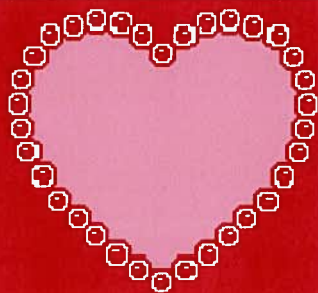


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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON "WOMEN IN THE MEDIA" Susan Winiecki and Lisa Schaffner February 4, 2009 at 12:30 p.m.

Breaking News:
Susan Winiecki and Lisa Schaffner are the Featured Speakers for the February MRWBA Luncheon.

Susan Winiecki, editor-in-chief of *Richmond Magazine*, will give us the inside

scoop on her life as a member of the media. She has been the editor-in-chief of *Richmond Magazine* since May 1996. Prior to joining the magazine, she was a state-desk reporter for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Lisa Schaffner, formerly of Channel 8 news, will discuss balancing work and family. She is currently Director of Public Relations and Marketing at the United Network for Organ Sharing.

Don't miss the MRWBA's special coverage of these outstanding leaders in the media.

Please bring bus passes for Safe Harbor.

Where: Bull & Bear Dining Room.

Cost: \$17 for Members; \$20 for Non-members.

RSVP: Leas Roth at Leas.Roth@yahoo.com.

Luncheon Policy

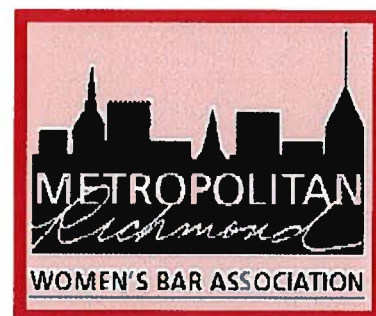
All luncheon reservations must be made by the deadline specified. Reservations cannot be cancelled after this deadline. You must make a reservation even if you mail your check. No reservations made after the deadline are guaranteed. Limited walk-in spaces may be available for each luncheon on a first-come-first served basis. The

MRWBA reserves the right to charge for the luncheon if you do not attend the luncheon after making the 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 substitute) must advise Leas Roth at

Leas.Roth@yahoo.com of such substitution prior to the luncheon. In order to validate parking, members and guests should park in the RMA lot located on Canal Street between 9th and 10th Street.

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President's Message

February is the time for Valentine's Day and a good time to reflect on friendship. When I graduated from law school, one of my friends gave me the book titled, The Prophet, by Kahlil Gibran. I would like to share with you a portion of his passage on friendship:

And a youth said, Speak to us of Friendship.

And he answered, saying:

Your friend is your needs answered.

He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving.

And he is your board and your fireside.

For you come to him with your hunger and you seek him for peace.

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And let your best be for your friend.

If he must know the ebb of your tide, let him know the flood also.

For what is your friend that you should seek him with hours to kill?

Seek him always with hours to live.

For it is his to fill your need, but not your emptiness.

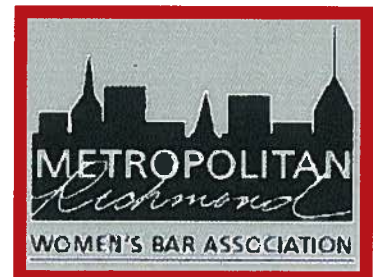
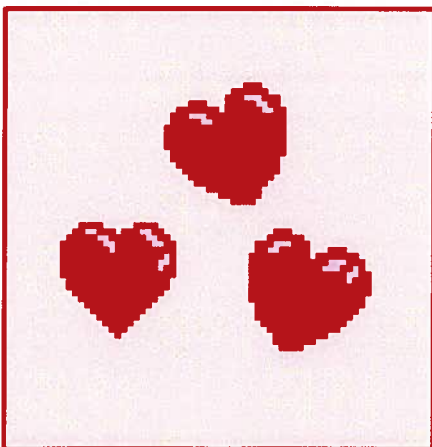
And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.

For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

The MRWBA has so much to offer, including friendship. I invite you to our next luncheon to meet some new friends, and I hope that you find the type of friendship that is described by Kahlil Gibran.

Tracy H. Spencer

MRWBA President (2008-2009)



**SAVE THE DATE FOR
THE MRWBA'S ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON.**

WHEN: MARCH 4, 2009 AT 12:00 P.M.

WHERE: BULL & BEAR CLUB

**WE HOPE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO JOIN US
IN WELCOMING OUR AREA LEGISLATORS!**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT KIMBERLY SKIBA AT
KSKIBA@OWENOWENS.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

RSVPS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO LEAS ROTH AT LEAS.ROTH@YAHOO.COM.

Mentorship Minute

Students are not the only people who need a mentor! Did you know the MRWBA offers an attorney-to-attorney mentorship program? Admittedly, the program is still in its infancy, but we are trying to grow the program this year. We are mostly in need of experienced attorneys who are willing to serve as mentors for the newer members to the bar. If you're interested in either being a mentor or having a mentor assigned to you, please email Elizabeth Gunn at egunn@durettebradshaw.com.

Mark Your Calendars for the upcoming Smart Connect Event

The Richmond Women's Business Consortium (RWBC) is pleased to announce that it will co-sponsor the next Smart Connect networking event along with V Magazine at the Breakfast Blast-Off for the Southern Women's Show! To kick off the weekend, the Smart Connect Breakfast Blast-Off will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday April 17th at the Richmond Raceway Complex. Mark your calendars now to attend!

Report on the January Luncheon-- "Finding Your Perfect Style"

Our January luncheon speaker was Lauren Deloach, owner of D&R Style Consulting. She brought us laughter and fashion tips. We learned how to identify our body shapes and reviewed the major fashion faux pas for each body type. Lauren also taught us the 5 ways that women portray their personal style and encouraged us to progress in defining our own style. She is launching a new website in February that will make it easier to shop for items that accentuate your personal style. The new website address will be [www.shopcategory 5.com](http://www.shopcategory5.com).



Public Service Committee: February's Safe Harbor Request

Safe Harbor, our designated charity, is especially in need of Go-Passes, so they've asked us to collect them again this month. These special bus tickets can be purchased at area Ukrop's, Kroger, and CVS stores and many other locations (for a complete listing go to <http://www.ridegrtc.com/WhereToBuy.aspx>). Don't forget to bring them to this month's luncheon!

Birth Announcement

Alison Roussy, the MRWBA's Administrative Assistant, had her baby boy on January 14th.

William Emre Roussy was born at 2:25 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Congratulations Alison!



Report from the Judicial Endorsement Committee

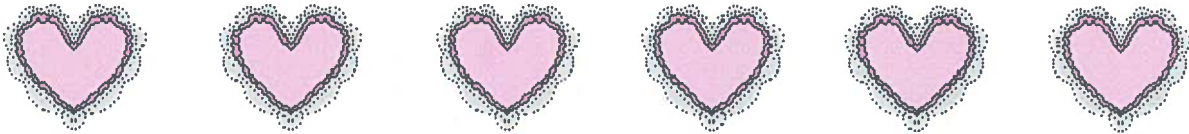
On February 18, 2009, the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association, in conjunction with the Richmond Bar Association, will be conducting interviews of candidates wishing to be considered for the judicial vacancy on the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division. Candidates interested in

seeking the endorsement of the MRWBA for this positions may contact Margaret Hardy, Chair of the MRWBA Judicial Candi-

date Endorsement Committee, at mhardy@sandsanderson.com or at 783-7277. The deadline for nominations is February 6, 2009. The deadline for submitting materials in support is February 12, 2009.

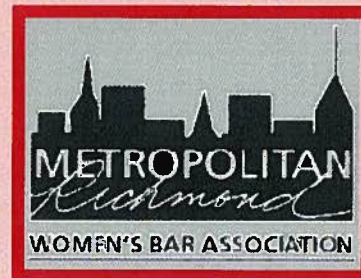


Happy Valentine's Day from the MRWBA!



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