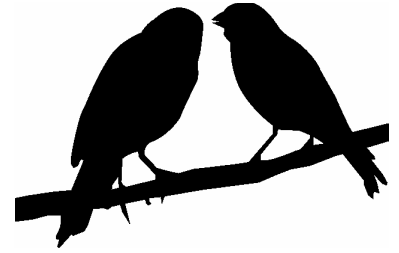


# THE INFORMANT

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## From the President's Desk

By Angela Olson

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to act as your new SCVBA President. I have enjoyed my past three years as a SCVBA officer and look forward to continuing my service by calling all of the SCVBA members to public service this year.

While law firms are certainly not exempt from the difficulties of the economy, we are still in a unique position as lawyers to be able to give back to the community and serve the public. The St. Croix Valley Bar is going to take steps to assist the members of the community with the difficulties they face during these tough economic times. First, we are going to have a food drive this fall. We will be publishing in the local newspapers that law firms in the area are taking non-perishable donations. Specifically, Mudge, Porter, Lundeen & Seguin in

Hudson; Rodli, Beskar, Boles, Krueger & Pletcher in River Falls; Doar Drill & Skow in New

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Richmond; and Bakke Norman in New Richmond, Baldwin and Menomonie will be local drop-off points for food items. However, please feel free to collect boxes at each of your offices. The Bar Association will stop by and pick up those donations from you. If anyone needs a box or assistance in taking donations, please contact an officer and we will provide you with a box. The food drive will be held from October 15<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>, as it is during these holiday times that food shelves have the greatest need. I am hopeful that the food drive

### 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.

will be an annual occurrence.

Looking forward, we will be having a business clothing drive again in the spring. So don't clean out your closets just yet. Look to future Informants for more details.

Throughout the year, we hope to have a lot of well attended events for the members. We will be having the annual holiday party in December. We look to bring that event back to Hudson, being the county seat. If anyone has any ideas or requests for CLEs or presentations, please feel free to contact an officer to let us know. We are more than happy to take suggestions and provide pertinent topics to all of you.

We are also taking suggestions on how to put the St. Croix Valley Bar Association funds to good use. There is a great need for materials and references for pro se family law litigants and we intend to work with the Court Commissioners and Judges in St. Croix

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County to provide those resources. Last year we brought the \$500.00 SCVBA scholarship back to life! The chosen recipient was Ruth Krupa. Thanks to the scholarship committee of Kristina Williamson and Hugh Gwinn for reviewing applications and choosing a worthy recipient. Good luck to Ms. Krupa!

Looking back, we had various fun events to finish up last year and kick-off this year. Last year we ended with a Saints game. We had good attendance and a great time at the game. We hope to make that an annual end of the year outing. The event was catered by the Saints, which meant all we had to do was show up, eat and drink—which is fine by me. This September we had our second annual juror appreciation event. We received a larger turnout than last year. The judges and local attorneys said a few words to the jurors who were present. We hope that you will stop by in future years and thank the jurors for their service. The St. Croix Valley Bar is also going to be working with Clerk of Court, Lori Meyer to provide more expansive refreshments to the jurors as a token of our

appreciation.

And of course, we had the annual golf outing, this year at Clifton Hollow in River Falls. The big winners were as follows: **Winning Team:** Barry Lundeen, JB Lundeen, Tim “can’t change a flat tire in the dark after a long day of golf” O’Brien; **Long Drive Man:** Ron “Kong” Siler; **Long Drive Woman:** Maureen Wegleitner; **Long Putt:** Joe Boles, Tom Jacobson, Christopher G. Anderson. Thank you to Dan Murray for once again organizing a great event. A good time was had by all. Mark your calendar for September 16, 2010 for next year’s outing.

I look forward to seeing all of you at this year’s events. As always, please feel free to contact me or any other officer with suggestions or other input you have.

***Treasurer’s Report***

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***06.25.09 St. Paul Saints Game***



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