

## 2005-2006 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

The Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation, celebrating the 15th Anniversary of its founding, had a record year providing charitable support for education and children's issues in furtherance of the goals set out in its Mission Statement to:

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

The Foundation's accomplishments this year included awarding \$192,000 in college scholarships, plus laptop computers, to 18 students from four inner city District of Columbia high schools; providing \$16,600 in stipends to four law students working in summer internships at the Federal Communications Commission; donating more than \$75,000 to **Kids Enjoy Exercise Now of Greater DC (KEEN)** raised during the annual Charity Auction co-sponsored with the FCBA's **Young Lawyer's Committee**, and numerous volunteer activities. These activities, and the Foundation's overall success, are 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 2005-2006 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 **Paula Boyd, James R. Coltharp, Joseph M. Di Scipio, Jack N. Goodman, Praveen Goyal, Laura H. Carter, Dee A. May, Maureen A. O'Connell, Lee G. Petro, Loretta P. Polk, Mark Van Bergh, Cara Voth, and Amy R. Wolverton**. The Foundation's officers, as elected by the Board of Trustees, were: **Mark Van Bergh**, Chairman; **Joseph DiScipio**, Treasurer; **Cara Voth**, Secretary; and **Lee Petro**, Assistant Treasurer.

Two non-Board members worked extensively with the Board as co-chairs of the Volunteer Services Committee, **Howard Weiss** and **Megan Stull**. The FCBA's Executive Director **Stan Zenor**, Administrative Director **Heidi Kurtz**, and its new Director of Membership Services, **Kerry Loughney** (who succeeded Heidi Kurtz), provided invaluable support to the Foundation. FCBA President **Michele C. Farquhar**, President-Elect **Jennifer A. Warren**, and the FCBA's Executive Committee, also provided important support for the Foundation's activities, including a significant donation announced at the commemoration of the FCBA's 70th Anniversary.

### 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 18 scholarships, and the laptops awarded to the scholarship recipients, have the Foundation committing more than \$200,000 to this year's scholarship program, a record amount and more than a 33% increase over last year. The scholarship recipients and additional details about this year's scholarship program appeared in the **June 2006** 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.

**Laura Carter, Lee Petro, Loretta Polk and Cara Voth** served as the

Foundation's Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, overseeing the entire program. They were responsible for contacting and coordinating with the five District of Columbia high schools from which the Foundation solicited applicants, Bell Multicultural High School, Cardozo High School, Roosevelt High School, Spingarn High School and, for the first time, Anacostia High School. The Foundation received a record number of written applications (27). The Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs participated in and coordinated the review of the written applications, which determined the applicants who would be interviewed. The Co-Chairs also participated in and coordinated the applicant interviews, in which nine of the Trustees participated (a complete list of those participating in the written application reviews and interviews appeared in the **June 2006** issue of the **FCBA News**). The Co-Chairs also attended the award ceremonies at three of the high schools to announce the scholarship recipients at those schools (Bell, Cardozo and Roosevelt; the Spingarn awards ceremony was held before the determination of the scholarship recipients).

The Foundation also continued its mentoring program for the scholarship recipients. As the year ended, the Foundation was soliciting FCBA members interested in serving as a mentor to a scholarship recipient. (A post-script; as this report is being written the Foundation has received overwhelming response to its request for mentors, with

far more volunteers than there are students to mentor.) 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, to be held July 27 at a Washington Mystics basketball game, where the scholarship recipients, their mentors, and Foundation Board members will be able to meet. Thanks to **Verizon, NBC** and the **National Association of Broadcasters**, who donated tickets to their Executive Suites 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 summer government legal internships involving communications law. The Foundation awarded four students a total of \$16,600. The base amount of each stipend is \$4,000, 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 are:

- **Lisa Haas**, previously of the Tuoro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, transferring to Georgetown University Law School, who is working in the office of FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein;
- **Jennifer Holtz**, of the Syracuse University College of Law, who also is the **Max Paglin Award** recipient and is working in the office of FCC Chairman Kevin Martin;
- **Joo Young Lee**, of Lewis & Clark Law School, who is working in the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; and
- **Daniel H. Mark**, of the George Washington University Law School, who is working in the Policy Division of the FCC's Media Bureau.
- **Amy Wolverton** 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 26 applications submitted. A group of Foundation Trustees 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 2005 Charity Auction was held on November 17, 2005. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the **FCBA Young Lawyers Committee**, this year's event raised more than \$75,000 to benefit Kids Enjoy Exercise Now of Greater DC ("KEEN"). KEEN provides a range of one-to-one recreational activities for children and young adults with disabilities in a non-competitive environment that encourages the fulfillment of individual goals. KEEN used the funds raised at the Charity Auction to increase its presence in Southeast D.C.

The Charity Auction planning committee co-chairs were **Jason Friedrich** and **Natalie Roisman**. Other members of the planning committee were **Ryan Wallach, Adam Kirschenbaum, Chris Fedeli, David Don, Debrea Terwilliger, Pam Slipakoff, Paige Fronabarger, Heidi Kurtz, Lee Petro** and **Mark Van Bergh**.

The Charity Auction included a raffle, four silent auction tables, and three live auctions with guest auctioneers California **Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren** (Live Auction I); **Daniel Brenner** and **Melissa Newman** (Live Auction II); and **Brian Fontes** and **Bryan Tramont** (Live Auction III). In addition, more than 150 FCBA members volunteered their time and energy to help plan the Auction or work the night of the Auction. The sponsors of the 2005 Charity Auction were: **Cole, Raywid & Braverman, LLP; CTIA - The Wireless Association™; Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, PLC; Hogan & Hartson, LLP; Latham & Watkins LLP; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP; Trimble Navigation, Ltd.; Vonage; and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.**

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Foundation continued to sponsor numerous volunteer events and activities to fulfill one of its primary missions: volunteer services that support community service projects, particularly those directed towards children and students. **Howard Weiss** (a former member and chair of the Foundation's Board of Trustees) and **Megan Stull** coordinated the Foundation's Volunteer Services Committee. They were primarily responsible for coordinating all volunteer activities, including making arrangements for several special field trips for children. I am particularly appreciative of the Co-Chairs efforts this year as they helped to reinvigorate the Foundation's volunteer activities, and they served as Co-Chairs although neither was a member of the Foundation's Board. They exemplified how FCBA members who are not members of the Foundation's Board can contribute to the Foundation's work in the community.

The Foundation continued its longstanding, monthly volunteer activities at Martha's Table. On the last Sunday morning of each month, volunteers helped prepare meals for the homeless,

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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 **Cara Voth** and **Tom Van Wazer** (also a former member and chair of the Foundation's Board of Trustees) coordinated the McKenna's Wagon volunteers. For the Sunday morning meal preparation, the Foundation successfully initiated a new concept, soliciting the participation of members of various FCBA standing committees for a particular month. The response was at times overwhelming, with participating committees including the Media Practice, Cable Practice, International Telecommunications Practice, Wireless Telecommunications Practice and Young Lawyers. Additionally, a group from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) also volunteered for the Sunday morning meal preparation.

In addition to these regular monthly volunteer activities, the Foundation also sponsored several outings with children from Martha's Table's Youth Program. These included attending a Washington Nationals baseball game in July, an afternoon trip to a Pumpkin Patch in October, a George Washington University basketball game in January, and an ice-skating trip in March. In addition to the children and chaperones from Martha's Table, Volunteer Committee co-chairs **Howard Weiss** and **Megan Stull**, and FCBA member volunteers accompanied the children on these trips.

#### **FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

At the FCBA's annual meeting and luncheon on June 28, the Foundation recognized **Megan Stull** as its Volunteer of the Year. As noted above, although not a member of the Foundation's Board,

Megan served as a co-chair of the Volunteer Services Committee. She was instrumental in coordinating many of the activities the Foundation undertook during the year. In addition, she was a regular participant in the Sunday morning meal preparation at Martha's Table, and accompanied children from Martha's Table's Youth Program on all four of the outings described above. Megan's efforts were a significant contribution to the Foundation's effort to reinvigorate its volunteer activities.

#### **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. **James Coltharp, Jack Goodman, Dee May, and Maureen O'Connell** co-chaired the Foundation's Fundraising Committee, taking the lead in what became a record setting 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: **AT&T** (\$15,000); **BellSouth** (\$10,000); **BET Holdings** (\$8,000); **CBS** (\$10,000); **Cingular Wireless** (\$8,000); **Comcast Corporation** (\$15,000); **DirecTV** (\$8,000); **eBay Inc.** (\$8,000); **Gannett Company** (\$12,000); **NBC Universal** (\$8,000); **News Corporation** (\$20,000); **Time Warner** (\$8,000); **Verizon** (\$20,000); **Harris Wiltshire & Grannis LLP** (\$8,000); **Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP** (\$8,000); and **Wiley Rein & Fielding in memory of Karen Kincaid** (\$20,000). The

Foundation also thanks the substantial contributions to its scholarship fund from: **Cox Enterprises, Qwest, T-Mobile, Verizon Wireless, XO Communications, Bingham McCutchen LLP, Cole Raywid & Braverman LLP, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Fletcher Heald & Hildreth PLC, Hogan & Hartson LLP, Levine Blaszak Block & Boothby LLP, Morrison & Foerster LLP, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Seth and Diane Davidson, and Susan Lynner**. The Foundation also thanks **Microsoft** for providing free software for the laptop computers that the Foundation is awarding to its scholarship recipients, and thanks **Comcast Corporation** for underwriting the production costs of the video of this year's scholarship recipients that was shown at the June 28 FCBA luncheon.

The FCBA's 19th Annual Chairman's Dinner, honoring FCC Chairman **Kevin Martin**, was held December 8, 2005 at the Washington Hilton's International Ballroom. The support of 124 law firms and companies that purchased sponsor tables raised more than \$42,000 for the Foundation's Scholarship Fund. This was the first Chairman's Dinner for Chairman Martin, and it included a "first ever" roast of the Chairman by **Dick Wiley, Eddie Fritz and Jim Cicconi**. This year's special guests also included FCC Commissioners **Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Capps and Jonathan Adelstein**, Ambassador **David Gross**, and Assistant Secretary **Michael Gallagher**.

The 10th Annual FCBA Foundation **Honorable Robert E. Lee Memorial Golf Tournament** was held on Friday, June 16, at the **Bull Run Country Club** in Haymarket, Virginia. The tournament raised almost \$14,000 for the Foundation's Scholarship Fund. 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 (Chair), Jonathan Cohen, Joe Cramer,**

**Tom Dombrowsky, Jr., Phil Malet, Dee May, Larry Movshin, Lee Petro, Joy Ragsdale, and Glenn Reynolds,** who served on this year's planning committee and once again made the tournament a success.

For the second year, a Casino Night to benefit the Foundation was held after the Saturday evening dinner at the FCBA's Annual Seminar, which this year was held at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. The Casino Night, in combination with the sale of FCBA Polo Shirts (which the **Young Lawyers Committee** initiated at last year's Annual Seminar), provided more than \$2,500 to the Foundation.

FCBA members generously donated more than \$2,200 to the Foundation's annual giving campaign, and contributed more than \$8,500 through the membership dues check-off.

This was the first year that the Foundation was eligible to receive contributions from the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the annual charitable giving program that allows federal government employees to contribute to any organization on the list of approved charities. In the fall of 2005, **Praveen Goyal** and **Mark Van Bergh** attended the FCC's charity fair for CFC qualified charitable organizations to provide more information about themselves to FCC employees. The Foundation received more than \$700 from CFC contributions.

Finally, at a gala celebration of the FCBA's 70th Anniversary, held at the Corcoran Gallery of Art on June 14, 2006, FCBA President **Michele C. Farquhar** presented a donation of \$10,000 to the Foundation from the FCBA.

## CONCLUSION

Fifteen years ago this past April, the FCBA created the Foundation as a means to give back something to the Washington, D.C. community. The Foundation has come a long way since its founding. It has provided an outlet

for FCBA members to become more involved in the FCBA and in the community, thereby fulfilling the goals of then FCBA President **Dick Zaragoza** when he and the FCBA Executive Committee established an Ad Hoc Committee that led to the Foundation's formation. Many FCBA members have served as Foundation Trustees, and many hundreds of other FCBA members have participated in the Foundation's varied activities and contributed to its success.

The Foundation's Board of Trustees worked hard this year to build upon these past efforts. The continued generosity and dedication of FCBA members contributed to making this a record-setting 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, five Board members ended their terms (**Paula Boyd, James Coltharp, Praveen Goyal, Maureen O'Connell, and Mark Van Bergh**), while five new members prepared to start theirs (**Kathleen Abernathy, Rick Chessen, Donna N. Lampert, Jane E. Mago, and Lawrence J. Movshin**). 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 15 years ago, making a difference in the community in which many of us work and live.

**Mark Van Bergh**  
Chair, 2005-2006  
FCBA Foundation

## 2006 Max Paglin Internship Award

(CORRECTION TO THE JUNE 2006 NEWSLETTER)

The FCBA Foundation awarded Ms. **Jennifer Holtz**, of Syracuse University College of Law, with this year's **Max Paglin Award**. The Award provides an

additional \$600 for the selected recipient in addition to the standard internship stipend of \$4000 to help defray expenses during summer internships. Congratulations Ms. Holtz!

## Volunteer Outreach for Martha's Table – August 27th

Many of us are stretched for time these days, but why not consider spending a few hours on a Sunday to help the FCBA Foundation's partner charities? For several years now, the FCBA has been providing volunteers to Martha's Table and McKenna's Wagon. These organizations rely on the good work of our members each month, so grab a friend, colleague or family member and join your fellow FCBA volunteers!

Martha's Table feeds hundreds of hungry, homeless adults and children on the streets of Washington daily, through its mobile soup kitchen. Children and friends are also welcome. We will begin at 10:00 am and work until 1:00 pm. Martha's Table is located in a yellow building at 2114 Fourteenth Street, NW, in the District, near the intersection of 14th and U Streets. On-street parking is available. Volunteers are asked to bring food if possible, (e.g., cold cuts, bread, peanut butter, jelly, vegetables and potatoes) because the center often runs out of donated food.

The FCBA volunteers on the **last Sunday of every month**, so mark your calendars now. For more information, contact **Howard Weiss** at 703-812-0471 — [weiss@fhhlaw.com](mailto:weiss@fhhlaw.com).

## McKenna's Wagon Seeking Volunteers for August 27th

McKenna's Wagon is a mobile soup and sandwich wagon that goes "on location"

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