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BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy New Year 2012!! It is hard to believe we have embarked on another new year. *2012!!* I remember when the thought of 2012 sounded so futuristic and distant, yet here it is, as present and real as ever. So much has changed, and yet, so much has stayed the same.



Emma Cano

I am honored to serve as President of such a worthwhile organization and am humbled by the hard-working, selfless and dedicated women who have helped shaped this organization into what it is today, and those who continue to shape this organization into what it will become. I also continue to be amazed at the relationships that develop from people's involvement in our organization. As I look forward to what 2012 has in store, I am excited about the prospects for the next year. The future is bright for the BCWB and we hope you will be a part of it.

We have a number of events planned throughout the year and we want you involved. While the new year will certainly bring many "new" things for the BCWB, including new members, new events, and a variety of new opportunities, we also hope to build on our signature events and time-honored traditions of years past. There really is something for everyone! Stay tuned for details about our upcoming events, and be sure to join us for our annual joint luncheon with the St. Mary's Women's Law Association on January 23.

I wish you and your loved ones a joyful and fulfilling 2012! And, I hope to see you at our upcoming events!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Lisa Alcantar

January Luncheon Announcement

By Lisa Alcantar

Please join us on January 23, 2012 at 12 p.m. for our annual joint luncheon with the St. Mary's Women's Law Association. The luncheon will be held in the Alumni Room in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library. Our distinguished panel of speakers will cover a variety of topics regarding practicing in San Antonio. Please RSVP by Friday, January 20 through the events website or to lalcantar@prdg.com.

February Luncheon Announcement

By Lisa Alcantar

Please join us on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 12 p.m., at Club Giraud, as we welcome David T. Gallant. Mr. Gallant is President of Gallant Computer Investigative Services, LLC, and will discuss "Computer Forensics and Electronic Discovery." Comments will include preserving electronic evidence and legal perspectives on admissibility. Mr. Gallant will share fascinating stories from his background in computer crimes investigations. CLE credit is available. Please RSVP no later than February 3 through the events website or to lalcantar@prdg.com.



Lorie Blount

Community Service Column

By Lorie Blount

Welcome to the New Year! Please contact me or other members of the Community Service Committee with your suggestions on how BCWB members may continue to support our community in 2012. Your input and feedback are much appreciated.

Along with this look into the New Year, we would like to thank you for your support to the community in 2011. During the holiday season, particularly, our organization stepped up to provide some critically-needed items to charitable organizations that support our community. In November, BCWB supported the San Antonio Food Bank by donating a total of 104 pounds of canned and dry foods! The staff at the Food Bank was very thankful for our generous donation.

In December, our organization also supported The Center for Family Relations (a/k/a San Antonio Kids Exchange) by providing it with a variety of toys and games to provide to infants and children that visit the Kids' Exchange. The Kids Exchange sincerely appreciated all the donations made by BCWB members at our December Holiday luncheon.

Thanks for your wonderful contributions and service to the San Antonio and Bexar County community over the past year. We look forward to 2012.

2012 BCWBA/F Officers & Directors

We are pleased to announce the results from this year's election. The following were elected as 2012 Officers:

President:	Emma Cano
President-Elect:	Suzanne Oliva
Vice President:	Natalie Hall
Treasurer:	Marissa Helm
Treasurer-Elect:	Danielle Hargrove
Secretary:	Tiffanie Clausewitz
Immediate Past President:	Laura Mason

The following individuals were elected to a Director position:

Lisa Alcantar	Connie Basel
Elsa Marie Garza	Judge Renee McElhaney
Katherine Patton Noll	Hella Scheuerman



Lisa Alcantar



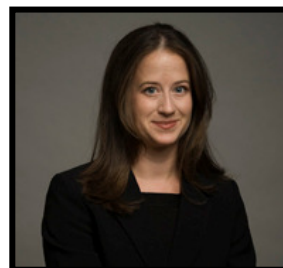
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These wonderful women will join existing Directors Lorie Blount, Gaylia Brunson, Maurleen Cobb, Monica Lerma, Julia Mann, and our 2012 St. Mary's Law Student Representative. Congratulations to all!

Plans are underway for another exciting BCWB year. If you would like to serve on a Committee or have ideas regarding new projects or events, please contact any of the 2012 Officers and Directors.



Katherine Patton Noll



Save the dates for this year's luncheons at Club Giraud:

- February 7
- March 7
- April: TBD
(at the Plaza Club)
- May 2
- June 5
- July 10
- August 7
- September 4
- October 2
- November 6
- December: TBD

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

By Katherine Noll

Happy New Year! Once again, it is time for the annual membership renewal for the 2012 Bexar County Women's Bar Association. The Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation have many exciting events planned for the year that I am sure you will not want to miss. Events include the retreat, CLE luncheons, fashion show, mentor/mentee outings, community assistance programs, socials, and the always popular Autumn Affair.

No matter whether you are female or male, a judge, lawyer, paralegal, legal assistant, student, or "friend," we invite you to join and to invite someone new to join as well! By now, you should have received an email notifying you to renew your BCWB membership. This year, we have implemented online membership renewal. Complete the renewal process by logging into www.bexarcountywomensbar.org.

Click on the "About Us" pull-down menu; then click on "Membership." There you will find the online as well as paper applications for 2012. You will need your user ID and password, which you should have received via email notification. Payment can be made online or by mailing in a check. If you have any questions, please contact me at Membership@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

Be a part of our membership and join a committee so that, together, we can make a real difference in our community! Your membership renewal will entitle you to the following, including information on new membership activities for 2012:

- Monthly electronic copy of our newsletter, the *Equal Times*;
- Bexar County Women's Bar monthly luncheons with .75 hours of CLE credit at a discounted rate;
- Access to the Membership Directory;
- E-mail announcements of upcoming events and activities of interest;
- Discounted tickets to legal community functions (*e.g.*, Peacemakers Gala, SABA Installation Dinner, SABA Law Day Luncheon), subject to availability;
- Profile on Bexar County Women's Bar membership website;
- Access to membership information and community postings on the Bexar County Women's Bar membership website;
- Invitations to exclusive Bexar County Women's Bar functions, many of which are complimentary; and
- Network with some of the most powerful, amazing women in the state.

Thank you for your continued participation and support! I look forward to receiving your application and sharing more details with you about the upcoming year!



Photos from the December Luncheon

