

Lending a helping hand is good for the soul

By Jason P. Stoffel

The Clark County Bar Association (“CCBA”) does good things, but we already knew that. Since you are reading this article, you are likely already a proud CCBA member.

What I want to focus on this month, and as a follow up to last month’s column, is achieving some balance in one’s life. Recently, the CCBA had a “Volunteer Day” at Three Square, a local food bank. According to its website, Three Square is a Feeding America affiliate, helping Nevadans in Clark, Nye, Lincoln, and Esmeralda counties.

While it is rare for me to not have plans on a Saturday, I decided it was best that I lead by example and I added my name to the volunteer list. Since I am honored to be your CCBA President, I decided to volunteer my time at Three Square, doing whatever was needed.

It was not a large time commitment. In fact, I was only there a little over two hours. The CCBA volunteers worked in an assembly line, placing various non-perishables like canned food, rice, macaroni and cheese, etc., in a bag. I was tasked with lifting heavy bags of food into boxes, then onto a pallet at the end of the assembly line. I was one of two guys that loaded eight pallets of food; each box consisting of 72 bags of food (three rows of six bags each, stacked four high on the pallet—but who is counting). That is a lot of heavy lifting and I thought attorneys were not supposed to be good let alone even like math! I think each bag weighed around 25-30 pounds, but I knew that before I started the task.

At the end of the morning, after a nice cardio workout from this volunteer experience, Three Square thanked CCBA for our time. The volunteer hours that are donated by CCBA and other organizations saves Three Square 2.5 million dollars in staff wages. \$2,500,000! There are good people in this world that do good things.

My point again is a call to our CCBA Members to get involved in community events. The CCBA sends out plenty of opportunities to get involved such as judging local law school competitions, participating in the Blanket the Homeless event, Pro Bono representation, volunteering at Three Square, etc. The list goes on and on. CCBA has a Community Service Committee and they are always looking for our members to get involved with some Community Service work or to add members to the Committee.

Lead by example. We all might complain about our regular job commitments, but a little volunteering here and there really is good for the soul. I walked away from the experience at Three Square knowing I did my good deed of the day and I can assure you this will not be the last time I volunteer there. I look forward to seeing you volunteer at Three Square next time. ☐



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