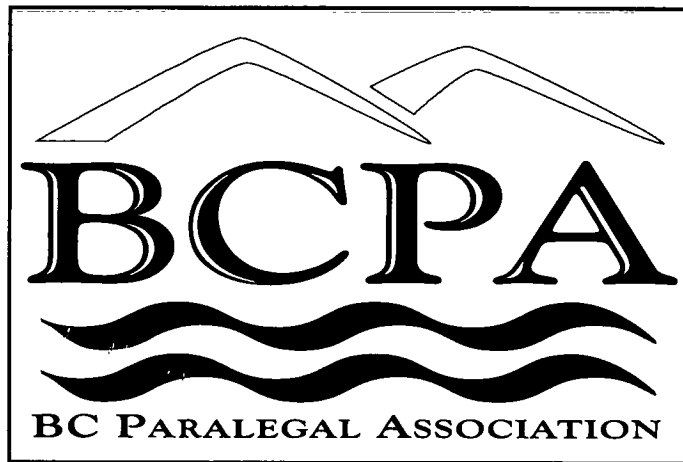


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On October 26, 2006, the BCPA and CAP held the annual Autumn Dinner at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Vancouver. With the continued growth of membership and programs being offered for BCPA and CAP members across the country, the two Associations have had a tremendously successful year.

The 2006 Autumn Dinner welcomed guest speaker, Doris Harms of Industry Canada. Doris presented an entertaining and informative guide through the Industry Canada website.

In addition, the BCPA presented a new lunch and learn program, to begin in Vancouver and hopefully expand to other locations as the program grows; please watch for further details in coming editions.

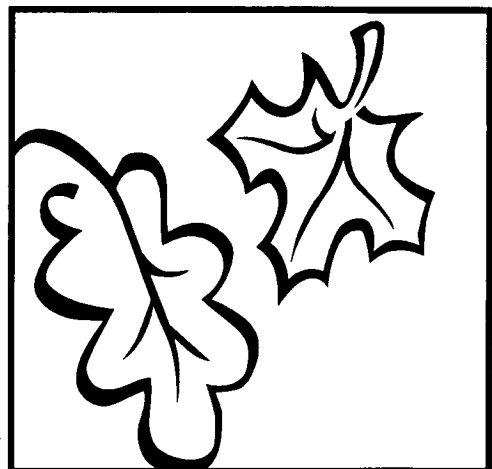
The Silent Auction raised over nine hundred dollars for the Professional Development Fund. We would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to all of our sponsors for their generous, and continued, support of the BCPA. You can see a full list of the dinner sponsors on page 5.

Finally, the BCPA and CAP took the dinner as an opportunity to give Jerena Tobiasen a sincere thank you for her many years of service for both Associations. Despite no longer being directly involved with Associations, Jerena continues to offer her years of knowledge and insight, as well as being the Chair of the Paralegal Alliance Task Force. You can read Jerena's article on the state of paralegalism in Canada on pages 10-14.

We also take the opportunity to introduce you to the BCPA Vancouver Island Director, Janet Crnkovic and to give you on an update on what has been happening in the interior.

Watch for the December edition, which will introduce the new online salary survey and an interview with Chief Justice Brenner.

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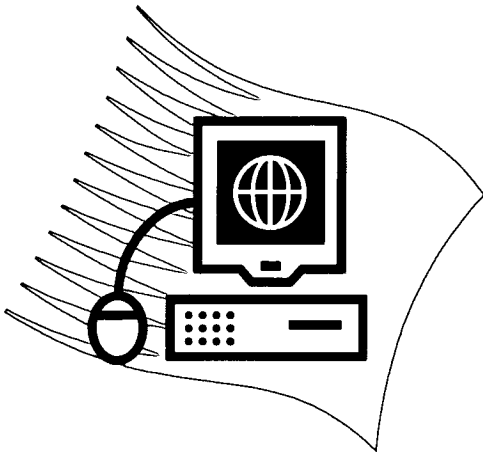
We look forward to meeting you in the future.

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WEBSITE UPDATE



The 2006 BCPA Salary Survey goes online!!!

With the reconstruction of www.bcpalegalassociation.com, the salary survey will be conducted with greater privacy and accuracy by going online. Further details will following in December and January.

BCPA Board of Directors

AROUND THE PROVINCE

On October 14, 2006, 23 Thompson/Okanagan Paralegals and students gathered at the Vernon Lodge for a fall luncheon. It was a great opportunity for many of us to finally meet, put faces to names, to socialize and to network. We hope to organize another function in the Spring of 2007.

While we did not have a live speaker, we were finally able to view the video recording of the speaker from the BCPA Fall 2005 Dinner. The speaker was Jay Chalke, the Public Guardian and Trustee of BC. We expect that in the future, as our membership grows in the Thompson/Okanagan, we will be able to host live speakers.

We wish to express a very big thank you to all of our sponsors: Pihl & Associates (Kelowna), Bassett & Company (Westbank), Pushor Mitchell (Kelowna), Petraroia Langford Rush (Kelowna), Nixon Wenger (Vernon) and Stewart Title.

A number of other, smaller events are ongoing in Kelowna, including informal semi-monthly lunches, and the opportunity to join in with the Young Lawyers of Kelowna at some of their functions where their speakers would be of interest and value to paralegals.

A very special thank you to Elisabeth Dahnert from Pihl & Associates for her help in organizing this event.

For further information about Thompson/Okanagan events, please contact Esther van Leening at evanleening@bergehorn.com



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2006 AUTUMN DINNER

On October 26, 2006, BCPA and CAP hosted the Annual Autumn Dinner. The jointly hosted dinner is becoming the go to event of the year for local paralegals. In May, the dinner attracted just over 100 attendees, and the October dinner attracted well over 100 attendees. It was so popular that the BCPA unfortunately had to turn away eager guests. The 2007 dinners will promise to continue the trend, and we will certainly ensure that we book larger venues!

For this Autumn's gathering, the BCPA invited Doris Harms of Industry Canada. Since 1988, Doris has worked in the public service industry. Initially with the Consumer Policy & Services Branch, then in 1993 she joined Corporations Canada. During her years with Corporations Canada, Doris has also worked for the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the Competition Bureau on assignment. Doris represents Corporations Canada in the Western provinces, and when not at work, she can be found serving her two cats or relaxing on the beach in Baja.

Doris made a entertaining and lively presentation about the various uses of the Industry Canada website, Strategis.

In addition to the presentation by Doris, there were many door prizes given out and another round of the highly popular Silent Auction. The Silent Auction, which began in May 2006 was established to raise funds for the BCPA Professional Development Fund. The Autumn dinner raised just over \$900.00 for the fund! We thank all of you who gave generously to the Auction.

During the evening, guests feasted on a wonderful buffet provided by the staff at the Pan Pacific Hotel and for dessert were treated to a delicious flowing chocolate fountain, complete with cookies, strawberries and marshmallows for dipping.

The wonderful event could not have taken place without the generous and continuing support of all of our sponsors. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the assistance of Dye & Durham with the collection of the RSVPs and Arc Print & Imaging for the printing of the invitations, posters and programs.

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We look forward to seeing you again next year in May and October.



Guest Speaker, Doris Harms (right), with door prize winners



Amanda Magee of Stewart Title Guaranty, Premiere Sponsor, with door prize winner



Peter Coles of Arc Print & Imaging with door prize winner, Liz Watt



Johanna Mustapic of Triage Data with door prize winner Kim Frezell