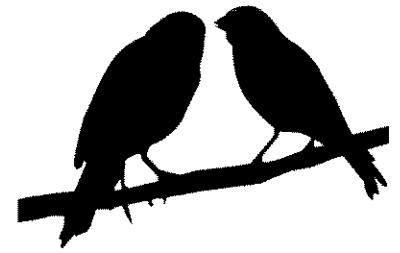


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From the President's Desk

By Bob Parsons

Over the last several years we have encouraged SCVBA members to notify the Secretary of their email address so that *The Informant* and meeting notices could be sent electronically. Many of our members have

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responded and now receive the newsletter and notices via email. However, the majority of members still receive them via U.S. mail. The SCVBA spends hundreds of dollars each year on postage, envelopes, paper and copying costs. While we have more than sufficient funds in the bank account to cover these costs each year, the Officers have decided that our annual membership dues could be put to better use. This will be the last newsletter to be sent by mail. We will do our best to track down email addresses for everyone, but to assist with the transition; it would be greatly appreciated if you would send your email address to Secretary Christine Rasmussen at crasmussen@doardrill.com.

The St. Paul Saints Baseball game on June 25th will be our final meeting/event of the year. SCVBA Vice President Angela Olson deserves a special thank you for organizing the event. There are still a few seats available. The cost is \$25/person and includes soft drinks and traditional ballpark food. Beer will be available for \$1. If you are interested please contact Angela Olson.

I would like to end my final President's Message by saying thank you to all members for allowing me to serve as an Officer and as President of the SCVBA. Four years ago, I was asked if I would be interested in being nominated as Secretary for the SCVBA. At that time my involvement with the local bar association had been minimal and did not know what serving as an

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.

officer involved. When I found out it was a four year commitment ending with the presidency, I was hesitant to accept. As I look back now, I am grateful that I was nominated and feel privileged that you allowed me to serve. I have enjoyed getting to know you and even though my term is up, I plan to stay actively involved with SCVBA. Have a great summer!

Treasurer's Report

Current Checkbook balance as of April 2009: \$4,604.91. Principle balance on our CD: \$3,265.88.

Officers

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Briefly from the Secretary

- On Sunday, July 26, 2009, the family of Judge John Bartholomew will be hosting an open house in celebration of his 90th birthday. The open house will be at the Blakeman Senior Citizen Center, 1320 Wisconsin Street, Hudson, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- The St. Croix Valley Bar Association is proud to announce the award of a \$500 SCVBA Scholarship to Ruth Krupa.

Notes from the St. Croix County Clerk of Courts, Lori Meyer

- There is confusion about the number of copies an attorney must provide to the Clerk of Court. If an attorney wants copies of documents authenticated and returned to them, he or she **MUST** supply the Clerk with the copies. This includes Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law & Judgments of divorce, and Marital Settlement Agreements. If copies are not provided, the attorney will be billed \$1.25/page. For example: after a divorce hearing, if each attorney wants a copy and wants copies for their clients, they must supply 4 copies for authentication/certification. Thanks, and please let me know if you have questions.
- The Judges are asking attorneys to submit proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law & Judgment to them via e-mail for consideration. There is some confusion with attorneys about how to get a conformed copy. Please note that an attorney is still required to submit copies and SASE to the Clerk for conforming. If we do not get those copies, the Findings will not be mailed. Thanks for your help & please let me know if you have questions.

SCVBA Members Who Have Paid Their 2008-09 Dues

Allen, Rose	Bergmanis, Erik
Anderson, Christopher G.	Biegert, Matthew A.
Anderson, Jeffrey	Bonestroo, Justin
Bakke, Gary L.	Brose, Anne
Bartholomew, James R.	Brose, Michael J.

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Bye, Charles M.	Nickolai, William P.
Byrnes, Brian	O'Brien, Timothy J.
DeMaio, Daniel F.	Olson, Angela R.
Doar, W.T. Jr.	O'Neill, Jennifer A.
Dunlap, Stephen J.	Parsons, Robert
Dunst, Terrence L.	Porter, Joel D.
Fey, Jason M.	Radosevich, William J.
Finke, Bridget M.	Rasmussen, Christine
Gherty, Mark J.	Redmon, Jeffrey
Gherty, Susan S.	Reinhardt, Peter M.
Gherty, Terrence M.	Richardson, Robert J.
Goff, Steven B.	Rohde, Dean R.
Gust, Gerald N.	Schoenberger, David
Hammarback, Barry	Schumacher, Thomas R.
Harris, Charles B.	Schlitz, Joel D.
Heckmann, Michelle W.	Schmiege, Anne
Heckmann, Tim	Seguin, D. Peter
Heidt, Martha	Siler, Ron
Helgeson, Phil	Sjoberg, Roy A.
Jacobson, Michael A.	Skinner, Carol N.
Jacobson, Thomas R.	Skinner, Joel D. Jr.
Johnson, Brent R.	Skow, Ardell W.
Johnson, James R.	Slungaard, Rolv
Koll, Deanne M.	Tool, Tracy
Krave, James H.	Van Dyk, Hendrik W.
Larson, David	Vivian, Nick
Lau, Richard K.Y.	Wagner, Luke M.
Laule, Brian	Wagner, Michael P.
Laux, Timothy J.	Walker, Elizabeth
Law, Carol	Waterman, Michael
Lawrence, Bradley D.	Wegleitner, Maureen A.
Lindquist, Autumn L.	White, Charles E.
Lundeen, Barry C.	Whitley, Jason
McCormack, Thomas A.	Wiebusch, Lisa A.
McCormick, Thomas D.	Williamson, Kristina E.
Miller, Barbara K.	Wolske, Heather M.
Murray, Daniel P.	Wood, Warren W.
Nelson, Aaron A.	
Neuhaus, Maxfield	

Please be advised that the next copy of *The Informant* may include a list of those members who **HAVE NOT** paid their dues. Dues are \$35.00 and should be sent to the SCVBA treasurer, Joel Schlitz. If you believe you have paid your dues, and your name is not listed above, please contact Joel Schlitz at joel.schlitz@mpl-s.com. Also, the call for 2009-2010 dues will be coming up shortly. Contact any SCVBA officer with questions.