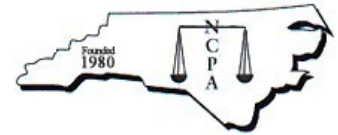


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North Carolina Paralegal Association
District Newsletter

A Little "Netiquette" Goes A Long Way...



Diane N. Morgan, NCCP

As busy professionals we often hurry through many routine tasks such as initiating and responding to emails or text messages. Often, too, we forget some of the basic rules of etiquette in cyberspace. Virginia Shea, in her book entitled *Netiquette*, has composed ten basic rules for interaction on the net.

Rule 1: Remember the Human

Rule 2: Adhere to the same standards of be-

havior online that you follow in real life

Rule 3: Know where you are in cyberspace

Rule 4: Respect other people's time and bandwidth

Rule 5: Make yourself look good online

Rule 6: Share expert knowledge

Rule 7: Help keep flame wars under control

Rule 8: Respect

other people's privacy

Rule 9: Don't abuse your power

Rule 10: Be forgiving of other people's mistakes ⁽¹⁾

For more detail on each of these rules or for further refreshers in basic "Netiquette," check out the online book at www.albion.com/netiquette/book/index.html.

¹ Virginia Shea, *Netiquette*, 2004.

- <http://www.albion.com/netiquette/book/index.html>

Friends Don't Let Friends Text (or Email) and Drive!

House Bill 9, entitled "An Act to Make It Unlawful to Use a Mobile Telephone for Email or Text Messaging While Operating a Vehicle on a Public Street

or Highway or Public Vehicular Area," was ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly in June and will become effective

December 1, 2009.



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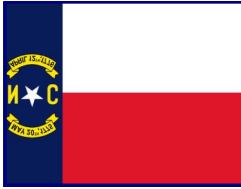
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DETAILS!



NC PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION'S School Supply Drive

District IV News

Karen F. England, NCCP

News around the District

Guilford Paralegal Association (GPA) held its August 11th meeting at Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler. Attorney Elizabeth Zook spoke to the group.

On September 8, 2009, GPA will hold its annual ice cream social and, in conjunction with it, a fund-raising event to help support Legal Aid of North Carolina. There will be a "Gold and Silver Party." Participants will be able to bring old gold or silver jewelry or items to be appraised and sold. A portion of all jewelry sold will be donated to GPA, who will then donate all profits it receives to Legal Aid of North Carolina.

Details about these meetings and all of GPA's events are available on the website.

<http://www.guilfordparalegalassociation.org/>.

Alamance County Paralegal Association (ACPA), an NCPA affiliate, will begin meeting again after the summer months on September 15 at 12:30 p.m. (lunch) at Carvers in Graham with John Vernon speaking on Ethics.

For information on ACPA please contact Hattie Sheets at hss@vernonlaw.com or Teresa Stacey at tas@vernonlaw.com.

District V News

Vicki Srgo, NCCP

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome. My name is Vicki Srgo and I am the Interim District V Director. We currently have 102 members in District V. District V consists of Anson, Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Stanly and Union Counties. Although I am always interested in increasing the membership in our district, my main goal as a director is to be your voice to the NCPA Board of Directors. Please feel free to contact me at any time with your suggestions, questions or comments, and I will be happy to convey them to the Board.

NCPA's Mid-Year Seminar is scheduled for September 18-19, 2009, at the Embassy Suites, Winston-Salem, NC. This event is a great opportunity to network with your colleagues and learn more about our profession and I encourage you to attend. Information about our Mid-Year Seminar, plus registration and hotel information, is now available on our website at www.ncparalegal.org. If you need CLE credits, closer to Charlotte, Metrolina Paralegal Association is having its Fall Festival, Thursday, September 10, 2009. 6.25 hours of CLE credit for CLA/CP and NCCP have been approved by NALA and the North Carolina State Bar. For further information visit their website at charlotteareaparalegals.com.

We will be participating in a school supply drive to benefit Communities In Schools.

CIS is in need of basic school supplies such as: Composition notebooks, Loose-leaf paper, Folders, Pencils, Pens, Erasers, Rulers, Pencil sharpeners, Crayons, Markers, Glue sticks, Tissues, and Hand sanitizers

If you would like to be part of NCPA's efforts, please bring any supplies that you would like to donate to the Midyear Seminar in Winston-Salem on September 18-19.

Thank you!!!!

Don't worry if you are unable to attend midyear, you can still donate in two ways. You can give your donations to another NCPA member who will be attending midyear or contact me and I will arrange for you to take the supplies to a local Communities In Schools in your area.

For more information, please contact Alyssa Moxingo at (919) 720-3061 or by email

alyssa@mchurlelaw.com



From Our Affiliate Director

Teresa A. Stacey, NCCP

Alamance County Paralegal Association elected new officers in June.

Hattie Sheets , NCCP—President

Adrienne Lewis, NCCP—First Vice-President

Katherine Kuczowski, NCCP—Second Vice President

Ruth Goodman, CP, NCCP, - Secretary

Annette Younger, NCCP—Treasurer

Barbara Dodson, Parliamentarian

Alamance County meets the third Tuesday of the month, beginning in September through June.

There were no meetings during the months of July and August due to vacation schedules.

Get Involved With NCPA!



District IX News

Beverly King, NCCP

Catawba Valley Paralegal Association, Inc., is busy with upcoming CPE and nominations for the new year. For further information please see CVPA's website.

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
CVCC

CPE: "Adoptions in North Carolina":
Presented by: Carolyn Crouch, Attorney at Law

Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Election of New Officers

More Information to Follow

To join CVPA, please download the membership application from <http://www.catawbavalleyparalegalassoc.org> and mail it to:

Catawba Valley Paralegal Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 3068, Hickory NC 28603.

Each meeting the CVPA asked members and guest to bring items to help the community.

The following are the request for September and October.



September:

Let's Go Shopping

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Canned foods with *pop-tops* such as: stew, soup, beans, fruit, tuna, chicken, potted meat, vegetables.

October:

There's a Chill in the Air

—

New or gently used coats, gloves, scarves, hats, wraps, chap-stick, hand-warmers, thermal underwear, heavy socks

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MISSION STATEMENT

The North Carolina Paralegal Association, Inc. ("NCPA") is a not-for-profit corporation, formed for the purpose of promoting and enhancing the paralegal profession in the state of North Carolina and throughout the United States of America. The primary goals of NCPA are to:

SERVE

Assist our members with resources, education and information necessary to provide high quality legal services to attorneys, clients and the community.

TEACH

Make available to paralegals formal education and continuing legal education to gain knowledge and expertise regarding the legal system that qualifies them to do work of a legal nature under the supervision of an attorney. Heighten attorney awareness of the value of maximum utilization of paralegals.

BUILD

Develop relationships with attorneys and other legal professionals in North Carolina in order to elevate the status of paralegals in the state.

LEARN

Conduct research in order to continually define the parameters of the paralegal profession as the profession relates to the "practice of law".

SHARE

Promote our talents and skills to the community. Participate in activities and events which exhibit our strengths and abilities. Encourage our members to share their knowledge and experience through presentations and educational opportunities in order to increase the public's perception of our profession. Provide leadership and exhibit professionalism in all that we do.

GROW

Take an active role in bringing new paralegals into NCPA. Ensure the future of our organization through public awareness and professional excellence. Actively promote our achievements and those who accomplish them in order to maintain visibility in the community. Develop, refine and follow a long-term plan for the growth of NCPA.

We embrace these principles and values, and pledge to strive for excellence in our profession through the adherence to this mission statement.

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