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May Notes N' News 2008

### **New Members**

Welcome new member Stephanie Satkowiak.

### **Congratulations**

... to **Megan Barnes** on her appointment to the St. Clair County Bar Association Board of Directors. Her term will expire in 2011.

### Condolences

. . . to **Timothy** and **Ann Ruwart** on the death of Tim's brother, **John Henry Ruwart**, **Jr.** 

### Thank You

- ... to **John Siler** for making a donation to the GCBF in honor of **GCBF Secretary Hank Thoma's** 20+ years of service.
- .. to Cynthia Carty, Karen Folks, and Bill Khouri for helping collate the April edition of Notes N' News.
- .. to Karen Folks, Helen Church and Ann Lossing Ruwart for volunteering for the Law Day poster and coloring contest display at the Flint Public Library. More than 500 posters are on display until May 31st.

### **Address Change**

- ... **Tabitha M. Marsh** announces the opening of her new firm, Tabitha M. Marsh, PLLC, 142 W. Second St., Ste. 102-B, Flint, MI 48502. Phone: (810) 449-9564. Fax: (810) 238-8883. Email: tabitha@tmarshlaw.com.
- ... effective June 1, 2008 Cooley, Moulton & Smith LLP will relocate to 727 S. Grand Traverse St., Flint, MI 48502. Phone: (810) 767-1520. Fax: (810) 767-6873.
- ... **K. Brooke Moynihan** has relocated to Moynihan PC, 5206 Gateway Centre, Ste. 200, Flint, MI 48507. Phone: (810) 235-9000. Fax: (810) 235-9010. Email: bmoynihan111@comcast.net.

### **Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors**

Thanks to Brian Barkey, Robert Chimovitz, Mark Newman, Charles McKone, and Jeff Zilinski for donating their Circuit Court Case Evaluation late fees. Donations are placed in a restricted account for long term maintenance of the building. Thank you.

### **Golf Outing**

Door prizes valued at \$25 or more are needed for the 2008 Annual Golf Outing. If you or one of your clients have a door prize to donate, contact the GCBA at 810-232-6012. Thank you.

### Galea in Dream Girls

**Victor Galea** will be in a supporting role of *Dream-girls*. The musical runs through May 18, 2008 at the Bower Theater. Tickets are \$18 each and are available through The Whiting ticket office or at the door.

### **Save The Date**

May 19, 2008: GBCA and GCBF Annual Meeting & Election of Officers and Awards Ceremony. See enclosure

**June 9, 2008:** GCBA Annual Golf Outing. Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. See enclosure.

**June 13, 2008:** GCBA 5K Run for the BAR. See enclosure. Volunteers are needed!

### **Best and Board Source Host Non-Profit Summit**

If you currently serve on a local board, through a Genesee County non-profit organization, you are invited to attend a non-profit summit on Thursday, May 29 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre in Flint. The summit will also be a great place for those who are interested in serving on a board for the first time. Prospective board members will learn more about this volunteer responsibility and will likely connect with agencies from across the community that are looking for new board members. For more information, go to <a href="https://www.bestprojectonline.org">www.bestprojectonline.org</a>.

### **GCBA Summer Hours**

Just a reminder that the GCBA closes at 4 p.m. on Fridays during the summer until Labor Day.



Circuit Court has Wireless Access!! Please contact the Court Technology Coordinator for user information at (810) 424-4436.

### **MDTC Reception Awards Banquet**

Walter P. Griffin will receive the 2008 Excellence In Defense Award from the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, Inc. Michigan Reception Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 6:00 - 10:00 pm, at the Marriott Ann Arbor Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest, in Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$45.00 each. Contact MDTC at info@mdtc.org or call 734-487-2000 for details.

### **Distinguished Alumni Award**

**Judge Robert E. Weiss,** Chief Judge of Probate Court, will be receiving a Distinguished Alumni Award from Central High School at their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at Flint Golf Club. Tickets are \$27 and may be purchased by calling Julie Lazar-Taylor at 810-232-8936 by Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### **Federal Selection Panel Commentary**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder at Bay City, Michigan is due to expire on October 29, 2008. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a Merit Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Binder to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include

- (1) The conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
- (2) Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases:
- (3) The conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court;
- (4) Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether Magistrate Judge Binder should be recommended by the Panel for reappointment by the Court. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 27, 2008, and should be directed to:

Merit Selection Panel 814 Theodore Levin United States Courthouse 231 W. Lafayette Boulevard Detroit, MI 48228

### **Foundation Elections**

The GCBF will hold their election of officers and trustees immediately following the GCBA election scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008. The slate of officers to be elected for a one year term is as follows:

President: Carl L. Bekofske Vice President: John P. Siler Secretary: Walter P. Griffin Treasurer: Jeffry D. Rocco

The slate of trustees to be elected for a three year is as follows:

Carl L. Bekofske
Kathleen Buckley-O'Neill
John P. Siler,
and Jeffry D. Rocco for a one year term.

### **Law Day Donations**

Thanks to the following contributors for sponsoring student Law Day lunches: LindaLee Massoud, Dawn Crichton, Tess Sullivan, Michael Tesner, Carolyn Boegner, Orene Bryant, Ward Chapman, Hon. Duncan Beagle, Carl Bekofske, Julia Black, Laura Breckenridge, Fiederlein, James Cole, Christenson & Dolores Coulter, Francine Cullari, David Guinn, Ronald Haldy, Jeff Himelhoch, David Leyton, Robert Segar, John Folts, Lynnmarie Johnson, Michael Kelly, Mark Latchana, Tracey Merithew, Robert MacDonald, Andrea Legendre, Barbara Menear, Randall Petrides, Lynn Taft and Richard Ruhala. A special thanks to the Genesee County Bar Foundation, Roberta Wray and the Flint West Optimist Club for their financial support of Law Day activities.

# May Membership Meeting featuring Election of Officers & Awards Ceremony

Masonic Temple, downtown Flint ♦ May 19, 2008 ♦ 12 Noon

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President David S. Leyton 2008-2009
Treasurer Chris Christenson 2008-2009
Director Jeffrey J. Himelhoch 2008-2011
Director Steven W. Moulton 2008-2011
Director Anthony P. Vance 2008-2009

Vice President Timothy H. Knecht 2008-2009
Secretary Karen L. Folks 2008-2009
Dennis R. Lazar 2008-2011
Director James J. Wascha 2008-2011

- ◆ 2008 Herbert Milliken Jr., Civility of the Year Award: Linda L. Pylypiw
- ◆ 2008 Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Pro Bono Attorney of the Year. Edward G. Henneke
- ◆ 2008 Centennial American Inns of Court Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award: H. William Reising

Genesee County Bar Foundation Annual Meeting to Follow Immediately

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~Telephone Reservations Are No Longer Accepted~

# An Invitation to all members of the BAR and their family. Please join us in a FREE afternoon of Tennis and Fun

### Sunday May 18, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In case of inclement weather: Sunday May 25, same time.



The Best Kept Secret in the Flint Area
The FLINT TENNIS CLUB. (810)239-5371

Located off Hammerberg Road at the entrance to

Swartz Creek Golf Course.

Since 1939 the Flint Tennis Club has maintained eight of the finest Clay Courts in the State of Michigan. You will find: Club house, Picnic area, Ball machine, Pot Luck Nites, Lessons from a certified USTA instructor, a very friendly group of players of all levels and even some Bridge Players.

There is a modest one time per season court fee which allows members to play from May-October, any time, without reservations.

### **GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

### 4th Annual Run &Walk + Friday, June 13, 2008 All Are Welcome!



### **START TIME**

5K run starts at 6:00 p.m. 5K walk starts at 6:02 p.m.

#### REGISTRATION

Mail or drop off entries to 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or fax to 810-232-8310 (with credit card information); or register on our secure website at www.gcbalaw.org. After June 6th entrants must pay late entry fees.

### **CHECK-IN**

Early packet pick at the GCBA, 315. E. Court St., Flint, on Thursday, June 12 from 9:30-5:30 p.m. and on June 13 at 4:30 p.m., Memorial Park on Church St. between Grand Traverse and 5th Street.

### **COURSE**

Race starts at MEMORIAL PARK on Church St., between Grand Traverse and 5th St., Flint. Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades and dogs are prohibited.

### **FACILITIES**

No restrooms will be available during the race. Restrooms will be available before and after the race at the check-in area.

### **REFRESHMENTS & FOOD**

Water will be supplied during the race and food and beverage will be available at the finish line for all participants.

### ENTRY FEE

Before June 6th: \$21 with t-shirt, \$14 w/o t-shirt. After June 6th \$25 with t-shirt, \$18 w/o t-shirt. XXL and larger at an additional cost. T-shirts cannot be guaranteed for race day registrants. Cash only for same day registrants. Price includes food and beverage at the Post-Race Party in Memorial Park. Food and beverage for guests \$2.

### **AWARDS**

Prizes will be awarded for the top finishers in each age division, run and walk. Additional prizes will be awarded for the Last Lawyer in Line and Best Briefs. Please arrange to have your prize picked up after the race. Prizes will not be mailed.

### AGE DIVISIONS

Men & Women: Best Overall, Masters, 1-15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-over.

### RESULTS

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Results will be scored by G.R.M.with the ChampionChip. Chips must be worn to be scored. Results will be posted on race day and at www.gcbalaw.org and www.gaultracemanagement.com.

### MORE INFORMATION

Contact the GCBA at 810-232-6012, email rls@gcbalaw.org, visit www.gcbalaw.org for race route, parking and more.

CANCELLATIONS: ENTRY FEES NON-REFUNDABLE.

GCBA 5K Run for the BAR LAST NAME (please print)	FIRST NAME FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008 (May be photocopied) M.I.				
STREET ADDRESS	CITY/TOWN				
STATE ZIP CODE DATE OF BIRTH	TELEPHONE NUMBER AGE SEX				
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CHIP INFORMATION  I own my ChampionChip number: I will use a chip provided by the race and will return it after the race. I understand that I will be assessed a \$30 fee if I fail to return the chip.  ARE YOU AN ATTORNEY?   Yes  No  WAIVER. In consideration of acceptance of my entry, I, myself, my executors, administrators, do hereby release and discharge the Genesee County Bar Association, Genesee County Bar Foundation, their members, the City of Flint, all sponsors, volunteers, supporters and spectators of the race for all claims of damages, injuries, demands, actions whatsoever in any manner arising from my participation in said event. I have been warned I must be in good health to participate in this event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to use my name and photograph for purposes of publicity and promotion, without payment of consideration. In filling out this form, I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risks involved in this event, understand my own liability, and do accept the restrictions.	Shirt Size (Circle)  S  M  L  XXL  XXL (add \$2)  XXXXL (add \$3)   PAYMENT  Do not send cash in the mail.  Make checks payable to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E.  Court St., Flint, MI 48502. Total amount due \$  For credit card entries, please complete:  Debit Card  Visa  Mastercard  Card#  Name  (as appears on the credit card)  Exp. date Last 3#'s on back of card  SIGNATURE				
SIGNATURE (Parent if under 18)  DATE	EMAIL ADDRESS				

## GCBA 5K Run for the BAR Volunteer Opportunities Note: Volunteers can check off more than one time slot.

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VOL	UNTEERS PLEASE INDICATE	YOUR SHIR	T SIZE (Circle)	S	M XXL	L	XL
PRE	RACE PACKAGE PICK UP, The Distribute race packages (9:30-5)	•					
RAC	E DAY: Friday, June 13, 2008 Deliver supplies Office volunteers & finish line Course volunteers Post race picnic	1:30 p.m 3:30 p.m 5:15 p.m	des 30 minute orio · 2:30 p.m. · 7:30 p.m · 7:30 p.m. · 8:00 p.m.	(4 vo (10 v (20 v	olunteers volunteer volunteer	s need s need	ed) ed)
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	\$200.00 Circuit Court Sponsors  ♦ Name printed on back of t-shirt (imprint area: approx 1" x 3"): limited to 7 donors  Listing in Bar Beat ♦ 2 race entries ♦ 2 t-shirts						
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# 2008 Genesee County Bar Association 30th Annual Golf Outing



~ New Price! New Location! ~

Join Your Friends, Colleagues and Members of the Legal Community at the

### FLINT ELKS COUNTRY CLUB **→** MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

7177 E .Maple Ave., Grand Blanc, MI (between Vassar Rd. and Irish Rd.)

Schedule:			<u>Prizes</u>		
11:00 a.m.	Registration and Dr	riving Range Open	♦1st Place, 2nd Place		♦ Hole-in-1
12:00 noon	Lunch		◆ Closest to the Pin		<b>♦</b> 50/50 Raffle
1:00 p.m.	Shotgun Start		◆ Longest Drive ma	le & female	◆ Door prizes for all
6:15 p.m.	Dinner Buffet				
	Non-golfers may jo	in us for dinner			
Price Includes:	◆ Driving Range	◆ Golf & C	Cart <b>→</b> Lunch	<b>♦</b> Di	nner Buffet
	Please note: Golf fee	s are not waived for memb	ers. Dress Code: shirts with	collars and no blu	e jeans.
TEAM (4 perso	on scramble) LIM	MITED NUMBER OF T	EAMS AVAILABLE: PLE	EASE REGISTER	EARLY!
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Telephone Nui	mber:				
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For more information, contact Committee Co-Chair Erwin Meiers at (810) 238-0900; Co-Chair Sue Preketes at (810) 234-1300; or the GCBA at (810) 232-6012.

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