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Bexar County Women's Bar Association

President's Column

Happy New Year! I am pleased to announce the results of the recent BCWBA/BCWBF elections. Carmen Samaniego, Lorie Blount, Gaylia Brunson, Shari Mao, Greta McFarling, Brittany Weil and Leslie Hyman are the newest directors on the Board. Tiffanie Clausewitz is president-elect, Marissa Helm is vice-president, Maurleen Cobb is secretary, Katherine Noll will serve as treasurer and Lisa Alcantar is treasurer-elect. Congratulations ladies! The returning Board members are Hella Scheurmann, Elsa Marie Garza, Connie Basel Arambula, Judge Renee McElhane, Julia Null and Emma Cano. I look forward to working with this terrific group of outstanding women!

We have many exciting events being planned including monthly formal lunches and informal lunches, a speed-networking event with the law students, a Missions Baseball outing, Law Day, fashion shows, health and wellness events, book club gatherings, mentoring opportunities, President's Party, CLE presentations, a retreat, the Autumn Affair and a few surprises in store for everyone. Our first lunch will be at St. Mary's University on January 15. Many thanks to Lisa Alcantar and Denise Drake for coordinating the monthly lunches last year and to Diana Cavazos who has agreed to Chair the Luncheons Committee in 2013. The Autumn Affair is sure to be a success under the leadership of Co-



Suzanne Dapra Oliva

Chairs Hella Scheurmann and Leslie Hyman. (con'd on p. 2)

Luncheon Announcement

By Lisa Alcantar

Please join us in the St. Mary's Law Library Alumni Room on Tuesday, January 15th at 12:00 p.m. for the annual joint luncheon with the St. Mary's Women's Law Association. We are shaking things up this year! Rather

than a formal panel, please join us for lunch and an informal chat with students. RSVP by Friday, January 11, 2013 by clicking here or emailing events@bexarcountywomensbar.org. Cost is \$25, payable online or at the door.



Lisa Alcantar

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We look forward to this highlight of the year in October.

I am humbled to be given the opportunity to lead this fine organization and hope that I can meet or surpass the bar that has been set by the incredible past presidents. Our first order of business is the renewal and increased number

of memberships. Please do so online at www.bexarcountywomensbar.org or with a paper application. While you are busy renewing, invite a few extra individuals to be new members. Whether you are interested in service, networking, CLE, health and fitness or just relaxation and camaraderie,

the Women's Bar has something for you. Make a New Year's resolution and come be a part of your Bar! If you would like to serve on a committee this year, please do not hesitate to contact one of the 2013 Officers or Directors listed above. I look forward to working with you this year!

It's Time to Renew Your Membership



Tiffanie Clausewitz

By Tiffanie Clausewitz & Lauren Horne

Greetings and Happy New Year! Once again, it is time for the annual membership renewal for the 2013 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 you will not want to miss. Events include the retreat, CLE luncheons, mentor/mentee outings, community assistance programs, socials, and the always popular Autumn Affair.

Whether you are female or male, a judge, lawyer, paralegal, legal assistant, student, or "friend," we invite you to join and personally invite a new member to join as well. By now, you should have received an email notifying you to renew your BCWB membership. You may complete the renewal process by logging in to 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 2013. 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 us 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:

- Monthly electronic copy of our newsletter, *Equal Times*;
- Bexar County Women's Bar monthly luncheons;
- CLE 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! We look forward to receiving your application and sharing more details with you about the upcoming year!



Lauren Horne

Spring Family Event



By Hella Scheuerman

Save the date for the Bexar County Women's Bar Spring Family Event. Make plans to join us at the Missions Baseball Game on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at the Nelson Wolff Municipal Stadium. The game

starts at 7:05 pm. Before the game, there will be an opportunity for us to eat dinner and share some time together. Children and families will enjoy this event! We will provide additional details regarding the event in the next newsletter.



Hella Scheuerman

Speed-Networking Event

By Alison Williams

WLA is very excited to partner with BCWB and St. Mary's School of Law Career Services in bringing the second annual Speed-Networking event to St. Mary's School of Law. This event takes its cues from the speed-dating scene to bring a fun, efficient and interactive networking opportunity to the law school. This event was a huge hit with the students and we are looking forward to building on last year's success.

The event will be on Thursday, February 21 from 4:30-6:30. The first hour will be the speed-networking portion, with attorneys grouped by practice area at various round tables and students will rotate through the tables every ten minutes or so. The second hour will be a general networking happy hour. Last year, we had BCWB members representing the areas of criminal, family, corporate, juvenile and civil law – this year we have so far added international and

federal law and we seek attorneys in additional areas. It is not too late to sign up. Please contact Suzanne at oliva@satx.rr.com or Alison at williams.alisonr@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this great event!

Upcoming Events:

January 15, 2013: BCWB Round Table Lunch, 12-1 at St. Mary's School of Law, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Alumni Room

BCWB welcomes the following new members!

Cheryl Auster
Candice Garcia
Sheila Grigar
Caroleene Hardee
Cecilia Hellrung
Kathleen Jarmiolowski
Shari Mao
Molly Neck
Serina Rivela
Alexis Scott
Erika Specia
Celina Warren

Central Market CLE & Cooking Class: Cooking up Business the Ethical Way

Join us for some savory recipes paired perfectly with wine and earn CLE credit while James Ehler, Gene Major, and Lisa Tatum bring us up to date on how to advertise, use social media, and handle cases in the current market while complying with state regulations regarding these matters. Menu includes: French Lentil Salad, Roasted Potatoes with Bay Leaves & Herbs, Tomatoes Provençal, Chicken Cordon Bleu, and Chocolate Soufflés.

When: Thursday, January 31, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Central Market Cooking School (2nd Floor at Central Market on Broadway)

Cost: \$55.00 per person. Includes food, wine and one hour of CLE credit.

RSVP: Attendance is limited. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be received by BCWBA no later than January 29, 2013. To register, please go to <http://www.bexarcountywomensbar.org/> and click on the Central Market link.

Photos from the December Luncheon

