



The Gavel



Newsletter of the Lycoming County Paralegal

**HAPPY PARALEGAL WEEK!
JULY 27-31, 2015**



On July 23, the LCPA provided a free lunch at Don Patron's to the members who attended. The LCPA is proud to honor all of the paralegals who contribute to the legal system through their hard work and dedication!



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

PARALEGAL WEEK

July 27-31, 2015

PARALEGAL DAY

July 31, 2015

WHEREAS, The practice of law is a demanding, challenging and complex endeavor – one in which the rights, liberties and safety of our citizens has been protected and preserved for centuries; and

WHEREAS, members of the bar require knowledgeable and reliable assistance to fulfill the duties of their profession. Paralegals have become an invaluable source of support in law offices, providing lawyers with a variety of skilled professional services throughout their practice; and

WHEREAS, paralegals are highly educated, trained and experienced professionals with expertise in legal and case research, interviewing clients and witnesses, legal and correspondence writing and other critical areas of successful and efficient law practices; and

WHEREAS, the value of talented paralegals is often overlooked by the general public, but their worth is never underestimated by the lawyers and firms for whom they work.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim July 27 – 31, 2015, as PARALEGAL WEEK and July 31, 2015, as PARALEGAL DAY in the Commonwealth.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this tenth day of June in the Year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Commonwealth the two-hundred and thirty-ninth.

Tom Wolf
TOM WOLF
Governor



The Lycoming County Paralegal Association extends a warm welcome to our newest member, **KIRA PEQUIGNOT! Kira has been a paralegal for Attorney Janice Yaw at Lepley, Engelman & Yaw, LLC for 1 ½ years. She works on cases involving family law.**

In May 2014, Kira graduated from Penn College with her Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies. She currently resides in Newberry. In her free time, Kira enjoys watching Netflix and shopping. In the winter, she likes to go snowboarding.



The Board has been planning some fun activities to boost the LCPA's membership.



- We will need a couple of members to volunteer to go speak to Professor Derr's class which meets Mondays and Wednesdays 12:30-2:00 to explain the benefits of being a member of the LCPA.
- We are ordering pens and/or "goodies" and planning to hold a Paralegal Interchange in order to recruit new members. Stayed tuned for details!
- If you are a current member, invite your paralegal friends & coworkers to join us during a meeting and encourage them to become members. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at Noon at the Tower Café.

LCPA Membership Benefits

- Continuing accredited legal seminars to assist paralegals and attorneys
- Lunch and learn meetings
- Professional recognition
- Networking with other paralegals who share the same interests and goals
- Exchanging of ideas, concerns and challenges within the profession
- LCPA newsletter *The Gavel* containing the Association business, seminar information, articles, local state and national paralegal professional news and more
- Working with the Lycoming County Bar Association's Law Day and annual Christmas Service project
- Receiving notices of job openings and Job Bank to place your resume
- Scholarships for NFPA's PACE and NALA's CP/CLA exams



The purpose of the LCPA is to promote the paralegal profession and encourage interaction with the local attorneys and other paralegals.

Congratulations

Congrats to CARLA MILLER of Lock Haven! She was the recipient of the Maxine Stiffler/LCPA Scholarship for academic year 2015/2016. Carla is a junior in the Legal Assistant/Paralegal program at Penn College. She was awarded \$250 to be divided between the fall and spring semesters.



Volunteers are needed for the

WILLS FOR

HEROS event on

Saturday, October

17th at the Old

Lycoming Township

Volunteer Fire

Company on Dewey

Avenue in

Williamsport. This

program provides estate planning documents

to military veterans, first responders, and

their spouses. All appointment slots have

been filled. **They are in need of Notaries and**

witnesses. You may contact Rebecca at

rhovenstine@dingeswaltz.com if you have

any questions.

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

RECENT CLE EVENT

The LCPA would like to thank Attorney William Carlucci for hosting a very informative Lunch & Learn on July 16, 2015. The topic of his presentation was “Rules of Civil Pleading.” Bill addressed the importance of always checking the Pennsylvania Rules of Court while drafting pleadings and he reviewed the most violated rules.





NEXT MEETING:
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015
AT TOWER CAFÉ

The LCPA has a facebook page!

Please “like us” on Facebook and you will receive updates on the LCPA lunch and learn schedule as well as membership news and events.



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