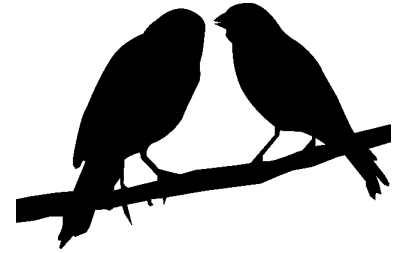


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## From the President's Desk

By Christine Rasmussen

Dear Members,

Welcome to a new year of the St. Croix Valley Bar Association. First, I would like to thank our former President, Joel Schlitz, for his four years of service as an officer of the SCVBA. I look forward to being your President, and hope to serve you as well as Joel and the others in the past.

Last year ended with a Saints baseball game on June 15, 2011. The members voted on and approved an amendment to the Bylaws to combine the officer positions of Treasurer and Secretary, and to add the position of Website and Social Media Director. Elizabeth Rohl agreed to continue acting as Secretary, in conjunction with her new position as Treasurer. Bridget Finke was elected as our first ever Social Media Director. The Saints won the game, and everyone was happy.

The SCVBA officers met earlier this month to plan the events for the upcoming year. As in years past, we will have three bench and bar meetings with Judges from St. Croix, Pierce and Polk counties. We are also planning at least one free CLE presentation. Additionally, the SCVBA plans on hosting a get together for the transactional members of the bar association. The event will likely occur in October, and we plan on structuring it in much the same way as the traditional bench and bar meetings. The St. Croix County Register of Deeds and Register in Probate will discuss their likes and dislikes, and advise us transactional folk on what we can do to make the lives of the Register of Deeds and Register in Probate easier.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote a legal system whereby the rights and privileges of all persons are asserted and protected. We are dedicated to strengthening public trust in our legal system. We promote high ethical standards, civility, and professionalism amongst all attorneys. We encourage our members to serve the public. As officers of the court, we have an important role in assisting courts in the administration of justice.

Always check the  
St. Croix Valley Bar Association  
Website for updates at

[www.stcroixvalleybar.org](http://www.stcroixvalleybar.org)

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Traditionally, the SCVBA has promoted some type of charity event, whether it be a food drive or a business clothing drive. This year, the bar will be extending its services to the Wills for Heroes program. Look for information in the upcoming months on participation in the program.

As for social events, we will have our annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 8 at the Orchard in Baldwin. We will also be planning a fun end of the year summer outing, possibly at a winery.

As always, I and the other officers welcome your input, feedback and ideas. If you have any suggestions for improving our website, Facebook page, etc., we are happy to entertain those ideas. Feel free to contact any of the officers to discuss. I'm excited about the year ahead and hope you take advantage of and enjoy our programs and activities.

-Christine Rasmussen

## **St. Croix Valley Bar Association Treasurer's Report**

Balance as of August 15, 2011: \$4,196.87.

This balance is consistent with the balance in 2008. Due to income and expense flow, the +/- change in the balance is typically 15-20% per quarter.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Happy Hour**

Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
Agave Kitchen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
No RSVP needed!

#### **2011 Golf Outing**

Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
More details to come...