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## *The President's Message*

*Chris Baylinson*

When I spoke at my installation dinner in June at the House of Blues, I did not make any huge commitments recognizing that a one-year term is not enough time to change the world. One of the commitments that I did make was to keep the Bar Association moving forward fiscally and am happy to report so far, so good. Our Treasurer, Alan Cohen, and the newly created Finance Committee have done a great job in revamping the budget and financial reports so that even I can understand them and can see that we have money in the bank and are financially sound, which has not always been the case. My hopes are to turn the books over to Pat Sampoli in June with the Association being as strong as it is now.

With the holidays behind us, there is a busy schedule for the Bar Association for the next several months. While Mary disseminates much of this information via e-mail announcements, I want to touch upon a few of the more significant events we have to look forward to in the coming months.

Next Wednesday night, February 28, 2007, we are going back to Angelo's in Atlantic City for our February Bar dinner. This has turned into an annual event with no agenda and no speeches, just a good, low stress relaxing dinner amongst friends. You can call Mary to sign up or just show up.



Brush off your karaoke skills from last spring as the Young Lawyers Spring Fling will again be held at Planet Rose in The Quarter at Tropicana. This was a great time last year where we had the opportunity to see a lot of our

comrades embarrass themselves. The Spring Fling is on March 22, 2007 and promises to be a good time. There will not be a Bar dinner in March, instead I would urge everyone to attend the Young Lawyers Spring Fling as this will be another great event as are all of the Young Lawyer events.

On April 19, 2007 we will have the honor of hosting the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, James Zazzali, at a joint four-county Bar Association dinner at Buena Vista Country Club. This is a great opportunity to meet the Chief Justice and socialize with lawyers from not only Atlantic County, but Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties. Mary Berard will be handling registration for Atlantic County members and will be sending information out shortly. Space is limited for this dinner, so don't wait until the last minute to sign up.

For those of you who don't know, Judge Seltzer will be retiring come September. On a personal and professional level, George Seltzer is one of a kind, a great person and a great

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judge. I have known him for a long time, have tried cases before him in both the Law Division and Chancery Division, and knew that it would be like pulling teeth trying to get him to agree to any type of celebration in his honor. Nonetheless, Steve Scherzer called me and said that we have to try. Steve and I met with Judge Seltzer last month and after much negotiation finally got him to agree to let the Bar Association honor him. He said we could do it if it was at a regular monthly Bar dinner, no black tie, no big speeches and nothing fancy. Therefore, mark your calendars for Thursday night, April 26, 2007. There will be a Bar dinner at the Borgata to honor Judge Seltzer. This is the first time the Bar Association has held an event at the Borgata and we're excited to have this dinner at such a great venue. Please sign up early, I suspect this dinner may sell out.

On June 8, 2007 Pat Sampoli will be installed as President of this Association at Linwood Country Club. This is a huge night for Pat, so mark your calendar to join Pat on her night.

The Atlantic County Bar Association Women Lawyers Committee is currently sponsoring a drive for the collection of professional women's clothing for the Family Services Association and Covenant House. The drive is being headed by Jackie Hawkins-Stiles and Lynn Caterson. Drop-off points are Jackie's office at Mairone Biel in Atlantic City and Lynn's office. The Bar Association has added two additional drop-off locations being Pat



Sampoli's office at Youngblood Corcoran and the Criminal Courthouse in Mays Landing. Let's support the Women Lawyers Committee and get professional women's clothing to those locations to benefit Family Services and Covenant House.

The Bar Association is also sponsoring a blood drive taking place on March 23, 2007 at the Civil Courthouse. If you still feel okay after the Bar Dinner at Angelo's the night before, you can then donate blood that morning.

I have had some inquiries concerning the statewide attorney identification card program being efforted through the Attorney General's office, the County Sheriff's office, the Administrative Office of the Courts and the New Jersey State Bar Association. Sheriff McGettigan has recently confirmed that the Atlantic County

Sheriff's office will be participating and the program should be in full swing by early March. While there are still a few minor details to work out, what we know so far is that the photo I.D. cards will be issued through the Sheriff's I.D. Bureau in Mays Landing, the cards will cost \$25 and be valid for five years. The cards will be standardized and accepted

statewide which may help to expedite lawyer entry into all New Jersey courthouses. This is a project that has been in the works for several years in an effort to secure easier attorney access to court facilities throughout the State.

Kim Bloomer did another outstanding job this year heading up the high school Inns of Court competition. I

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had the pleasure of sitting with the Honorable Marvin Rimm, retired, to judge one of the competitions in the Criminal Courthouse. For those of you who have not been involved in the high school mock trial competition, this is a huge effort which takes a significant amount of time and man power. We have had the honor of having Kim organize the Atlantic County competition for the past several years, I can't give her enough credit; she does an unbelievable job and deserves all of our thanks.

Finally, congratulations go to Kevin McCann for being nominated to the position of Secretary of the New Jersey State Bar Association. Kevin, whose office is in Cumberland County, but is also a fixture in Atlantic County, was the only South Jersey attorney

seeking the position and ultimately receiving the nod over other excellent candidates from North Jersey. Kevin will take over as Secretary in May of 2007 at the New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Meeting in Atlantic City. It is rare to have local representation within the officers rank at the State Bar Association. This is a good thing for South Jersey.

I have highlighted some of the more significant events and functions to look forward to. This just scratches the surface of what the Bar Association actually does through not only the Officers and Trustees, but the general membership. It is astonishing to me the level of commitment to the profession and the community the lawyers of this Association have. All are to be commended.

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**Atlantic County Bar Association  
American Red Cross Blood Drive  
Friday, March 23, 2007  
9 am to 3 pm  
1st floor Jury Assembly Room**

***Appointments preferred*  
Call Mary Berard at 609-345-3444**

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## **Atlantic County Bar Association**

**To:** *all members, and their significant others*

**Re: Dinner at Angelo's**

***No, agenda, no speech, no guest speaker.***

***Just good eats and comradery!!***

***Angelo's Fairmount Tavern***

**2300 Fairmount Avenue  
Atlantic City, NJ**

**February 28, 2007**

**6:00 cocktails**

**7:00 dinner**

**\$ 40.00 per person**

**\$ 30.00 for Judicial Law Clerks**

**your choice of:**

**Broiled Flounder, Chicken Florentine  
Eggplant Rollatini or Veal Parmesan**

**Send checks, made payable to ACBA  
to 1201 Bacharach Blvd., Atlantic City, NJ 08401**

**Call 609 345 3444 or e-mail to make your reservation**

**MAINLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WINS  
2007 COUNTY MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Though the Atlantic County High School Mock Trial competitions are over, our County Champions are still competing. Mainland Regional High School won their first regional competition against Cherry Hill East at the Law Center in New Brunswick on February 14, 2007. They play Middle Township (last year's state champions) on March 16, 2007 in the regional playoffs. If they are successful, they will compete in the state semi-finals March 20, 2007. The statewide final is March 27, 2007.

The Bar Association thanks everyone who participated this year as bailiffs, judges and especially coaches. If you are interested in coaching a team please call Kim Bloomer at (609) 601-6607.

