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**SWVA MOAA CHAPTER MEMBER JOAN BAKER WASHBURN
COORDINATES BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS RECEPTION AT
SHENANDOAH CLUB**

The Brain Injury Services of SWVA's (BISSWVA) held a Reception on March 27th at the Shenandoah Club in downtown Roanoke, VA. The speaker was Michael Friedlander, Ph.D., Vice President for Health Sciences and technology at Virginia Tech, Executive Director of the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute and Senior Dean for Research of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine presenting a riveting overview of advances being made at the school in medical research and development.

The event was all coordinated by Mrs. Joan Baker Washburn, State VCOC Board, Surviving Spouse Representative and SWVA MOAA Chapter member. BISSWVA is an organization that helps children and adults living with brain injury improve the quality of their lives and reintegrate into their families and communities.

Numerous attendees and dignitaries were present, including; Virginia State Senator John Edwards. Members from the MOAA SW Virginia Chapter included; Mike Leigh, Robert Habermann, Steve Jamison, Tom Dalzell, Dan Karnes and Gary Powers.



(Attending the BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS RECEPTION from MOAA SWVA Chapter were (L-R): Mike Leigh, Robert Habermann, Joan Washburn, Steve Jamison, Robert Gray, Tom Dalzell, Dan Karnes and Gary Powers).