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November Luncheon Featuring Miriam Bender, Chef Maura, and Susie Galvez "Taking Time for Yourself"

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 1st, at 12:30 p.m.** at the Bull & Bear Club. Take a minute and put yourself first by joining us for a dynamic panel discussion all about YOU! Miriam Bender, the CEO for Women's Health Virginia, will kick off the luncheon and talk to us about staying healthy and protecting yourself against heart disease. For more information about Women's Health Virginia, please look at their website www.womenshealthvirginia.org. Next we will hear from renowned local chef and caterer, Chef Maura! Chef Maura will show us the way to enjoy delicious gourmet meals during the week without spending hours in the kitchen. She will also be generously providing a week of dinners to a lucky member in our monthly raffle! If you have not had the pleasure of trying her delicious treats, then please check her out at www.chefmaura.com.

Last, but surely not least, Susie Galvez, beauty expert and author, will talk to us about pampering ourselves a little bit everyday! You will also have a chance to win a copy of her newest book, The Thrifty Girls Guide to Glamour in our raffle. Please don't miss the fun and exciting luncheon – we would love to see you there! Please mail advanced payments to: MRWBA, P.O. Box 538, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0538. Reservations must be made by **Friday, October 27, 2006**, to: Michelle Welch at 786-7760 or mwelch@oag.state.va.us.



LUNCHEON NOTICE

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All luncheon reservations must be made by the deadline specified. Reservations may be cancelled prior to this deadline. You must make a reservation even if you mail your check. No reservations made after the deadline are guaranteed. Limited walk-in spaces are available for

each luncheon on a first-come-first-served basis. The MRWBA reserves the right to charge for the luncheon if you do not attend the luncheon after making a reservation and do not cancel prior to the deadline. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend the luncheon, you

may substitute someone in your place. However, you (or your substitution) must advise Michelle Welch at 786-7760 or mwelch@oag.state.va.us of such substitution prior to the luncheon.



President's Message



If you could not attend our October luncheon program, you missed a good one. Virginia State Bar President Karen Gould spoke about the State Bar and her involvement with bar activities over the years. She acknowledged that she was first stirred to volunteer for bar work while attending an MRWBA luncheon. That was more than 10 years ago. Today she is only the third woman to be President of the Virginia State Bar in all of its 68 years.

In the early 1970s a small group of lawyers began meeting over lunch to discuss what it was like to be a woman practicing law in Richmond. The group included Virginia Hackney, Phoebe Hall, Gammie Poindexter and Tonita Warren. They invited all Richmond area women licensed to practice law to join them for lunch at the Downtown Club. These informal lunches continued through 1974, when they decided to form an independent local bar association. The Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association was born.

Thirty-four years later, the MRWBA is still going strong. We owe a debt of gratitude to the many women who have led our association into the twenty-first century. If you are not a member, I hope you will come to our next luncheon on Wednesday, November 1 to meet us and learn more about our organization. In the meantime, I hope you will all join me in thanking our former leaders for bringing all of us together, one lunch at a time.

Past Presidents

1972-1974	Virginia H. Hackney		
1974-1975	Jerri G. Cowan	1991-1992	Mary-Ellen A. Kendall
1975-1976	Louise A. Learner	1992-1993	Genevieve L. Dybing
1976-1977	Roberta D. Liebenberg	1993-1994	Karen L. Lebo
1977-1978	Patricia M. Oesterle	1994-1995	Sharon Gregory Jacobs
1978-1979	Suzanne L. Shilling	1995-1996	Frost B. Telegadas
1979-1980	Dulcey B. Fowler	1996-1997	Yvonne S. Wellford
1980-1981	Carolyn A.H. Bourdow	1997-1998	Carolyn C. Lavecchia
1981-1982	Pamela M. Sargen	1998-1999	Karen S. Elliott
1982-1983	Ellen K. Pirog	1999-2000	Teri Craig Miles
1983-1984	Rosemary Kenyon	2000-2001	Margaret H. Smither
1984-1985	Debra J. Prillaman	2001-2002	Carole Y. Timberlake
1985-1986	Priscilla Burbank	2002-2003	Carolyn A. White
1986-1987	Maria L. Payne	2003-2004	Stephanie E. Grana
1987-1988	Jane Sper	2004-2005	Clair A. Harrington
1988-1989	Beverly W. Snukals	2005-2006	Jill Wells Nunnally
1989-1990	Kimberly Sivils Lebar		
1990-1991	Virginia W. Powell		

MEMBERSHIP

LADIES:

We have 120
members!!



**Last month's
raffle prize was
unclaimed.....**

**I CHALLENGE YOU ALL TO BRING A
PROSPECTIVE MEMBER WITH YOU TO
THE NOVEMBER LUNCHEON!!!!!!**

**if you would be interested in having a BREAKFAST with
your fellow MRWBA members, please email me at
rherman@hclawfirm.com and let me know.

-Rondelle D. Herman





Public Service Committee ~ Margaret Hardy and Jen McLemore, Co-chairs

Looking forward to the holiday season? The Public Service Committee is sponsoring a donation drive for residents of Hilliard House. Located in Henrico County, Hilliard House provides transitional housing for women and children, providing job training and education, day care, development of life plans, mental health and counseling services, and much more. Last year the Public Service Committee adopted a woman and her two children who were graduating from Hilliard House and we were able to provide everything on the family's wish list and more to help them settle into their new apartment. This year we are adopting the six single women who will be living at Hilliard House over the holidays. While Hilliard House receives generous donations for the women and children residing there during the holidays, the single women are often left out. Gifts ideas suggested by the staff at Hilliard House include: gift cards from K-Mart (the store closest to Hilliard House) or Bed, Bath & Beyond, movie passes, gift certificates for dinner for 2 at Applebees, winter blankets, and towel sets. We will be collecting donations at the November and December luncheons. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, we will be happy to purchase gift cards with the money collected.

Members of the Public Service Committee, along with friends and family members, participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraising walk on October 15 in Byrd Park. If you would like to make a donation, it's not too late! Please contact Margaret Hardy at 783-7277 or mhardy@sandsanderson.com.

The Public Service Committee offers many opportunities for volunteering, from speaking to students at Thomas Jefferson High School to showing off your carpentry skills (or lack thereof) on a project for Habitat for Humanity. If you are interested in getting involved with those activities, or if you have ideas for other activities, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Jen McLemore, at 697-4129 or jmclmores@chlaw.com, or Margaret Hardy, at 783-7277 or mhardy@sandsanderson.com.

Mark your calendars for the annual Pro Bono Luncheon on March 7, 2007. We are honored to have Justice Elizabeth Lacy of the Supreme Court of Virginia speak on the importance of public service and the challenge of finding time in our busy lives for pro bono work.

Save The Date



Awards Committee ~ Jennifer Gobble; Chairperson

Call for Nominations! The Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the MRWBA's annual *Women of Achievement Award* that recognizes women who exemplify legal professionalism. Last year's recipient was Jacquelyn Stone. We will be presenting the award at the annual awards luncheon on December 6, 2006. Please help the Awards Committee recognize a lawyer who is deserving of this tribute. Nomination forms can be found on the MRWBA website. **The deadline for submitting a nomination is Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jennifer Gobble at jgobble@oag.state.va.us.

Congratulations to **Virginia Hackney** for being selected as one of the recipients of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association's Awards of Distinction! Virginia is one of the founders of the MRWBA and served as the first president of the association. As a pioneer for women attorneys in Richmond and throughout the state, Virginia Hackney has opened many doors and accomplished many "firsts" in her career, paving the way for other women attorneys. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Virginia!



Legislative Committee ~ Sharon Stuart, Chairperson

Mark your calendars: this year's legislative luncheon will take place on Wednesday, April 4, 2007! There is still time to join the legislative committee. Please contact me by **October 27th** at 497-7873 or [sstuart@bolemanlaw.com](mailto:ssstuart@bolemanlaw.com).



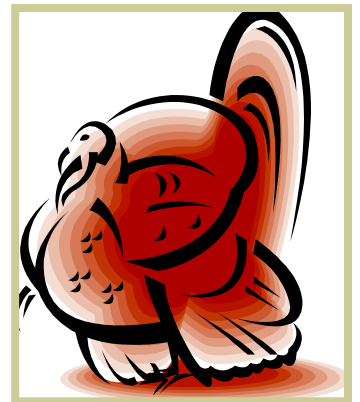
Mentorship Committee ~ Ali Fannon, Chairperson



Attention All Members, the Mentorship Committee needs more attorneys to pair with the interested students at University of Richmond. Any attorney can qualify regardless of years of practice. So please consider reaching out to our upcoming female practitioners and making their road to success smoother. If you are interested, please contact Ali Fannon at silvaa@ci.richmond.va.us or 646-6642. Thanks to all those who have volunteered thus far!!

MRWBA LUNCHEONS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2006-2007

DECEMBER—AWARDS LUNCHEON	DECEMBER 6, 2006
FEB.—BOB EICHER (ETHICS SPEAKER FOR 1 HOUR CLE)	FEBRUARY 7, 2007
MARCH—PRO BONO LUNCHEON (GUEST SPEAKER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ELIZABETH LACY)	MARCH 7, 2007
APRIL—LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON	APRIL 4, 2007
MAY—BUSINESS MEETING	MAY 2, 2007





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