

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



William A. Snoddy

"It's Spring again. And birds on the wing again. Start to Sing Again." Cole Porter

In the days before electricity, spring meant more than singing birds and blooming flowers. It meant spring cleaning. Because everyone relied on candles, fireplaces, kerosene, and lamp oils for light and heat during the winter, when spring arrived most home interiors were covered in soot. Spring cleaning is no longer the tradition it once was because technology has lessened the need for the heavy duty cleaning required of earlier generations.

While your home may not require the once traditional annual

cleaning to rid it of winter's grime, how is your office? Are your files in order? Maybe you could start a "spring cleaning" tradition at work. Now may be a good time to tackle those tasks around the office that you put aside because you have been too busy or just wanted to avoid them. Believe me, I empathize. I have a pile of papers begging for attention but enough about that.

Spring also marks the end to the **General Assembly's** legislative session on April 11. To date, the General Assembly has passed 56 bills and in what will be music to the ears of at least 19 people in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, both houses approved one additional circuit court judgeship in Montgomery County and two new district court seats in Prince George's County.

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JFB's 4th Annual Golf Tournament — May 31st.

Tune up that golf swing and gather your foursomes. The JFB Scholarship Fund and the Monumental City Bar Foundation are holding their fourth annual **Scholarship Golf Classic** at the Queenstown Harbor Golf Links in Queenstown, Maryland on *Tuesday, May 31, 2005*. This is both organizations' premier fundraising event for the awarding of scholarships for high school and law school students

The format for the tournament is "captain's choice." The cost is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. Besides great golf, duffers will also be treated to breakfast, practice range balls, an awards luncheon and the U.S.G.A. videotape "Spirit of the Game." Awards will be given for longest

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FOURTH ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC
TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2005
8:45 A.M. SHOTGUN START
QUEENSTOWN HARBOR GOLF LINKS
ACROSS THE BAY BRIDGE IN QUEENSTOWN, MD

FORMAT: CAPTAIN'S CHOICE / \$125 PER PLAYER / \$500 PER FOURSOME

FEE INCLUDES RANGE BALLS, AWARDS AND PRIZES FOR LONGEST DRIVE
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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____. Please reserve _____ spots for the May 31, 2005 Golf Tournament.

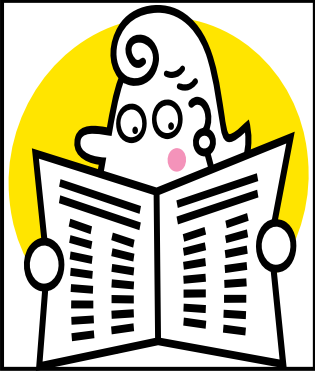
Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Firm/Address: _____

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Play With: _____

Return with a check payable to “*J. Franklyn Bourne Scholarship Fund Inc.*”, P.O. Box 1121, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 or payable to “*Monumental City Bar Foundation, Inc.*”, 211 E. Lombard Street, Suite 279, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6102



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK (Cont.)

Another bill will permit the trial court to decide whether to permit a homicide case to proceed when a prosecutor unsuccessfully appeals a pretrial ruling suppressing evidence. On the family law front, bills passed extending the maximum duration of final protective orders from 12 months to 24 months, permitting the extension of a protective order to 12 months, and expanding the definition of the types of abuse for which a protective order may be sought to include harassment and stalking.

You may learn more about this year's legislative session at our next **general membership meeting** on *April 21st at First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Fellowship Hall, 6801 Sheriff Road in Landover, MD*. State legislators will provide legislative reports. This meeting is being held jointly with the Prince George's County Chapter of the NAACP.

If you need a break from all of that spring cleaning, join us on *April 28th at 5:30 p.m.* at 94th

Aero Squadron, 5240 Paint Branch Pkwy in College Park. JFB will co-host a **Happy Hour** with the MSBA's Young Lawyer's Section.

Hopefully you will be refreshed enough to assist **Christmas in April** on *April 30th* with some spring cleaning – mostly yard work and some painting – at the home of someone who needs your help. For more information, contact Past President **Maurene Epps Webb** at eppswebb@msn.com or at (301) 952-3644.

Thank you to the Hon. **Michele D. Hotten**, the Hon. **Herman C. Dawson** and the Hon. **Hasan El-Amin** for their presentations at March's general membership meeting. Each judge offered helpful tips and strategies for successful court presentation. And thanks to all who attended. I look forward to seeing you all again on April 21, April 28th and April 30th.

William A. Snoddy, Esquire
President, JFB Bar Association

JFB's 4th Annual Golf Tournament — May 31st. (Cont.)

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drive and closest to the pin. Participation is limited to 144 golfers or 36 foursomes so reserve your place today.

For more information on the tournament or if you would like to assist in the preparation and planning of this event, please contact **Garland H. Stillwell** at (202) 663-8147 or garland.stillwell@shawpittman.com.

Other JFB members on the Tournament Committee are **Traci Scudder** of O'Malley, Miles, Nylén & Gilmore and **Charles Byrd** of Alston & Byrd.

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Important Dates to Remember

General Membership Meeting

Thurs., April 21st, 6:30 p.m.
1st Baptist Church of Highland Hall
6801 Sheriff Rd.
Landover, MD

JFB Happy Hour/Social

Thurs., April 28th, 5:30 p.m.
94th Aero Squadron Restaurant
5240 Paint Branch.Pkwy.
College Park, MD

“Christmas in April”

Sat., April 30th, 10:00 a.m.
Site to be announced by
Maurene Epps Webb epp-swebb@msn.com or (301) 952-3644.

Did You Know ...



**Membership Dues Re-
minder** — If you haven't paid
your 2005 membership dues
yet, please do so today. Your
financial support helps defray
the cost of this newsletter, our
CLE's, and other JFB activities.

**Directions to 1st Bap-
tist Church of Highland Hall** — Beltway to Rte.

202 (Exit 17-B) 0.5 miles to Brightseat Rd., Left 0.3
miles to Sheriff Rd., Right, continue 1.5 miles to
church's Fellowship Hall.

**Directions to 94th Aero Squadron Rest-
Beltway to Rte 201/Kenilworth Ave. (Exit 23);**
south 2.3 miles to Paint Branch Pkwy.; right 0.5
miles to restaurant on right.

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