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Newsletter of the Prince George's County Bar Association, Inc.

January 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Members of the Bar,

It is hard to believe that it is now 2011. We have some exciting events planned for the first six months of the new year: the Estates and Trusts Seminar in January, the joint meeting with J. Franklyn Bourne Bar in February, the Goldstein seminar in late March, a membership meeting in April, and the Family Seminar in early May. With your support, 2011 should be a good year for the Bar and its members.

I want to thank everybody who attended the Holiday Party, as it was one of the best attended Holiday Parties we have had in years. I want to personally thank Georgia Perry and the Bar staff for putting together such a wonderful party. The food was great and the atmosphere was amazing. Everyone was in the holiday spirit and it made for a delightful evening.

The silent and live auction was a huge success. I want to thank Denise Bowman and her committee for their excellent work in obtaining outstanding items for the auction. Our members were more than generous not only in their donations but in their bidding. The live auction item, a Maryland basketball package, was awesome. The bar owes Rick Jaklitsch a huge thank you for obtaining this item for us. Congratulations to all our members who took home great gifts. Our members left the party with smiles on their faces and many had poinsettias in their hands.

As for regular business, I need to remind everybody that the parking passes expire at the end of February. The new passes should be available about the first of February. I also want to remind everybody that the Find-A-Lawyer renewal is also due by December 31, 2010.

We are also planning an April Bar meeting. It will be a special evening dedicated to the Honorable James P. Salmon. This will be at the Newton White Mansion and I want to remind everybody that Newton White has very limited seating so the tickets will go fast. I am encouraging everybody to attend and say goodbye and thanks to a really good Judge and an even better human being.

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The Bar is still looking for a tenant for our condominium. Anybody having any leads please refer them to Georgia Perry. Also I want to remind our members that we have two conference rooms that we rent, one at the bar office and one at the courthouse. You can call the Bar office for more information.

I would encourage all of our members to support the upcoming events and to be an active member of our Bar

Association. Without the members, our Association is nothing. My door is always open as is that of all of our Board members. We welcome all concerns, comments, and ideas. Best wishes to our members for a prosperous and successful 2011.

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Research has shown that when alcoholic beverages are consumed while eating high fat and high sugar foods such as pies, cake, stuffing, and the like, people tend to eat many more calories than when they are consuming non-alcoholic beverages. And to add injury to insult, other studies have shown that the body is less able to process the food calories consumed together with alcoholic beverages than it is able to process food consumed with non-alcoholic beverages. Regardless of the extra pounds that alcohol may cause you to pack on, somehow the holidays aren’t the holidays with a toast here and there. So if you must indulge, you might want to be a little discriminating in the drinks you choose. So here are some helpful tidbits of caloric information about popular holiday drinks:

Eggnog – One cup of eggnog (250ml) contains between 160 and 290 calories. If you add a shot of spirits, that’ll add an additional 60 calories.

Wine – Both red and white wine contain about 125 calories per 5 ounce glass. For those with a sweeter tooth, dessert wines will cost you almost twice as many calories with about 235 calories per 5 ounce glass.

Beer – as far as beer goes, there are your regular beers and then there are your light beers. The most diet friendly of the regular beers is Corona Extra. A 12 ounce bottle contains about 148 calories and 14 grams of

carbs. After that, Bass Ale is a close second with 160 calories and 13 grams of carbs. However, the “light” beers are much better for your waistline as they generally contain both fewer calories and fewer carbs. Beck’s Premier Light is at the head of the class when it comes to light beers with only 64 calories and 4 grams of carbs. Michelob Ultra comes in second with 95 calories but only 2.6 grams of carbs. Next, you have Amstel Light which has 99 calories and 5.5 grams of carbs as compared to it’s alternative Amstel’s Cream Stout which contains substantially more calories, carbs, and alcohol content.

The hardest calories to burn-hard liquor and cocktails. A meager 1.5 ounce glass of 53 proof Kahlua, for example, will set you back 170 calories (the equivalent of a turkey breast and lettuce and tomato sandwich on a “sandwich thins” bun). Don’t ask for a double shot of the tasty drink or add it to mixers or juices containing additional calories (so...anything other than water), else risk consuming the calories contained in a large chocolate frosted doughnut.

In the mood for a nice frozen, fruity holiday drink? A frozen margarita made with only 2 ounces tequila and 4.5 ounces of Jose Cuervo margarita mix will cost you about 246 calories while a 12 ounce rum and coke will cost you approximately 360 calories or the equivalent of a chicken filet sandwich. The lower calorie alternative mixed drinks include a 2 ounce Martini weighing in at about 120 or a 2 ounce Manhattan made with whiskey and vermouth and bitters. This will mixed drink will set you back roughly 130 calories.

As your merriment and celebrations extend into the New Year, keep in mind the damage that your alcohol consumption may be doing to your waistline and adjust your intake accordingly. Remember that some libations contain substantially fewer calories than others and that it helps to insert some between your holiday treats and your holiday drinks. And certainly try to avoid turning your holiday drinks into holiday treats by adding sugar-laden mixers, creams, and toppings. So eat, drink, and be merry...but not too much, and not all at the same time.

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The Honorable C. Philip Nicholas was the recipient of the Maryland Bar Foundations 2010 Professional Legal Excellence Award for Advancement of Public Service Responsibility at a reception held on the 2nd of December.

William Parker, past President of the Prince George's County Bar Association, spoke on Judge Nichols behalf. Mr. Parker applauded Judge Nichols for his work in bringing the Texas Judge's School Model to Maryland, the creation of the Bar Association Traffic School, his service as a past President of the Bar Association and his service on the Board of Governors of the State Bar. He also commended Judge Nichols for his two tours of duty as the Judge-in-Charge of our Juvenile Court and the creation of a Juvenile Auto Theft Court which cut in half the number of cars stolen in the county.

In addition to Judge Nichol's service to the county and the state of Maryland, Mr. Parker praised Judge Nichols for his service to his country as a Navy Reserve Captain and a teacher at the U.S. Naval War College.



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JUDGE JAMES P. SALMON

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Thank You!

THANK YOU to Fred Thompson and Governor Jackson III for manning the phones for our Legal Advice Line. The number of calls continue to grow and we hope to see that trend continue as we reach out to our community. Please spread the word, the first Tuesday of every month.

THANK YOU to Dr. Charles Thorne with Multi-Specialty HealthCare. We appreciate his contribution and involvement with the Bar Association and hope that it will continue into the 2011 bar year.

THANK YOU to Joseph and William DiMonte with Planet Depos for their sponsorship of our holiday party.

A Special THANK YOU to the following individuals or firms that donated items for the auction at the Holiday Party:

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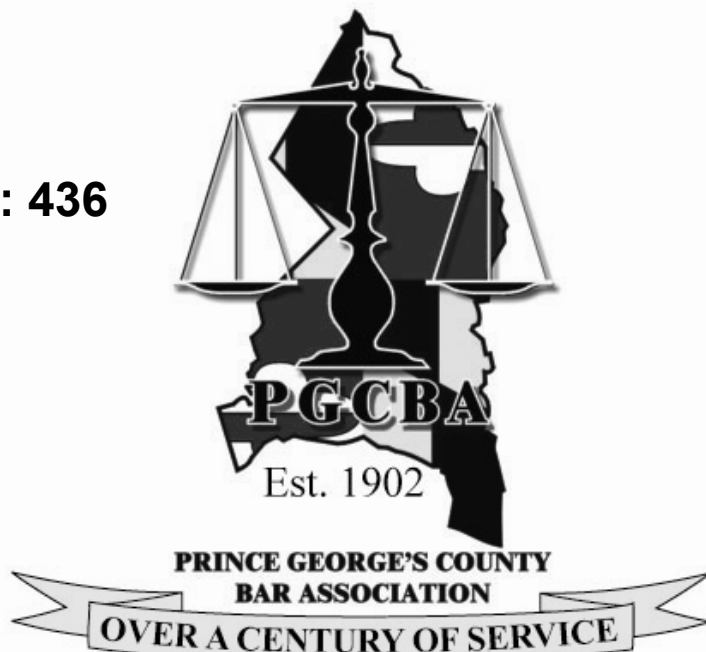
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