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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Cocktails – 5:30

Dinner and Program – 6:30

Norfolk Yacht & Country Club

Presentation by Pupilage Group I



Two Pegasus Scholars from England will be joining us as honored guests!

FALL SOCIAL RECAP

The I'Anson-Hoffman Inn returned with a bang thanks to the hospitality of James McNider. On September 22, 2018, members old and new gathered at his stunning waterfront home in Hampton, Virginia.



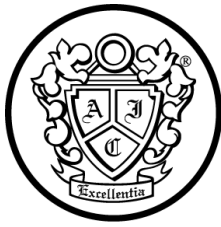
The gorgeous outdoor kitchen was such a hit that James might need to adopt security measures to keep Inn members from coming back every weekend. (A “no trespassing” sign goes a long way, James!) Yummy Goodness, a Virginia Beach catering company, provided buffet-style catering with plenty

of delicious grilled food and hot hors d'oeuvres. The Fall Social had excellent turnout with approximately 45-50 attendees, including judges, attorneys, and law students, as well as some spouses and member-guests.



President Polly Chong gave a memorable toast to kick off the year, and provided James with a gift to thank him for hosting the Fall Social.





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OCTOBER MEETING RECAP



The Inn made an official return on October 10, 2018, with our orientation and first meeting. We welcomed lawyers, students, and judges as new members in a catered reception at William and Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

The meeting then moved to the largest classroom in the law school, which, for some of us, still causes anxiety that we will get called on by the professor. Remember, friends, the back row is no safe-haven from Professor Chong!



Toastmaster Clark Belote delivered an inspiring toast, complete with a *Caddyshack* quote, on the importance of humility and humor in the courtroom.

In an especially proud moment for the Inn, Christina Hartle of the American Inns of Court presented last year's president, Larry Dash, with a certificate

commemorating our platinum status for the fourth consecutive year. Continued excellence in mentorship, communication, and outreach brought this prestigious national recognition to the Inn.



Finally, members were treated to a panel discussion on civil discourse by Robert Harris of JIRC, Ned Davis of the VSB, Paul Fletcher of VLW, and The Honorable Charles Poston of Norfolk Circuit (retired). The panel highlighted the unique tradition of civility in Virginia, which is becoming more of a requirement and less a suggestion under emerging ethical opinions. "The Virginia Way" demonstrates that zealous advocacy and civility need not be mutually exclusive. Members engaged with the panel to find creative solutions to dealing with hostile opposing counsel. It was a great start to a promising year!



Until the next issue,

Andrew Gordon and Micaylee Noreen
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