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, on June 10, 1997. The Foundation has since awarded over \$89,000 in scholarships to college and law school attendees through the James N. Kincanon Scholarship.

According to its articles of incorporation, the Foundation was "established to improve and facilitate the administration of justice, to promote the diffusion of knowledge of the law, and to effect such other educational and charitable purposes as the trustees from time-to-time shall determine." In recent years, the Foundation has provided an initial financial gift to the Oliver Hill Foundation, has established "Santa in the Square," which provides a holiday party for children and their parents who are living in shelters in our area during the holiday season, and has hosted the Gala and Law Day Celebration at the Hotel Roanoke.

Ray Leven, President of the Association in 2002-2003, said "Charlie was a forward-thinking President, and the Foundation idea was a great thing that has proven itself."



Charlie Cornelison accepts a plaque commemorating his incorporation of the Roanoke Bar Association Foundation; from left: Judge Dorsey, new President-Elect Chip Casola, new President Roy Creasy, Mr. Cornelison and Past President Al McLean.



There are now three known photographs of the Presidents of the RBA. The first was taken in 1981 at the Patrick Henry Hotel. Another was taken in about 1997 (unveiling at left by Judge Dorsey and Mark Cathey); the third was taken on June 9, 2009 after the membership meeting.



Aaron Bruce Cook, J.M. Kincanon Scholarship Recipient, is recognized at the June Bar Luncheon Meeting.

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2009 J.M. KINCANON SCHOLARSHIPS

Brian Hugh Burke
Aaron Bruce Cook
Kathryn Audrey Lawryszek
Lila Neives-Lee
Meridith Louise Tennison

RBA MEMBERSHIP PICTURES

BY LINDA GUSTAD

A new composite photograph of the Roanoke Bar Association membership will soon be available for purchase. A total of 367 members will be pictured, approximately 68% of the total RBA membership. A large version of the composite will go on permanent display at the Roanoke Bar Law Library. The last composite of the RBA membership was completed in 2000.

Several individuals made the picture-taking process run smoothly. Official RBA Photographer John Barton of [Virginia Pro Photo, Inc.](http://www.vaprophoto.com) set up a portrait studio in a conference room at the Virginia Museum of

Transportation . Appointment Plus, a web-based appointment program discovered by Cathy Caddy , made it easy for each member to schedule an appointment to have a picture taken. The program sent out automatic reminders and allowed members to reschedule an appointment if necessary.

John and Cathy scheduled three sessions of four days each in April and May, with some early morning and evening hours, in hopes of accommodating members' already busy schedules. Easy, free parking at the museum and its location near downtown made it the perfect spot for the photo sessions. Special thanks to

Bev Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the museum, for making the studio space available to the RBA.

Each portrait sitting was completed in minutes. The member could view the picture proofs immediately on John's computer equipment, choose the desired pose, and order copies of the photo for the law firm or family. Members can take a look at the membership photos on John's website, www.vaprophoto.com Watch the RBA membership announcement e-mails later this summer for information about ordering your own copy of the composite.

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The Roanoke Bar Association welcomes the following new active members since the Fall 08 Newsletter: J. Andrew Austin, WootenHart; Charles R. Bullen, Office of Public Defender; Benjamin D. Byrd, Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore; William J. Charboneau, McGee, Foster, Goldstein and Sayers; Christen C. Church, Gentry, Locke, Rakes & Moore; Isak J. Howell, WoodsRogers, Shannon L. Jones, with the office of Leon P. Ferrance PC; Robert L. Lawson, Office of the Public Defender; Garren R. Laymon, McGee, Foster, Goldstein and Sayers; Timothy Joel Mattison, Frith, Anderson & Peake PC; Daniel Timothy Sarrell, Woods Rogers PLC; Thomas E. Strelka, Strickland, Diviney & Strelka; L. Leigh R. Strelka; Gentry, Locke, Rakes & Moore, Adam G. Swann, Guynn, Memmer & Dillon PC; Dwight E. Thompson, Commonwealth's Attorney

UPCOMING EVENTS

Put these dates on your calendar!

- * June 30, 2009 No Bills Night
- 2009-10 First Meeting of the Bar Year: September 8, 2009
- Santa in the Square – December 2009
- Fifth Annual Roanoke Bar Association Foundation Gala and Law Day Celebration – April 30, 2010.

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Roanoke Bar Association welcomes the following new associate members since the Fall 08 Newsletter: Elizabeth C. Beck, Diana M. Miller, Kristina D. Rutledge, Justin E. Simmons (Roanoke Circuit Court). Julianna Drisch (Judge Agee).

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