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Status of Truman Smith Fund Topic of Next Session

Kim Dutton, community director of the Fayetteville Community Foundation, will report on the status of the Truman Smith fund set up by the Washington County Bar Association at the organization's next meeting, Monday, Oct. 5, at noon at the Clarion Inn.

The Fayetteville Community Foundation (FCF) is a tax-exempt, public charity organized in November 2003 to receive, protect and distribute gifts from individuals and organizations for the improvement of Fayetteville and surrounding communities.

The foundation is a collection of charitable funds varying in size from \$10,000 to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Each fund has its own identity and philanthropic purpose and each endowed fund benefits from being invested with other funds to create a lasting community resource. Currently, FCF has assets of just over \$1.5 million.

Individuals, corporations and nonprofit organizations use the foundation for a wide variety of reasons. The foundation accepts charitable gifts of almost any kind, invests the funds and distributes either a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the total to nonprofit organizations and programs according to the donor's advice, interests and charitable purpose.

Bar Photograph Postponed

The project to photograph members of the Bar Association for posting on the courthouse walls has been postponed until next year to give the people who will become lawyers in 2010 the chance to be included, President John Burrow announced.

Access to Justice Campaign Kick-off is Thursday

Washington County Bar members are invited to celebrate the kick-off of Arkansas's first statewide fund raising campaign for legal aid.

The Arkansas Access to Justice Commission will present The Promise of Justice Campaign Kick-off Thursday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.-noon at the Washington County Courthouse, Northeast Conference Room, Fifth Floor, Suite 540. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

The drive will attempt to provide access to civil justice for all Arkansans by finding at least one legal aid attorney for every 5,000 low-income Arkansans. The legal aid providers in Arkansas are not even close to this minimum standard of access, said Susann Purtle of Legal Aid of Arkansas. The state has 14,000 low-income Arkansans for each legal aid attorney.

To narrow the gap between legal needs and legal aid, the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission has teamed up with Arkansas' legal aid organizations to conduct the campaign. The goal is to raise \$500,000 for the two legal aid providers in our state: the Center for Arkansas Legal Services and Legal Aid of Arkansas.

Legal Support Professionals Organization Formed

Northwest Arkansas Legal Support Professionals (NWALSP) is a newly chartered non-profit organization based upon the principle of service to legal support professionals at all levels including attorneys, courts, law societies and the general public. The group is a part of a tri-level organization, beginning with NALS, the association for legal professionals on the national level (www.nals.org), AALS, the Association for Arkansas Legal Support Professionals (www.aalsonline.org) at the state level, and the local chapter. Meetings are on the second Thursday of every month at locations alternating between Washington and Benton Counties.

The group's primary goals are to increase membership and raise funds, so that it can start holding CLE for those who are already certified with NALS and those who will be taking the steps to become certified with NALS in the coming months.

The group will host a Nuts 'n Bolts of Grammar Seminar, based on the Gregg Reference Manual, 10th Edition, on Oct. 17, at the Jones Center.

This is also a way to learn more about the organization and to meet the members of NWALSP. Anyone interested in attending can contact NWALSP at nwalsp@gmail.com, so that a registration form may be sent to you.

For membership inquiries, e-mail Stacy Dullard, ALS, President, at nwalsp@gmail.com.

September Minutes

President John Burrow called the meeting to order. A motion was made to approve the minutes and treasury report. The motion was seconded and the minutes and treasury report were approved. Guests were introduced.

Law school students made a request of the attorneys to help judge the Trial Advocacy competitions at the law school.

President Burrow announced that we would soon be taking the pictures for the dicentennial photo array that hangs in the Courthouse. The dates and times for the pictures to be taken will be announced later and the cost will be \$35.

President Burrow introduced and presented an award to retired Circuit Judge Michael Mashburn. The Public Defender's office also presented retired Judge Mashburn with a plaque memorializing his service.

Katherine Shurlds and others with the Northwest Arkansas Gridiron Show performed portions of last year's show. This year the Northwest Arkansas Gridiron Show is scheduled for October 2nd and 3rd at the Rogers Little Theater. Tickets can be purchased at nwagridiron.com.

There was no further business and President Burrow adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Snively
Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Previous balance - \$8,272.51

Credits - \$0

Debits - \$55.00

New Balance - \$8,217.51

October Judges' Calendars

Judge Barry

Oct. 7 – Fayetteville

Oct. 14 – Hot Springs

Oct. 30 – Fort Smith

Judge Gunn

Oct. 2 – defaults at 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 14-16 Fall Judicial College

Will not be in Madison County in October

Judge Hendren

Oct. 5 - Harrison/Fayetteville

Oct. 12 – Harrison/Fayetteville

Oct. 19 - Hot Springs

Oct. 26 - Fayetteville/Harrison

Judge Lindsay

Oct. 7, 21, and 28- defaults at 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 22 – Madison County at 9:00 a.m.

Judge Martin

Oct. 2, 5, 9, 12, 23, 26 and 30 – defaults at 8:30 a.m.

Oct. 19 - Madison County

Oct. 14-16 - Judicial Council Meeting

Judge Smith

Oct. 14, 15, 16 – Fall Judicial Conference

Oct. 26 – Madison County

Judge Storey

Oct. 13 - Madison County

Oct. 14 (afternoon) – Madison County

Oct. 15-16 – Fall Judicial College

Judge Zimmerman

Mondays: Criminal Cases

Tuesdays: FINS Cases

Wednesdays: Dependant/Neglect Cases

Thursdays: Criminal/FINS Cases

Fridays: Domestic Relations Cases

Oct. 2 - Madison County

Information

Dues

\$30 a year

\$10 new lawyers

Due in January

Mail to P.O. address below or pay at meeting

Addresses

Dues, advertising payment and other business:

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Please submit items for the newsletter by the 20th of the month for the next month.

Send submissions to Katherine Shurlds at <mailto:kshurlds@uark.edu> or fax to 575-4314. Or send information to 833 E. Ash St., Fayetteville, 72703.

Phone messages may be left at 443-9061.

Whenever possible, please submit items by e-mail so that they do not have to be retyped. Attached files often present a problem so just send the text itself in the e-mail message. Please do not send files as WordPerfect.