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Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association

SMPA Today



Meeting Reminder

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

Our June speaker will be Darsi Sirknen, Esquire of Woolf McClane Allen & Carpenter, and will be presenting the topic of *Estate Planning*.

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 Ms. Mildred Taylor. We will have a buffet set up outside our meeting room that includes lunch, a dessert, and beverage for \$10.00 per person.

Ms. Taylor requires a week's notice on our attendance count. It is imperative that you respond to president@smparalegal.org by the end of the day on Friday, June 6, 2008, and let me know if you will be attending the meeting **and** if you will be eating lunch. Please remember our new lunch voucher procedure. If you do not confirm by June 6, you may attend the meeting, but will not be able to eat lunch unless someone who did confirm is unable to attend. We will sell that voucher on a first come basis.

Announcements

Mobile Meals

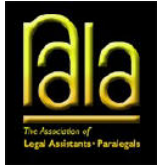
This month Susie DeLozier, CP and Mechele Gentry, ACP are scheduled.

Special Thanks

Thanks to Caroline E. H. Sudlow, CLA, for organizing SMPA's team for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk and to those who walked and made contributions. We had a good time!

Announcements

NALA Convention



NALA's 2008 Annual Convention is being held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and is also quickly approaching. If you are a NALA member and not attending the convention, please submit your proxy for voting at the annual meeting. Our NALA Liaison, Kathy S. Moore, ACP, is unable to attend the meeting this year, so I will be representing SMPA. Your proxy must be received by the NALA Secretary and the NALA Credentials Chair before July 1, 2008. You can find the form and instructions at www.nala.org. If you plan on attending, you may register online or contact me, and I will send you a brochure.

Membership Incentive

During the month of June, any SMPA member who brings in a new active or sustaining member will receive lunch free for the July meeting. We all know paralegals who are not SMPA members. Some may be just waiting for an invitation to join from someone they know. Let's all work to promote SMPA to the entire East Tennessee area.



Annual Seminar



SMPA's Annual Seminar is quickly approaching. Register now and avoid the rush. Our Education Program Committee has been hard at work to provide good topics and speakers, and a fun and relaxing time that's all about you! The brochures have been mailed and are also available on our website. Please tell a friend. Remember, you must make your hotel reservation by June 18 to get the special rate.



Respectfully submitted,

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