

# Henrico Bar News

## June 2015

### Henrico County Bar Association

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### *From the Desk of Michael Y. Feinmel, HCBA President*

On May 20, 2015, I was honored to be sworn in as President of the Henrico County Bar Association for the 2015-2016 year. It was a particular honor to have the oath administered by the Hon. Margaret W. Deglau, Judge of the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. For those of you who were not in attendance, Judge Deglau's and my friendship dates back to middle school.



I have had the honor of serving on the Henrico County Bar Association Board for the past seven years under some great presidents and good friends: Chris MacTurk, Stan Wellman, Donna Lange, Mike Rothermel, Marissa Mitchell, Jon Nichols and Carl Schwartz. Each brought an impressive level of dedication and each insured that the Bar Association was even better when their presidency was over. I hope to be able to honor their efforts by keeping the Bar Association at the high level that these past presidents accomplished.

I am honored to work aside the other officers of the Board: Julie Palmer, Jim Hopper, Brian Schneider, Natalie McClearn and Carl Schwartz. I am also looking forward to working with our Directors, almost all of which are new to the Board: Julie Cillo, Brooks Hundley, Matt Morris, Andrew Newby and Ryan Young. I have no doubt that our new Board members will bring a new energy and more innovative ideas to the Bar Association.

Each president outlines his or her goal or goals for the upcoming year. My goal is probably less tangible than that of past presidents, but one that hopefully will open the door for a greater participation in the Bar Association. As I spoke about at the Spring Banquet, both my wife and I are lifetime residents of this county, and we are proud to have raised our family here as well. As a kid growing up in Western Henrico, I always looked up to attorneys in our community. When you met a lawyer, you felt like you were meeting an important person - a leader in the community. In recent years, however, society wide that perception of attorneys as public leaders has all but disappeared. In fact, if one recent political candidate is to be believed, we as attorneys are apparently the lowest forms of life out there. An often quoted Shakespeare line is: "First thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." In fact this is one of the most misquoted Shakespeare lines. It is said by a character named "Dick the Butcher" in the play Henry VI as a call to overthrow the government and begin anarchy. Shakespeare actually meant the line as a compliment to the bar and the judges who helped maintain order in society.

My challenge to all lawyers in our area is to take back control of the mantle of the attorney as a community leader. It starts by involvement in groups such as this Association, and participation in Bar activities. We are certainly open to any ideas that will allow us to give back to the community and to restore respectability to our profession. Please feel free to contact me or any members of the Board with any ideas or suggestions for the upcoming year.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank in advance and recognize our outstanding administrator, Mary Lou Wellman. Her organization skills are amazing, and her energy and enthusiasm for this organization are what keeps the Bar going. All that works well with the Association works because of Mary Lou's dedication. If you see her at Bar events, please take a moment to thank Mary Lou for all of her hard work.

Among the things about which we are most excited is that this year will be the 10th anniversary of the John Garrett Memorial Golf Tournament. We would particularly like to make this a larger scale community event in memory of John and to benefit Comfort Zone Camp. Over the next year, we will be talking quite a bit about this event. I would encourage all of our members to contact me or any other members of the board if you have any ideas on making this a more successful event.

I look forward to a hopefully exciting and productive new year.

Sincerely,  
Michael Y. Feinmel  
President

## Annual Spring Banquet

On May 20, 2015, the Henrico County Bar Association hosted its annual Spring Banquet at the Dominion Club. The menu was of particular distinction, and members in attendance seemed to enjoy a different selection of food from the traditional banquet fare.

Items of business were to honor outgoing president Carl Schwartz for his tremendous efforts the preceding year and to swear in the incoming board. The oath of office was administered by the Hon. Margaret W. Deglau, Judge, Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Particular honor was given to Tom and Lois Tokarz for their efforts in assisting the Bar Association with its impressive website upgrade. The induction of the officers and social interaction were the topics of the night. All in attendance seemed to enjoy a relaxed evening.



Mike Huberman, President Mike Feinmel and Allison Feinmel



Judge Deglau with Nicole and Mike McCabe

## Save the Date

### **Breakfast with the General District Court and Circuit Court Judges**

Thursday, September 17, 2015  
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Jury Room

### **Breakfast with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges**

Thursday, September 24, 2015  
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Courtroom #6

### **Ethics CLE**

Wednesday, October 14, 2015  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Henrico County Board of Supervisors' Boardroom

### **Holiday Reception**

Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Willow Oaks Country Club

### **Spring Luncheon**

Thursday, March 10, 2016  
12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Westwood Club

### **Legislative Update**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Westwood Club

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## **Court Docent**

The Court Docent Program introduces 8th graders to the legal system and the practice of law by giving them an opportunity to observe hearings, meet Circuit Court and JDR Court judges, and tour the Henrico Courts Complex, Jail, and Detention Center. The





Adalyn Brugger with Lois and Tom Tokarz



Marissa Mitchell, Suzanne Wade and  
Immediate Past President Carl Schwartz



Judge Hammond with Matt and Jill Morris

Henrico County Bar Association is looking for volunteers willing to set aside one morning a school year to facilitate the students' visit. Please contact Natalie McClearn at [ntmcclearn@flaor.com](mailto:ntmcclearn@flaor.com) or 270-7253 to volunteer or get more information.

## Members on the Move

If you have recently changed jobs or been promoted, please share your news with the Henrico Bar. We would like to post your announcement in our newsletter and update your member profile.

Announcements can be emailed to Mary Lou Wellman at [admin@henricobar.org](mailto:admin@henricobar.org). Please include your name, firm or employer's name, new title and areas of concentration.

## Welcome New Member

Andrew Kolp

## Officers and Directors

### President

Michael Y. Feinmel

### President-Elect

Julie S. Palmer

### Vice President

James W. Hopper

### Secretary

Brian J. Schneider

### Treasurer

Natalie T. McClearn

### Immediate Past-President

Carl R. Schwartz

### Directors



Joe Rapisarda, Melanie Newby, Andrew Newby  
and Margie Rapisarda



John Mizell with Jim and Beverley Hopper



Melissa Nichols, Jon Nichols and David Mitchell

Julie M. Cillo  
D. Brooks Hundley  
Matthew R. Morris  
Andrew R. Newby  
Ryan C. Young

**Administrator**  
Mary Lou Wellman

## **A Big Thank You to our Golf Tournament Sponsors**

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Rosenthal

Please visit our website at [www.henricobar.org](http://www.henricobar.org) to see additional Banquet photos.

## **9th Annual John Garrett Memorial Golf Tournament**

On Thursday, June 4, 2015, the HCBA hosted our annual tribute to the late Judge John Garrett, a wonderful person and a fair Henrico jurist who our organization misses greatly. Despite being diagnosed with a serious illness, he bravely continued to serve the citizens of Henrico until his passing in 2004. Each year, our Bar Association sponsors a charity golf tournament for our members in Judge Garrett's memory.



Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not show the same level excitement as the many golfers who signed up to play a round at The Crossings. Most groups only made it through about half their round before the day was declared a wash-out. Despite the foul weather, all of the participants were in good spirits as they enjoyed a BBQ dinner and a raffle of many excellent prizes from our generous sponsors following the event.

We were pleased that Judge Garrett's wife, Lynn, was able to join us for the event. Despite the rain and low turnout, the Bar was still able to raise over \$500.00 for Comfort Zone Camp through the registration fees and generous donations from local businesses. Thank you to all of our sponsors and to all those who braved the elements to participate in this worthy cause.



Golfers readying to brave the rain.



Jeremy Capps, Lynn Garrett, Kelly Cannon (Comfort Zone)  
and Stan Wellman



The final teams that hung in there. Everyone was a winner at the raffle for prizes.

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