

2005 YLD Report to the Executive Committee

On March 9, 2005, the first meeting of the Lycoming Law Association's Young Lawyers Division was held at the Old Corner. At this meeting, six of the approximately twenty Lycoming County Young Lawyers were present. We discussed a number of preliminary issues, including social events, service projects, a mentor program, and bringing the "Bridge the Gap" CLE to Lycoming County.

Our next meeting was held on May 19, 2005, at the Kansas City Steakhouse. At this meeting, two young lawyers were in attendance, and we decided to hold our next meeting in June during the noon hour so that more young lawyers could be in attendance.

During our third meeting at noon on June, 16, 2005, at the Ross Club, we established a regular meeting schedule: noon on the third Thursday of each month. Further, two committees were appointed: the Service Committee (chaired by Patricia Shipman), and the Mentoring Committee (chaired by Joel McDermott). Finally, by unanimous vote, Charles Brace was formally elected as the Chair of the Young Lawyers Division.

At July's meeting, we began to formulate ideas, including a soup kitchen service project and a mentoring program. We also decided to hold our first social event at the Bullfrog Brewery in August. The Chair also created a Yahoo! Groups distribution list for the YLD.

At our August meeting, PBA President Bill Carlucci attended and provided the membership with a number of ideas and services that are available through the Pennsylvania Bar Association. That evening, the Bullfrog Brewery social event occurred and a number of members attended.

At our September meeting, it was suggested that we attempt to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina by organizing a Blood Drive. (It was later discovered that the Red Cross schedules blood drives about a year in advance, and therefore we were unable to complete this project.) We also discussed and approved a "Benefit Gala", and a Gala Committee (chaired by Charles Brace).

At our October meeting, we discussed two service projects: the Soup Kitchen/Food Drive and the Angel Toy Drive. The Soup Kitchen/Food Drive project did not occur due to scheduling problems. However, the Angel Toy Drive occurred in December (in conjunction with the Paralegal Association) and was a success.

In November, we confirmed plans for the Angel Toy Drive. We also decided to hold a social event after the new admittee ceremony in December at the Old Corner (this event occurred and was successful). Further, a date was chosen for the Gala (October 7, 2006). We also discussed various officer issues: whether to elect a treasurer and/or a secretary; the date of elections for these positions; whether we would like to write bylaws/operating procedures; and the appointment of a young lawyer to the 2006 LLA Executive Committee.

And finally, in December, we successfully held the Angel Toy Drive (along with the Paralegal Association), and held the social event at the Old Corner after the New Admittee Ceremony. At our meeting, a formal plan for the mentor program was discussed. The mentoring committee plans to have a detailed proposal for the LLA Executive Committee at the February Executive Committee meeting. We also decided that elections for YLD Chair shall occur in February, with nominations for Chair to be taken at the January meeting.

With the close of our initial year, we recognize that there is still much to do. We are looking forward to the many challenges and excitement that 2006 will bring.

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