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We are very happy to announce that we have four recipients for our \$2,000 annual scholarship awards from high schools in the Richmond area. This includes Sarah C. Castle and Michael Lenzi Jr. from Hanover High School, Navindra Seoparsan from Tucker High School in Henrico, and Shaila Anand Lothe from Henrico High School. As always the competition was intense, and the level of student accomplishment was outstanding, however the scholarship committee worked diligently through almost 30 applications and came up with four names, of these recipients.

I look forward to seeing you at our awards meeting on June 26, 2018 at Nick's Roman Terrace at 8051 West Broad Street in Henrico Virginia 23294 beginning at 6:30 PM and ending at 8:30 PM. I attach a copy of a more formal invitation. The Association will provide *hors d'oeuvres*. We will present these scholarships to these outstanding students. Also, at the June 26th meeting we will be able to identify any other issues that the membership finds significant, at this juncture. One of the issues that we need to address will be nominees for the Executive Board which we will address at our annual meeting. This meeting will take place in August or September this year.

As I've said, in our meeting last year, the Association is entering an important transition period. At this point, all of the executive committee, treasurer, secretary, vice president and I, are ready to transition out of our jobs. I've already been notified by the other three executive board members that they want to step down after this year. We're actively seeking nominations, among the membership to take their place. I also believe that four years is long enough to serve as President so I am also ready to step down. However, if there is someone who's willing to take over Vice Presidency in order to gradually transition into my position over the next year, I would be willing to stay one more year.

I will emphasize that I think it's important to have a transition, particularly with the number of younger members that we were able to attract to our membership last year. I have talked to some of these young members about setting up networking meetings and other business and cultural events in addition to our annual scholarship meeting, which might stir more of our local Phi Beta Kappa members to join our organization. It might also give us a higher visibility in the Richmond metro area.

Please think about your own commitments in the community to see if you can make time to become more active in the association, and to contribute to our scholarships to deserving

recipients from our high school population.

I do hope you will join us for our scholarship awards meeting, and I hope that you will come prepared to present to us ideas to attract and keep our members. Also, please consider offering your time to fill some of the executive board to become part of our executive board so that we can continue to move the Association forward into the 21st century. As always I appreciate everyone's attention to our newsletter and I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at Nick's Roman Terrace, which begins at 6:30pm, June 26th, 2018. I will attach a formal invitation to all our members.

In the meantime, if you have suggestions for any good topics and can suggest outside speakers for those topics for future meetings, please let us know. My best e-mail is eplw50@gmail.com. Wilson Sprenkle's e-mail is wilsonsprengle@gmail.com and Fred Hodnett's e-mail is LynH169125@comcast.net. You can also always contact Pat Crocker, the Secretary, at the e-mail listed above.

For your information, our current officers are listed below:

President – E. Wayne Powell
Treasurer – Fred Hodnett

Vice President – Dr. Wilson Sprenkle
Secretary – Patricia Crocker

SPECIAL NOTE TO MEMBERS:

I have attached to this Newsletter another copy of our dues Renewal Form for those who still need to keep their membership active. In the past several years, many of our members have contributed to the scholarship fund. Several “named scholarships” were presented. Any scholarship donation of \$500 or more entitles a donor to dedicate the award to any named designee. The honoree will be named when the scholarship(s) are presented. But remember that **EVERY SCHOLARSHIP DONATION OF ANY AMOUNT** is greatly appreciated. Please complete the Renewal Form and forward it to **Fred Hodnett, Treasurer, PO Box 808, Ashland, VA 23005**, with your dues payment. I also urge you to contribute generously to our scholarship fund since this is your best and most direct way to contribute to a good education for those students who deserve and need the money that we provide.

E. Wayne Powell, President
Richmond Association of PBK