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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 its annual Reception on March 29, 2018 at the Shenandoah Club in downtown Roanoke, VA with speaker, Dr. Robert Trestman, Senior Vice President, Professor, and Chair of Psychiatry for Carilion Clinic and Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine. Dr. Trestman presenting a riveting overview of the exploding opioid epidemic and advances being made at the school in medical research and development.

The event was again coordinated by Mrs. Joan Baker Washburn, former 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, Dan Karnes, Scott Van Cleef, Joan Washburn, Robert Habermann, and Gary Powers.



(Attending the BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS RECEPTION from MOAA SWVA Chapter were (L-R): Mike Leigh, Dan Karnes, Scott Van Cleef, Joan Washburn, Virginia State Senator John Edwards, Dr. Robert Trestman, Robert Habermann and Gary Powers).