Yes George Mason,
There is a Santa Claus

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As the Mason School of Law family, and indeed the world found out, there is a Santa Claus -- and he apparently attends the School of Law. Well, if he is not here in body, his spirit sure lives in the generosity and selflessness of a first-year School of Law student. In case you have not heard by friend, by newspaper, by radio, or by CNN, a School of Law student has come forward and made a donation of almost $20,000 dollars to, of all things, his fellow students. The identity of this Santa, in the true spirit of Christmas, is a secret.

The purpose of the donation is to make funds available to law students to cover the unexpected and unplanned mid-year tuition increase foisted upon the School of Law. Starting in the winter term, tuition will rise by $192.00 per student. And, as we can all remember from our law school days, that’s real money. And, because of the nature of the surprise increase, many students could not and did not plan for the increase in taking out loans. Now, for most if not all, they won't have to scrounge.

The exciting element of this gift is that the donor challenged the alumni family to chip in. The early reports are that other students and alums have done just that. While the secret donation will cover the first 100 neediest students, the goal is to raise enough money to cover the needs of all students.

In my years at George Mason, I found that there was always one unifying factor that made Mason special. It was the camaraderie and spirit of unity that students felt for each other, no matter the relationship with the administration or others. It is obvious that the tradition continues. While I always knew of the generosity of spirit and kinship of my classmates, I never knew that we were home to Santa too!

This year, join the spirit and take the challenge. Contact Jack Wertzberger, Director of Development at (703) 993-8275 or jwertzb@gmu.edu for details on how you can contribute to the spirit of Christmas by helping members of our Mason family. There is no better time than the holidays to come home. This year, come home to George Mason. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Celebrating Bob Anthony

George Mason University Foundation Professor of Law Emeritus Robert Anthony officially retired at the end of the 2001-2002 academic year after almost 20 years of service to the School of Law. Fortunately, Professor Anthony has continued to teach in the summer PAST program and still regularly reports to his office on the third floor.

In the course of his tenure at the School of Law, Professor Anthony has taught administrative law to hundreds of alumni. He also has taught federal courts, regulated industries, and legislation; and has hired over 20 research assistants.

To honor Professor Anthony’s many contributions to our legal community, the School of Law is hosting a celebratory evening on Friday, January 10. First, a reception will be held at the School of Law from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. for Bob’s family, alumni, and students. Tickets are $25 per person. Students receive a special discounted price of $10 per person. Later that evening, the School of Law will host cocktails and dinner at Top of the Town in Arlington, Virginia. Tickets are $75 per person. Justice Antonin Scalia and other friends are scheduled to share a few remarks at the dinner.

To reserve a space at either the cocktail reception at the School of Law or the dinner at Top of the Town, please call 703-993-8029. Checks should be made payable to the George Mason University Foundation and sent to the Career Development and Alumni Services Office. Space is extremely limited at Top of the Town and will be reserved as payment is received. If space is unavailable, guests will be notified and may request to be placed on a waiting list.

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Reunion Celebrates School’s Founding

Some 240 guests braved cold rain and wind to attend the second Alumni Reunion on Saturday, November 17.

Music and cocktails greeted guests on the main floor of the old Arlington law school building, and a formal candlelight dinner was held in the new law school building. Dean Grady announced Larry Dunham (’77), Phil Kiko (’77), and Glenn Lewis (’77) as recipients of this year’s Distinguished Alumnus Award for their service in the federal government and private practice as well as to the law school. David Landers (’93) and Jim Hyland (’89) were honored with the Distinguished Young Alumnus Award for their achievements on Capitol Hill and for their efforts in establishing and invigorating the Capitol Hill Alumni Group. Rector Edwin Meese was honored as this year’s recipient of the John W. and Daniela Brabner-Smith Distinguished Service Award.

But the night really went to the International School of Law crowd. Founders and professors from the ISL met up with graduates from 1975 through 1980. ISL speeches recounted the struggles and triumphs of opening the law school 30 years ago in 1972. Finally, Dean Grady paid tribute to founding dean John W. Brabner-Smith by formally unveiling the marble cornerstone in the atrium. The simple cornerstone in honor of this gracious and humble lawyer, teacher and scholar tells visitors that: “If you seek his monument, look around you.” The School of Law was honored to have Mrs. Brabner-Smith and members of her family present to help celebrate the founding of the law school and to pay honor to our founding dean.

The Richard Murphy Lecture Series

The Honorable Frank Easterbrook of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit spoke to a packed audience at the Inaugural Richard S. Murphy Lecture Series on November 14. The family of former Professor of Law Richard Murphy created the lecture series to honor Professor Murphy and his contributions to the legal community. Judge Easterbrook spoke on “Judicial Discretion and Statutory Interpretation.”

If you would like to support the Richard Murphy Lecture Series or Scholarship, or other scholarships, please contact Jack Wertzberger, School of Law Director of Development, at (703) 993-8275 or jwertzb@gmu.edu.
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