

LAWYERS IN THE NEWS

Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar holds Senior Citizens Law Day

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association recently held its inaugural Senior Citizens Law Day, a program designed to provide the community information on key topics pertaining to elder law. About 130 citizens attended the free event.

William E. Schmidheiser III, president of the bar, led the program and introduced the speakers, who were:

- Roy D. Turner, who discussed "How to choose the right nursing home or assisted living facility"
- Matthew C. Sunderlin, who spoke on "Paying for long term care: Medicaid, Medicare, Veteran's Benefits and Long Term Care Insurance"
- Bonnie L. Paul and Mark W. Botkin, who addressed the topic, "Do you need a will and a living trust?"
- Richard A. Baugh and Cathy Jackson Leitner, who discussed "Why you need powers of attorney and advance medical directives (living wills)," and
- Anita Earp Robinson and Grant Richardson, who tackled the topic, "Protecting yourself from fraud and exploitation."

The bar association raised over \$2,300 at the event. The funds were donated to Blue Ridge Legal Services to assist with its elder law services program.



Harrisonburg lawyer Matt Sunderlin presents a check for \$2,300 to John Whitfield, executive director of Blue Ridge Legal Services. The money was raised at the Harrisonburg-Rockingham bar's first Senior Citizens Law Day.