

THE HENRY BAR REVIEW

January, 2005

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

2005 is upon us. The other officers and I have some interesting and exciting ideas for the Bar to implement this year, and I look forward to making these things happen and to working with the other officers. More about this at our first meeting.....

At the Christmas party at Bistro 41 in December, **Alex Crumbley** mentioned to me about how the Henry Bar Association got started. In approximately 1977 or 1978, a group of local attorneys met at the Holiday Inn to get organized. Those present included, among others, **Alex Crumbley, Steve Harrison, Buddy Welch, Ernie Smith** and **Jimmy Brown**. They wanted to, among other things, promote the profession and fellowship through out of court experiences by forming this organization.

Today, approximately 25 years later, the Henry Bar Association has grown to over 100 members, and continues to serve as an opportunity for fellowship, promotion of our profession, and "other things." Kudos to these individuals who started it all.

Please feel free to contact me at any time should there be some way I can help you or if you have any ideas for the Bar Association, particularly with respect to speakers you would like to hear at the monthly meetings.

Mary M House

UPCOMING MEETING OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION

Our first meeting of the year will be on February 2, 2005, at McDonough Presbyterian Church at 12:00 p.m. The cost of lunch will be \$10.00. Our speakers will be **Jason Harper**, the recently-elected chair of the Henry County Board of Commissioners and **Rob Magnaghi**, the

County Manager for Henry County.

One of our goals for the year is increasing attendance at our monthly meetings. Please mark your calendars and remind your colleagues of our meetings.

HONORING JUDGE BUTTRILL

At the December bar meeting, **Buddy Welch** announced that a portrait of **Judge Del Buttrill** is being commissioned, in recognition of his service to Henry County. For those not aware, **Judge Buttrill** was first elected the Probate Court Judge in January, 1982. Throughout his career, he has been an innovator. He was one of the first judges to mandate drug and alcohol programs for probationers. He co-authored the bill that first authorized private county probation.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the portrait may forward a contribution to the Henry County Bar Association

HENRY BAR WEBSITE

One of our goals for this year is to establish a website for our organization. We envision that the website will provide news and information about our organization and its events. We will also coordinate our referral service through the website. A committee will soon be formed to get the website up and running. If you are interested in serving on the committee, then please let **Mary House** know.

UPCOMING BAR MEETINGS

February 2, 2005
March 2, 2005
April 6, 2005
May 4, 2005