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From BCBA President Pat Eng

I hope everyone will plan to attend the annual Holiday Party on the evening of Dec. 7 at the Alumni Center on the MU campus. It is an annual opportunity to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Besides the annual picnic, it is also the only annual event to which spouses and dates are invited and welcomed.

We need everyone to sign up as soon as possible so the Alumni Center can prepare sufficient food, drink and table settings. See the main story on this page for RSVP information.

As the new year approaches, your Executive Committee is considering how the BCBA can help with a worthy group based in Columbia which makes hand-driven vehicles for people in other countries who have lost the use of their legs.

Called "PET," for "Personal Energy Transportation," the organization is headquartered at 1914 Heriford Dr. and is headed by retired minister Mel West.

While the Executive Committee plans to consider a monetary donation to the group, bar members can help individually as well. Right now the group is seeking donations of old manual typewriters which will be sent to places of need around the world.

If you have an old manual typewriter gathering dust, please consider donating it to PET. Their phone number is 886-7877.

Please share concerns with committees

As BCBA committees begin their work for the year, bar members are asked to communicate their concerns to the appropriate committees.

Committee chairs and members were listed in last month's *Newsletter*. The lists are also posted on the BCBA web site at www.bocomobar.org/committe.htm.

Sign up now for Dec. 7 Holiday Party

Please start making reservations immediately for the annual Holiday Party scheduled on Wednesday evening, Dec. 7, at the MU Alumni Center. A tentative count of those attending is needed as soon as possible.

To reserve your place, contact BCBA Secretary **Helen Wade** at 442-1660 or hwade@hesnlaw.com. *The final deadline for RSVPs is noon on Monday, Dec. 5.*

All BCBA members and their spouses or dates are invited to the event, which will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. Dec. 7. Dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a \$30 charge for each person at-

tending, payable at the door. Checks should be made payable to "Boone County Bar Association."

Wine, beer, soda and an assortment of international and domestic cheeses, along with French bread and crackers, will be available during the social hour at no additional charge. Mixed drinks also will be available on a cash basis.

The dinner menu includes a classic spinach salad, 5 oz. petite filet mignon, marinated chicken breast, twice-baked potatoes, and broccoli with lemon butter. Dessert will be New York style cheesecake with chocolate and/or raspberry sauces.

Around the bar . . .

Funeral services were held Nov. 13 for **Roland Walker**, a founding member of **Oliver Walker Wilson**, who died Nov. 10. A Boone County native, Roland was active in many community organizations. He was a 1965 MU Law School graduate.

Don Seitz is now an associate at **Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC**,

YLC meets Dec. 20

The BCBA Young Lawyer's Committee will hold its next meeting at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Wine Cellar, Fifth and Cherry streets.

The meeting will be the group's second annual "White Elephant Gift Exchange." Everyone is invited to attend and bring an unwanted gift to exchange.

Please RSVP by Dec. 15 to **Helen Wade** (hwade@hesnlaw.com) or **Gretchen Rogers** (grogers@owwlaw.com).

609 E. Walnut St., P.O. Box 1097, Columbia 65205, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154. A 2003 MU Law School graduate, he was formerly an associate at **Harper, Evans, Schneider & Netemeyer**.

Recently joining the BCBA was Columbia native **Brad Crowell**, an associate at **Rotts & Gibbs, LLC**, 1001 E. Walnut St., Suite 301, P.O. Box 7385, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3463, fax 443-7099. He is a 1990 MU Law School graduate, a former elected prosecutor in Missouri, and a former deputy district attorney in Colorado. He and his wife returned to Columbia from Colorado to be closer to family. His practice focuses on family law, general litigation and federal employment law.

Court adopts cell phone, pager policy

A new policy regarding the use of cell phones and pagers in courtrooms was adopted by the 13th Judicial Circuit Court En Banc at its Nov. 8 meeting.

The policy requires that persons in courtrooms completely turn off cell phones. Also, pagers must be turned off or put in silent mode.

Individuals can be given permission by a judge to temporarily turn on a cell phone to check

Also recently joining the BCBA was **Aimee Dee Guzman Davenport**, an associate at **Lathrop & Gage L.C.**, 314 E. High St., Jefferson City 65101, phone 573-893-4336, fax 573-893-5398.

Boone County lawyers presenting at the annual Missouri Bar "Essentials of Missouri Practice" CLE Nov. 4-5 in Columbia were: **Keith Brunstrom, Janice Harder, Bob Murray, Susan Ford Robertson, Steve Scott, Le Anne Wiseman** and **Ken Wright**.

About 45 BCBA members attended the regular meeting on Nov. 9 for a CLE-credit presentation by three judges and the clerk from the Missouri Western District Court of Appeals on "Current Appellate Practices."

calendar information.

Court marshals will confiscate cell phones and pagers from persons who violate the policy and return them later.

Signs explaining the policy will be posted at the courthouse entrance and each courtroom.

The new policy grew out of concerns about disruptions in courtrooms and the capability of many cell phones to take photographs.

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