



FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an interesting month since the last President's message. The membership is working hard volunteering their time interviewing judicial candidates and planning for upcoming events like the October 3 CLE with Justice Kennedy (free to members), followed by a recognition ceremony honoring Buck Gearing and his family for their donation to the Akron Bar Foundation. Let's do our best for a solid turnout to honor Buck and thank the Gearing family. Other events include a series of great CLE seminars, the Bocce Tournament on September 26 and the 2018 Bradford M. Gearing Professionalism Award Dinner.

This month, I would like to recognize lawyers in the news. Actually good lawyers in the news. Those would include the honoring of Joann Sahl from the University of Akron School of Law for her efforts with the Law and Leadership Institute. Joann has been an exceptional member of the Akron Bar Foundation Board of Governors.

Also, Bill Dowling has been recognized for his efforts leading the Valid Clinic (Volunteers Assisting Licensed Individual Drivers) pro bono service. He will be receiving the John and Ginny Elam Pro Bono Award which is given annually by the Ohio State Bar Association. The Valid Clinic is being initiated in other jurisdictions across the state of Ohio.

Lastly, retired Judge James Williams was honored for his achievements in our community. Judge Williams was the first African-American to serve as a judge on the Summit County Com-

mon Pleas bench. He also served as a judge on the Akron Municipal Court; as a member of the Akron City Council; and as a federal prosecutor.

If I missed anyone, please let me know.

Finally, a special tribute to Ed Bonetti, who I saw at the Akron Bar offices the other day. He first offered to kiss my ring, which I, of course, politely declined. Then, he looked at me with his beard and that lion-mane hair and asked, "Do you know why I am here?" I said "No." Ed replied, "I am here to pay my membership dues." He went on to tell me how the Akron Bar did so much for him after his motorcycle accident. He also knew that he needed to come in and give back. He said, "You know I am not a joiner, but the members helped me in so many ways, and I am very grateful." It goes without saying, that if someone wants to know what the benefit of the Akron Bar is, have them talk to Ed.

Ed's comments and gratitude say a lot about our Akron Bar and its members. For all of those you have helped over the years, I thank you.

A brief comment about professionalism. With the elections coming up, it is important for all of us to defend the judiciary and the practice of law. We do not have to believe in their politics,

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but we need to lead by example when discussing judicial candidates and those members of our Bar who are willing to be candidates for any elected office. Recently I read a comment against Adam VanHo regarding his criminal defense practice and how he has spent a career defending drug dealers and murderers. Criminal defense lawyers are honorable members of our community. Making sure the process works for all is the oath we took when we agreed to "support the Constitution and laws of the United States...."

Baba's recipe of the month is **Kabacha**. I have no clue how to spell it, but it is a spicy hamburger. First, take a pound of ground beef and a pound of ground lamb. Add 3-5 cloves of minced garlic, a tablespoon of red pepper seeds, and a minced medium yellow onion. Add some parsley, salt, and pepper to taste. (Add some pieces of cubed up bread to extend

the mix if you have the in-laws coming over.) Mix together. Form into patties and let rest overnight. Grill and put on a hamburger bun with a slice of beefsteak tomato. Add mustard, ketchup or both. In a pinch, Baba would cook it on her George Foreman grill.

Lastly, again, what would make you think that Baba had a George Foreman grill?

Bill

William G. Chris, President

Editor's note: We "met" Bill's Baba (Macedonian for grandmother) in the previous Examiner issue. She must have been a wonderful cook, but not likely to have had a Foreman grill. One of these days, I'll ask Bill for a photo of Baba to include with her recipes. In the meantime, drazni!

JG-L