

## 2006-2007 FCBA Foundation Annual Report

The Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation, celebrating the 16th 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:

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 over \$150,000 in college scholarships, plus laptop computers, to 23 students from seven inner-city District of Columbia high

schools; providing \$20,600 in stipends to five law students working in summer internships at the Federal Communications Commission; donating more than \$86,000 to **Fair Chance** 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, 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 2006-2007 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 **Kathleen Abernathy, Rick Chesson, Jack Goodman, Laura Holloway Carter, Donna Lampert, Dee May, Larry Movshin, Loretta Polk, Cara Voth and Amy Wolverton**. The Foundation's officers, as elected by the Board of Trustees, were: **Joe Di Scipio**, Chairman;

**Lee Petro**, Treasurer; and **Jane Mago**, Secretary.

Three non-Board members worked extensively with the Board as co-chairs of the Volunteer Services Committee, **Howard Weiss, Megan Anne Stull, and Marlo Go**. The FCBA's Executive Director **Stan Zenor**, Director of Membership 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 23 scholarships, and the laptops awarded to the scholarship recipients have the Foundation committing approximately \$175,000 to this year's scholarship program, helping a record number of students. The scholarship recipients and additional details about this year's scholarship program are described in the report, which appeared in the **July 2007** issue of the **FCBA News**.



The 2007 Scholarship Winners with Foundation Board members Loretta Polk, Lee Petro and Joe DiScipio.



The 2007 Internship Stipend Winners with Amy Wolverton and Joe DiScipio

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.

**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 eight District of Columbia high schools from which the Foundation solicited applicants, Anacostia High School, 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 a record number (44) of written applications. The Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

participated in and coordinated the review of the written applications, which determined the 29 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 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. 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 August 3rd at a Washington Mystics basketball game, where the scholarship recipients, their mentors, and Foundation Board members will be able to meet. Thanks to **Verizon** 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 made awards to five students, totaling \$20,600. 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:

**Heidi Stack**, of the Catholic University, Columbus School of Law, worked in the Enforcement Bureau Investigations and Hearings Division; **MAX PAGLIN AWARD WINNER - \$600 STIPEND**

**Margaux Berwitt**, of the University of Miami, worked in the Office of Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein;

**Allison Kelley**, of the American University, Washington College of Law, worked in the Media Bureau Policy Division;

**Christopher Naoum**, of the Syracuse University College of Law, worked in the Office of Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein;

**Julie Yeagle**, of the American University, Washington College of Law, worked in the Enforcement Bureau Investigations and Hearings Division.

**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 25 plus 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 2006 Charity Auction was held on November 16, 2006. Co-sponsored by the Foundation and the FCBA **Young Lawyers Committee**, this year's event raised more than \$86,000 to benefit Fair Chance. Fair Chance ensures that children in at-risk communities in Washington, DC are given equal opportunities.

The Charity Auction planning committee members were **Chris Fedeli, Jason Friedrich, Tarah Grant, Catherine Hilke, Adam Kirschenbaum, Kerry Loughney, Larry Movshin, Nancy Ory, Natalie Roisman, Megan Anne Stull** and **Ryan Wallach**.

The sponsors of the 2006 Charity Auction were: **Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP; Cole, Raywid & Braverman, LLP; CTIA – The Wireless**

**Association; Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C.; Hogan & Hartson LLP; Lockheed Martin Corporation; Morrison & Foerster LLP; Trimble Navigation, Ltd.; 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 Anne Stull** (former Volunteer of the Year) 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 long-standing, monthly volunteer activities at Martha's Table. On the last Sunday morning of each month, volunteers helped prepare meals for the homeless, 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 **Marlo Go** coordinated the McKenna's Wagon volunteers.

## FOUNDATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

At the FCBA's annual meeting and luncheon on June 27th, the Foundation recognized **Marlo Go** as its Volunteer of the Year. As noted above, although not a member of the Foundation's Board, Marlo ran the McKenna's Wagon volunteer efforts this year.



Foundation Volunteer of the Year Marlo Go with Joe DiScipio

## 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. **Kathleen Abernathy, Jack Goodman, Dee May** and **Jane Mago** 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); **Cox Enterprises** (\$6,000); **CTIA – The Wireless Association** (\$10,000); **Google Inc.** (\$10,000); **Microsoft** (\$8,000); **Time Warner** (\$8,000); **Verizon** (\$20,000); **Viacom Inc.** (\$10,000); and **Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP** (\$12,000). The Foundation also thanks the substantial contributions to its scholarship fund from: **Michael Berg; Diane Burstein; Laura and Jonathan Carter; Comcast; Diane Cornell; Seth and Diane Davidson; Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Earthlink; Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth, P.L.C.; Harold Furchtgott-Roth; Joseph Godles; Anna Gomez; Jack Goodman; Joyce Gwadz; J.G. Harrington; Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP; John Harwood II; Lawler, Metzger, Milkman & Keeney, LLC; Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, PC; Lois and Larry Movshin; NBC Universal; Barry Ohlson; Laura Phillips; John Pomeroy; Qwest Communications; Jason Rademacher; Kevin Reed; William Richardson; Megan Anne Stull; Anne Swanson; T-Mobile USA, Inc.; Verizon Wireless;**

**Cara Voth; Walter Kaitz Foundation; WilmerHale; and John Wilner.** The Foundation also thanks **Lenovo** for providing the laptops at a discount and **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 27 FCBA luncheon.

The FCBA's 20th Annual Chairman's Dinner, honoring FCC Chairman **Kevin Martin**, was held April 10, 2006 at the Washington Hilton's International Ballroom. The support of law firms and companies that purchased sponsor tables raised more than \$35,000 for the Foundation's Scholarship Fund.

The 11th Annual FCBA Foundation **Honorable Robert E. Lee Memorial Golf Tournament** was held on Friday, June 15, at the Worthington Manor Golf Club in Urbana, MD. The tournament raised over \$17,000 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, Jonathan Cohen, Peter Corea, Joe Cramer, Tom Dombrowsky, Jr., Phil Malet, Larry Movshin, Lee Petro, Joy Ragsdale, and Larry Walke** who served on this year's planning committee and once again made 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 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, four Board members ended their terms (**Joe Di Scipio, Dee May, Loretta Polk, and Cara Voth**), while four new members prepared to start theirs (**Celia Nogales, Michael Altschul, Erin Dozier, and Stacy Fuller**). 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 16 years ago, making a difference in the community in which many of us work and live.

**Joseph M. Di Scipio**  
Chair, 2006-2007  
FCBA Foundation

## McKenna's Wagon Seeking Volunteers for August 26

McKenna's Wagon is a mobile soup and sandwich wagon that goes "on location" to deliver food to the needy. For those who have volunteered, it has been a wonderful experience and a great way to help the needy in the D.C. community. This is an especially good experience for the teens and pre-teens among us who do not have a full appreciation of the many privileges they enjoy. Community service credits are also available.

## What's the Password?

Many of you have noticed that while trying to log into the FCBA's Online Membership Directory: [http://www.fcba.org/directory\\_login.shtml](http://www.fcba.org/directory_login.shtml), that a password is required. The password can be located **every month on page two** of the **FCBA News**, and will appear at the bottom of the masthead. The masthead is the box containing the list of the FCBA's Executive Committee members. **The password changes on the 10th of every month.**