

FCBA Foundation Reports Successful 2008-2009 Year

The Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation, celebrating the 18th Anniversary of its founding, had a successful year providing charitable support for education and children's issues in furtherance of the goals set out in its Mission Statement to:

1) Support worthwhile communications-related and educational projects, as well as other community service projects, particularly those directed towards children and students, through financial contributions and through volunteer services provided by Foundation members and others.

2) Foster greater public awareness and understanding of the development of communications technology, resources and law.

The Foundation's accomplishments this year included awarding about \$140,000 in college scholarships, plus laptop computers, to 11 students from five inner-city District of Columbia high schools; providing \$40,600 in stipends to eight law students who accepted unpaid communications-related legal summer internships; donating \$75,000 to **Horton's Kids** and over \$16,000 to the **FCBA Foundation Scholarship Program** raised during the annual Charity Auction co-sponsored with the FCBA's **Young Lawyers Committee**, and numerous volunteer activities. These activities, and the Foundation's overall success, is a direct result of the generous support of individual FCBA members, as well as their firms and companies. This Annual Report summarizes the Foundation's activities during the recently completed 2008-2009 year.

TRUSTEES

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees, most of whom are elected by the FCBA membership, but which

also may include persons appointed in accordance with the Foundation's By-Laws. This year's Trustees were **Rick Chessen, Erin Dozier, Stacy Robinson Fuller, Julie Kearney, Donna Lampert, Larry Movshin, Henry Rivera, and Megan Anne Stull**. The Foundation's officers, as elected by the Board of Trustees, were: **Jane Mago**, Chair; **Mike Altschul**, Treasurer; **Natalie Roisman**, Assistant Treasurer; **Celia Nogales**, Secretary; **Rick Whitt**, Assistant Secretary.

Three non-Board members worked extensively with the Board as co-chairs of the Volunteer Services Committee, **Joanna Georgatsos, Howard Weiss, and Tom Van Wazer**. The FCBA's Executive Director **Stan Zenor**, Director of Member Services **Kerry Loughney, Wendy Parish** and **Ann Henson**, provided invaluable support to the Foundation.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's scholarship program, the **Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship Fund**, is its most significant undertaking, both in terms of the funds awarded and in the amount of time required to administer the program. The 11 scholarships, and the laptops awarded to the scholarship recipients have the Foundation committing approximately \$140,000 to this year's scholarship program, helping these very deserving students. The scholarship recipients and additional details about this year's scholarship program are described in the report, which appeared in the **July 2009** issue of the **FCBA News**.

The scholarships are awarded based on a number of different criteria, including the student's predicted ability to succeed in college, past academic performance, participation in school activities, school attendance, service to the community, financial need, and other relevant factors that may apply to each individual applicant. The scholarship applicants are reviewed on the basis of a written application (including

biographical information, academic performance and an essay) and a personal interview with members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and other FCBA volunteers.

Erin Dozier and **Stacy Robinson Fuller** served as the Foundation's Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, overseeing the entire program. They were responsible for contacting and coordinating with the seven District of Columbia high schools from which the Foundation solicited applicants: Bell Multicultural High School, Calvin Coolidge High School, Cardozo High School, McKinley Technology High School, Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter School, Roosevelt High School, and Spingarn High School. The Foundation received 31 written applications. The Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs participated in and coordinated the review of the written applications, which determined the 15 applicants who would be interviewed. The Co-Chairs also participated in and coordinated the applicant interviews, in which the Trustees and other members of the FCBA participated. The Co-Chairs also attended the award ceremonies at several of the high schools to announce the scholarship recipients at those schools.

The Foundation thanks **Alan Fischel, Lisa Fowlkes, Erin Kim, Elizabeth McIntyre, Nancy Murphy, and Marisa Roy** for serving as the Scholarship Committee's liaisons to each of the participating D.C. public high schools in 2008-2009. We also thank the following volunteers for reviewing applications, interviewing students and/or serving as mentors for scholarship recipients: **Darren Abernethy, Roz Allen, Dennis Amari, John Beahn, Shellie Blakeney, Bob Branson, Karen Brinkmann, Maria Cattafesta, Jennie Chandra, Debra Clemens, John Conwell, Adam Copeland, Mary Crespy, Parul Desai, Allison Ellis, Nneka Ezenwa, Justin Faulb, Georgina Feigen, Jackie Flemming, Paige Fronabarger, Katrina Gleber, Diane Griffin, Marla Hackett,**

Kathleen Ham, Timothy Harr, Gina Harrison, Mia Hayes, Sarah Jameson, Kathleen Jarmiolowski, Karen Johnson, Ken Keane, Angela Kronenberg, Luisa Lancetti, Anisa Latif, Anne Lucey, David Marks, Patrick McFadden, Maury Mechanick, Marlee Miller, David O'Connor, Nancy Ory, Nirali Patel, Lee Petro, Laura Phillips, Stephanie Podey, Joy Ragsdale, Alexander Ripps, A. Angélique Roche, Peter Ross, Marisa Roy, Kevin Ryan, Donna Rynex, Mike Senkowski, Peter Shields, Anjali Singh, Sally Smith, Christopher Sova, Cindy Spiers, Heidi Stack, Tara Thue, Cheryl Tritt, Melissa Troiano, Nancy Victory, Kevin Walsh, Howard Weiss, Ron Whitworth, Cody Williams, Wes Wright, Richard Young, and Stefanie Zalewski. Thank you also to the **National Association of Broadcasters** for making its offices available for the applicant interviews.

The Foundation also continued its mentoring program of soliciting FCBA members interested in serving as a mentor to a scholarship recipient. **Jennifer Holtz** coordinated this program. The mentors are available to help support the students in their transition to college. This is an important component of the scholarship program, as most of the scholarship recipients lack family members or other people to whom they can turn who have gone through the college experience to provide advice and assistance. At year-end, the Foundation's Board approved an event where the scholarship recipients, their mentors, and several Foundation Board members attended the July 21 Washington Mystics basketball game. Thanks to the **National Association of Broadcasters**, who donated tickets to their Executive Suite at the Verizon Center for the Foundation to host this event.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's internship program awards stipends from the **Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship Fund** to law students serving in unpaid

communications-related legal summer internships. The Foundation made awards to eight students, totaling \$40,600. The base amount of each stipend is \$5,000, which is intended to help defray the student's expenses during the internship. One student is selected to receive an additional \$600 **Max Paglin Award**, in honor of the former FCBA member, FCC General Counsel and Executive Director, and founder of the Golden Jubilee Commission on Telecommunications. This year's recipients, all interning at the FCC, are:

Jeremy Berkowitz, of Catholic University of America, who will be working at NTIA in the Office of Policy Analysis and Development

Kiersten Kamman, of Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington, who will be working at the FCC in the Media Bureau Policy Division

Linda Otaigbe, of the University of Virginia School of Law, who will be working at the FCC, International Bureau, Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division

Anya Raytenberg, of George Washington University Law School, who will be working at the Library of Congress in the Office of the General Counsel

Kevin Ryan, of Catholic University of America, who will be working for the House Subcommittee on Communications Technology & the Internet, House Energy and Commerce Committee

Robert Samuel, of Wake Forest University School of Law, who will be working at the FCC in the Office of Commissioner Robert McDowell

Rachel Sanford, of Catholic University of America, who will be working at NTIA in the Office of Policy Analysis and Development; **MAX PAGLIN AWARD WINNER - \$600 STIPEND**

Valerie Warner, of Emory University School of Law, who will be working at National Public Radio in the Office of the General Counsel.

Julie Kearney and **Megan Anne Stull** chaired the internship program. This included coordinating the distribution of notices of the Foundation's Internship Program to law schools throughout the country (a copy of the application also is posted on the Foundation's website), and then coordinating the review of the 34 applications submitted. A group of Foundation Trustees and FCBA members reviewed the applications, evaluating the applicants' financial need, academic achievements, community service, and the relationship of their proposed internship to communications law.

CHARITY AUCTION

The 2008 Charity Auction was held on November 6, 2008. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the **FCBA Young Lawyers Committee**, this year's event raised \$75,000 to benefit Horton's Kids and over \$16,000 to benefit the FCBA Foundation Scholarship Program. Founded in 1989, Horton's Kids (<http://hortonskids.org/>) is a D.C.-based non-profit organization that provides academic and social services to children living in one of the city's most underserved neighborhoods.

The Charity Auction planning committee members were **Mark Brennan; Micah Caldwell; Christopher Fedeli; Paige Fronabarger; Tarah Grant (Chair); Karen Henein; Catherine Hilke; Adam Kirschenbaum; Kerry Loughney; Larry Movshin; Nancy Ory; Natalie Roisman; Colin Sandy; Megan Anne Stull; and Ryan Wallach.**

The sponsors of the 2008 Charity Auction were: **CTIA - The Wireless Association; Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Google Inc.; Hogan & Hartson LLP; Lawler Metzger Milkman & Keeney, LLC; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Morrison & Foerster LLP;**

Sidley Austin LLP; Wiley Rein LLP; and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Foundation continued its long-standing, monthly volunteer activities at Martha's Table and McKenna's Wagon. On the last Sunday morning of each month, volunteers helped prepare meals for the homeless at Martha's Table, and on the fourth Sunday of every month volunteers delivered meals to the homeless in the District through McKenna's Wagon (a mobile soup kitchen operated by Martha's Table). **Howard Weiss** was responsible for coordinating the Sunday morning meal preparation, while **Joanna Georgatsos** and **Tom Van Wazer** coordinated the McKenna's Wagon volunteers.

FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

At the FCBA's annual meeting and luncheon on June 11, the Foundation recognized **Rudy Baca** as its Volunteer of the Year. Rudy was a long-time supporter of the Foundation's efforts and was very involved in the Charity Auction, serving at the cashier's table on the night of the Auction for many years.

FUNDRAISING

The Foundation could not maintain or increase the level of services it provides without the funds needed to do so. The Board of Trustees remained committed to funding scholarships and internships using funds raised during the current year rather than drawing on the Foundation's reserves. At the same time, the Board hoped to further build the Foundation's reserves towards eventually reaching a level at which income from the reserves is sufficient to help fund the Foundation's on-going work. Fundraising is, therefore, a critical element to the Foundation's ability to fulfill its mission. **Michael Altschul** and **Larry Movshin** co-chaired the Foundation's Fundraising Committee, taking the lead in what was a very successful year for donations,

particularly for the **Robert E. Lee Scholarship Fund**.

Special thanks go to the following companies and law firms for endowing specific named scholarships for high school students: **2008 FCBA Charity Auction Committee** (\$16,000); **AT&T Services, Inc.** (\$25,000); **Comcast Corporation** (\$8,000); **Friends of Karen A. Kincaid** (\$12,000); **Google Inc.** (\$10,000); **News Corporation** (\$20,000); **Sidley Austin LLP** (\$10,000); **The DIRECTV Group, Inc.** (\$16,000); . The Foundation also thanks the substantial contributions to its scholarship fund from: The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of the following companies, law firms and individuals, who made significant contributions to the program this year: **Kathleen and Charles Abernathy; Michael Basile; Robert Beizer; Bingham McCutchen LLP; Diane Burstein; Diane Cornell; Seth & Diane Davidson; Mark Denbo; Erin Dozier; Paul S. Feira; Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC; Joseph Godles; Tara Giunta; Patrick Grant; Joyce Gwadz; J.G. Harrington; John Griffith Johnson, Jr.; Kamlet Shepherd & Reichert, LLP; Julie Kearney; Lampert, O'Connor & Johnston, P.C.; Lawler, Metzger, Milkman & Keeney, LLC; Lerman Senter PLLC; John Logan; Jane Mago; F. Thomas Moran; Lois and Larry Movshin; David O'Connor; Scott Patrick; Laura Phillips; Qwest; Charla Rath; Henry Rivera; Natalie Roisman; Kenneth Satten; Peter Schildkraut; Mark Schneider; Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP; David Solomon; Anne Swanson; Jennifer Ullman; Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP; Wiltshire & Grannis LLP; and Richard Zaragoza. The Foundation also thanks **Microsoft** for providing free software for the laptop computers that the Foundation is awarding to its scholarship recipients. Thanks also to **Comcast Corporation** for underwriting the production costs of the video of this year's scholarship recipients that was shown at the June 11 FCBA luncheon.**

The FCBA's 22nd Annual Chairman's Dinner, honoring FCC Chairman **Kevin**

Martin, was held November 18, 2008 at the Washington Hilton Hotel. The support of law firms and companies that purchased sponsor tables raised more than **\$25,000** for the Foundation's Scholarship Fund.

The 13th Annual FCBA Foundation Honorable Robert E. Lee Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, September 10, at the Worthington Manor Golf Club in Urbana, MD. It is named in memory of former FCC Chairman Robert E. Lee, who passed away in April 1993 after serving on the FCC for almost 30 years. Thanks to **Robert Branson; Alan Campbell; Jonathan Cohen; Peter Corea; Joe Cramer; Tom Dombrowsky, Jr.; Steve Goodman; Phil Malet; Larry Movshin; Lee Petro; Joy Ragsdale; Glenn Reynolds (Chair); and Larry Walke** who served on this year's planning committee and once again will make the tournament a success.

CONCLUSION

The Foundation's Board of Trustees worked hard this year to build upon the success of past years. The continued generosity and dedication of FCBA members contributed to making this another successful year for the Foundation, helping to make a difference in the lives of students and children who are the direct beneficiaries of the Foundation's programs. As the year ended, four Board members ended their terms (**Rick Chessen; Donna Lampert; Jane Mago; and Larry Movshin**), while four new members prepared to start theirs (**Kyle Dixon; Jamie Hedlund; Anita Wallgren; and Jennifer Warren**). The remaining and new members of the Board of Trustees have a solid Foundation upon which to build and continue to fulfill the mission upon which it embarked 18 years ago, making a difference in the community in which many of us work and live.

Jane Mago
Chair, 2008-2009
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