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Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association

SMPA Today



Meeting Reminder



Happy New Year SMPA!

The first meeting of 2008 for the Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the United States Attorney's Office.

Our January speaker will be Melissa K. Moss, CP presenting the topic of *Social Security Law*.

For members who have not previously attended the monthly meetings, the United States Attorney's Office is located in the West corner (Main Street entrance) of the Howard Baker U.S. Federal Courthouse (which is across from the City-County Building). The meeting is held in the Main Conference Room on the second floor. You should inform the Federal Officers that you are going to the SMPA meeting in the

Main Conference Room, so that the officer can enter the correct security code for the elevator (the elevator does not stop on the 2nd floor without the correct code).

Our meetings are catered by Courthouse Café. We will have a buffet set up outside our meeting room that includes lunch, a dessert, and beverage for \$10.00 per person.

Please do not forget to sign in at the table located as you enter the Conference Room area. You will also receive your name badge at the sign-in table.

As always, we will need to give a firm count of attendees to Courthouse Café. Please respond to president@smparalegal.org by Monday, January 7 to let me know if you are attending and if you will be participating in the buffet.

Announcements

Please remember that February 1, 2008 is the deadline for renewing your membership for 2008. A renewal application will be forwarded to you along with our quarterly publication next week. You may also complete the renewal application on our website at www.smparalegal.org, print it, and mail it in with your membership fee to SMPA, Second Vice President, Post Office Box 445, Knoxville, Tennessee. You will be receiving reminders, but your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.



Announcements

Mobile Meals

The following are dates that SMPA is responsible for delivering for Mobile Meals. You will see that several of the months we have volunteers. However, there are months we still need volunteers. Please contact Shelia L. Williams, CLA at president@smparalegal.org to volunteer for a delivery date or for additional information on this program.

January 25	Cathy Hulsey, ACP Shelia Williams, CLA	July 25	Susie DeLozier, CP Mechele Gentry, ACP
February 22	_____	August 22	Susie DeLozier, CP Mechele Gentry, ACP
March 28	Cathy Hulsey, ACP Shelia Williams, CLA	September 26	_____
April 25	_____	October 24	Cathy Hulsey, ACP Shelia Williams, CLA
May 23	_____	November 28	_____
June 27	Susie DeLozier, CP Mechele Gentry, ACP	December 26	_____

Committees

If you would like to volunteer to work on one of SMPA's Committees, please contact Shelia L. Williams, CLA at president@smparalegal.org.

Annual Seminar

Our annual seminar will be held this year on July 18 and 19, 2008. The focus this year will be on the paralegal as a whole, not only education, but the mind, body & spirit. We will have speakers presenting how to dress professionally, how to avoid mental burnout, how to keep physically fit to fight stress and burnout, how to be organized and manage time to avoid stress which causes burnout, and various legal educational topics. Put the dates on your calendar and don't miss out on this fun filled, educational seminar that is all about you!

***Looking forward to a wonderful year!
Respectfully submitted,***

Shelia L. Williams, CLA - SMPA President