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From the President's Desk

By Bob Parsons

We are now a full month into the New Year, and I hope everyone enjoyed the hectic holiday season. We had a great turnout for our annual Holiday Party. A special thanks to SCVBA Vice-President, Angela Olson, for organizing the event. After taking January off from our monthly meetings/events I look forward to the events we have scheduled for the remainder of the year. The next three events will be bench and bar meetings. February 19th we will be having a lunch with the Polk County Judges, March 12th we will be with Judge Wing, and in April we will meet with the St. Croix County Judges. These meetings are a great opportunity to hear from the judges about how we as lawyers can do things better and more efficiently. They also allow us to ask questions and propose ideas to the Judges. I hope everyone can find the time to attend.

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As the New Year begins, the SCVBA officers ask all members to give some thought to pro bono work. As lawyers, we have the privilege of an education that allows us to offer assistance to the many people who lack this education.

Unfortunately, many of the people who most desperately require our services are unable to afford them, particularly in these tough economic times. It is our responsibility as lawyers to offer help to these individuals. The officers of the St. Croix Valley Bar Association therefore remind each of you of the responsibility that accompanies the great privilege of being a lawyer and request that each one of you commits to at least one pro

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.

bono matter per year. We would also remind you to volunteer your time at the free legal clinic offered the second Monday of each month at the St. Croix County Government Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Event

Polk County Lunch With Judges: February 19, 2009 12:00-1:00, Polk County Courthouse.

Treasurer's Report

Current Checkbook balance as of
December 23, 2008: \$4,460.

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