



Message from the President:

Fall is in full swing and for HMPA that means three very special events are taking place. First, Fall means it's time for our Annual CP Review Course, which just wrapped up on October 15, 2016. Second, Fall means it's time for our 2016 Paralegal of the Year Contest! The nominations are coming in and it's already shaping up to be a very tight race. Third and finally, Fall means that it's almost time for HMPA's Annual Toys for Tots Winter Social benefitting the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation! With so much going on this time of year, it's easy to get bogged down and forget about all the exciting things happening at HMPA, so we thought we'd give you a little reminder!

CP Review Course

Each year, many devoted HMPA Board Members work tirelessly to plan, organize and execute a comprehensive review course dedicated to ensuring that students in local paralegal studies programs are well prepared for the Certified Paralegal Exam. This year, the Board worked closely with professors and administrators at Lone Star Junior College to prepare not only an exceptional review course, but also a mock

interview and resume writing contest. The course was a roaring success and our Board Members had a wonderful time educating and interacting with budding young paralegals. I would like to extend a very special "Thank You!" to Board Members, Sherrie Hollinger, Amy Rainwater, Anita Hamilton and Rugina Poellnitz for their unwavering dedication to the success of this seminar.

2016 Paralegal of the Year

HMPA is proud to be the oldest and largest paralegal association in the great state of Texas. We are so fortunate to have so many talented, passionate, dedicated paralegals among our members. And with so much talent in our ranks, it only seems fitting that we should honor one of our exceptional members each year with our Paralegal of the Year Award. Last year we received more than 100 nominations and this year we hope to shatter that record!! Nomination forms were distributed at the October CLE Luncheon and additional information is being circulated via e-blast to all members. Nomination forms are due on or before November 23, 2016 and can be submitted via email to Sherrie Hollinger at [president-](mailto:elect@houstonparalegals.org)

elect@houstonparalegals.org. The 2016 Paralegal of the Year will be announced at the December CLE Luncheon. This is a great way to recognize all of the exceptional paralegals in your life, so submit your nominations today!

Toys for Tots Winter Social

Last, but certainly not least is one of our favorite events of the year: HMPA's Annual Winter Social benefitting the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation! This event is near and dear to our hearts for so many reasons. It allows us to come together as colleagues and celebrate the season while also giving back to children and families in our very own community. This event is a staple on our winter calendar and this year we hope to see all of you there!! Invitations will be circulated at the November CLE Luncheon as well as via e-blast to all members. The event will take place on December 14, 2016 at Ouisie's Table from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Come out and get in the holiday spirit with HMPA and the U.S. Marine Corps! Entry to the event will be granted in exchange for the donation of at least one new unwrapped toy per



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person (although we encourage you to bring more if you can)! Guests will enjoy complimentary beer, wine, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, holiday cheer, door prizes and so much more. All of this is made possible by our wonderful and generous co-sponsors, Rimkus Consulting Group and Capitol Services, Inc. Thank you so very much! We could not do this without you.

As you can see, Fall is an exciting time at HMPA. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the season, celebrate fellow paralegals and celebrate the spirit of giving through our annual Winter fundraiser. **Until next time!**

