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January Luncheon
Special Guest Speaker
Marilyn B. Tavenner
Secretary of Health and Human Resources

PLEASE NOTE: The January luncheon will be on January 9th, 2008; the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Please join us on January 9 for our first luncheon of 2008! We are very pleased to have as our speaker Marilyn Tavenner, Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Secretary Tavenner began her career as a registered nurse, working in critical care and emergency department settings. She rose through the ranks at the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), beginning as a staff nurse and eventually becoming CEO of both Johnston-Willis and Chippenham Hospitals. Prior to being appointed as Secretary of Health and Human Services in January of 2006 by Governor Tim Kaine, Secretary Tavenner served as Group President of Outpatient Services for HCA in Nashville, Tennessee.

Secretary Tavenner is on the forefront of Governor Kaine's health care initiatives to be addressed in the upcoming session of the General Assembly. Join us on January 9 - the opening day of the session - for a unique opportunity to learn more about those initiatives.

- What: MRWBA Luncheon
- When: January 9, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.
- Where: Bull and Bear Club
- Cost: \$17 members; \$20 non-members
- RSVP: Kim Skiba at kskiba@divorceandbeyond.com

Please RSVP on or before Friday
January 4, 2008!



LUNCHEON NOTICE

Reservations must be made and/or cancelled by Friday before the luncheon. 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 must	advise Kim Skiba at kskiba@divorceandbeyond.com of such substitution prior to the luncheon. <i>In order to validate parking, members and guests should park in the RMA lot located on Canal Street between 9th and 10th Street.</i>
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Wow! We have done it again! We have completed yet another year and are ready to roll into 2008. As we celebrate our achievements of 2007 and plan for the year ahead of us, I challenge each of you to do more than simply try to remember to write “2008” (which is not as easy as it seems!) In reflecting upon all of the wonderful things that you have been blessed with, I ask you to consider ways to share with others some of the fruits of your successes.

The MRWBA supports several local charities – we participate in Race for the Cure, a local effort to support the national network to stomp out breast cancer; Richmond Animal Care and Control Anti-Cruelty Fund, a fund created to stop cruelty to animals; Safe Harbor, an organization that serves victims of domestic violence throughout Central Virginia; and the SPCA, a humane shelter for abandoned animals. Whether you support one of these charities or others, please make sure to take time out of your busy lives to evaluate the needs of others and find ways to give back – be it through your time, talents, or monetary contributions.

I truly believe that “you only get what you give.” Make 2008 a rewarding year by giving of yourself and sharing your life’s successes.

Happy New Year – may it be your best yet!

Leslie A.T. Haley

MRWBA President 2007-08



**Public Service: Michelle Welch and
Jen McLemore~Chairs**

Thank you for your generous support of Safe Harbor this holiday season. *The MRWBA has raised over \$1000 to date!*
It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to this worthy organization.
Safe Harbor is 501(c)(3) organization that serves victims of domestic violence throughout Central Virginia. For more information, visit www.safeharborshelter.com.

Safe Harbor's Wish List

Please contact Jennifer Halstead at 249-9470, ext. 12 or jennifer@safeharborshelter.com to make a donation.

*Items indicated are in shortest supply

MOST CRITICALLY NEEDED ITEMS:

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| GRTC Bus Tickets (Purchase at Kroger Customer Service) | Disinfectant Spray/Disinfectant Cleaning Products |
| Kid's Juice Boxes | Economy Size Beverages |
| Easily Cooked Dinners Sides | Freezer meals |
| Dishwashing liquid/Dish washer detergent | Laundry detergent |
| Feminine Products | Laundry Baskets |
| <u>House Items</u> | Antibacterial hand soap refills |
| Ibuprofen | Batteries (All sizes) |
| Toilet paper/ Paper towels | Laundry Detergent |
| Small/Medium/Large Storage Bins | DVD player |
| Dryer sheets | Eating utensils |
| Plates | Cups |
| Personal Items | Pregnancy Tests |
| African American haircare products | Deodorant* Men/Women's** |
| Fingernail Clippers* | Monistat 7 |
| Feminine Products | Sewing Kits* |
| <u>Gift Cards</u> | |
| Kroger/Ukrops | |
| Wal-Mart/K-Mart/Target | Gas Cards |
| Dollar Tree Gift Cards | Home Depot/Lowes |
| Staples/Office Max | |



December Lunch: Women of Achievement Award Recipient,
Karen Ann Gould



From left: Stephanie Grana, Leslie Haley-MRWBA President, Karen Ann Gould, and Bonnie Ashley



Upcoming MRWBA Luncheons

January Luncheon ~ Join us on January 9, 2008 for our first luncheon of the new year. We will kick off the new year with a presentation by Marilyn B. Tavenner, Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

February Luncheon ~ Mark your calendars now for next month's luncheon on February 6, 2008 when our speaker will be Susan Remley, Business Development Consultant with Jaffe Associates. Susan will provide us with insights on how to develop and implement marketing and networking strategies.

Legislative Committee- Sharon Stuart, Chair

Invitation to join the Legislative Committee

What: Legislative Committee Meeting

When: Tuesday, November 27th at 12:00 noon

Where: Boleman Law Firm, Conference room
2104 West Laburnum Avenue, Suite 201
Richmond, VA 23227

RSVP Sharon Stuart, Legislative Committee Chair via e-mail at sstuart@bolemanlaw.com or telephone at (804) 497-7873.



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**A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**