# **B** Equal Times

Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation

### October 2016

# President's Message

### wonderful opportunity to provide mentorship to law students, but we need volunteers. We are continuing our tradition of mentorship to the St. Mary's Women's Law Association (WLA) members. We have 90 WLA members signed up to partner with our members. We also have an exciting new opportunity with the Women's Law Caucus at UT Law to mentor new 1L students, where we will try to match up students interested in San Antonio. Becoming a mentor is a rewarding experience, and can foster a mean-

Calling all Mentors! We have a

ingful and lifelong connection, but to make this work, we need your help. Please sign up today to be a mentor by contacting either <u>Serina.Rivela@uhs-sa.com</u> or <u>GayliaBrunson@gmail.com</u>. Also, save the date for our upcoming Mentor/Mentee social event on Thursday, November 3, at the Piatti Eilan location from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with the St. Mary's WLA.

As you know, a historic election day is right around the corner! If you know someone not registered to vote, remind



that someone that the last day to register to vote is October 11. In Texas you can register to vote in person or by mail (but not online). Applications, along with detailed instructions, are available at <u>www.bexar.org/1702/Register</u> <u>-to-Vote</u>. If you are unsure about your (con'd on p. 7)

# October Luncheon: Judicial District Candidate Forum

Please join us on October 11, 2016 for our Judicial District Candidate Forum. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about individuals running for local judicial offices in November. Historically, we've had a fantastic turnout at this event. Due to the large number of candidates this year, we expect limited seating.

When: Noon on October 11, 2016

### Where: Club Giraud

**Cost:** \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, \$20 for students, payable at the door

**RSVP:** Club Giraud needs a headcount well in advance of the luncheon, so please RSVP by Thursday, October 6. You can register and pay online! Include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP. We understand schedules change, but we cannot guarantee a spot to individuals who do not RSVP by the date above. Walk -ins will be charged \$35 to cover the additional demands on Club Giraud's staff and noshows will be billed.

For more information, contact Rachel Skinner (<u>rskinner@dykema.com</u>) or Meagan McKeown (<u>mmckeown@dykema.com</u>). We hope to see you there!

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# Autumn Affair Kick-off Party

### By Hella Scheuerman

Thank you to Cynthia Combs for offering her beautiful gardens as the venue and backdrop to this year's Autumn Affair kick-off party held September 20, 2016. Our members enjoyed delicious appetizers and cool drinks sponsored by Preferred Counsel, while shopping the Stella & Dot's brand new fall collection to kick-off the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation's Autumn Affair fundraiser, for this year's beneficiaries: Deborah's House and The Children's Shelter. Thank you to Marissa Helm for bringing us the Stella & Dot fall line of jewelry and accessories and for her effort in showcasing this amazing collection! A full 50% of the Stella & Dot purchases will be donated to Autumn Affair. Shopping is open until 10/15 at www.stelladot.com/ts/ oaoi6, with 50% of all purchases going toward Autumn Affair as cash or product.

Individual tickets for Autumn Affair cost \$150. You can purchase tickets at: <u>http://</u> <u>www.bexarcountywomensb</u> <u>ar.org/event-2303937</u>, or from our events page: <u>http://</u> <u>www.bexarcountywomensb</u> <u>ar.org/events</u>.





# Help make a difference at the October Wills Clinic!

### By Carmen Samaniego

Please consider volunteering with your fellow BCWB members for the next Community Justice Program Wills Clinic on October 18, 2016 at St. Mary's Center for Legal and Social Justice. The clinic will run from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., but attorneys must arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, email Carmen Samaniego. Direct questions to Amanda Reimherr Buckert, Director of the Community Justice Program at 210-227-8824. We hope to see you there!

# Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer and Outstanding Young Lawyer Awardees

We have the distinct privilege of honoring the recipients of the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer and Outstanding Young Lawyer Awards at our annual Autumn Affair. Each year, we receive nominations and applications from the best and brightest members of our community. We are pleased to announce that this year, Cynthia Orr is the recipient of the the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer Award and Lauren M. Horne is the recipient of the Belva Lockwood Outstanding Young Lawyer Award.



**Cynthia Orr** practices law with the law firm of Goldstein, Goldstein & Hilley. She has attained national prominence defending citizens and entities in state and federal trial and appellate courts. She is past-chair of the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Section and a member of the ABA's House of Delegates for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She is a member of the ABA's Standing Committee that approves board certification exams. She is a member of the Texas Board of Law Examiners and also a member of the Board of Governors for the Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit. She is also a Past President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. In the local bar, Cynthia is a chair of the San Antonio Bar Association's Federal Courts Committee - Criminal Law Subcommittee. Cynthia is an inductee into the San Antonio Woman's Hall of Fame. She is cofounder of the Texas Innocence Network.

She is listed in The Best Lawyers in America and also in the Best 100 Trial Lawyers in Texas by the National Trial Lawyers Association. Cynthia has been published by the ABA, NACDL, TCDLA; in the *Texas Bar Journal*, *Texas Lawyer* and has updated the TCDLA's Texas Annotated Codebooks (2014-2015), Texas Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure]

A 1979 undergraduate of the University of Texas at Austin and 1988 graduate of St. Mary's School of Law, she began her career clerking for Fifth Circuit Judge Emilio Garza when he was on the District Court bench in San Antonio, Texas. She is proficient in trial, appeals, writs of habeas corpus, petitions for discretionary review, writs of certiorari, mandamus, prohibition and corum nobis. Her breadth of experience with each vehicle compliments the others, making her a strong and experienced advocate. She is most active advocating criminal justice reforms. Cynthia is Board Certified in Criminal Law and Criminal Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for the State Bar of Texas and has an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell.



Lauren M. Horne is an associate with Hoblit, Darling, Ralls, Hernandez & Hudlow, LLP's medical malpractice defense group. A graduate of Texas A&M University (B.S. - Political Science, 2005) and Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (J.D., 2008), she was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in2008. While attending law school in her hometown of Fort Worth, Lauren served as a student attorney in the law clinic representing indigent clients in social security and family law matters. She also interned with the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, and the (con'd on p. 5)

# Member Spotlight: : Marcy Hernandez



What's your current job? I am a Partner at Hoblit Darling Ralls Hernandez & Hudlow, LLP and I have a wide variety of practice areas centered around civil litigation.

How long have you been a member of the BCWB? I recently relocated to San Antonio just over a year ago, so my membership in the BCWB is very new. I would estimate I have been a member for just under 60 days.

What's your best experience thus far? So far I have only had the opportunity to attend an Around Town lunch. It was my first time meeting anyone associated with the BCWB, and I found that everyone was extremely friendly and welcoming. I look forward to participating in many more functions, including luncheons.

Tell us about your morning ritual or daily routine. I am married with four children ages 18, 17, 13, and 9. I have a very crazy house in the mornings. When I used to keep track of my steps, I would average 6,000 steps before I even left the house for work. I am a morning person, so I am typically the one making sure we all stay on task and on time. I have a few rituals - the most important ones are food and personal time. I believe breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so I make my children a hot breakfast every morning that I am able to so. My "personal time" ritual is making sure I say goodbye to my husband every morning and wishing each one of my kids a good day at school before they head out the door, even when I am away, traveling for work.

What's your favorite moment of your career so far? I am a trial lawyer. Most of the cases I tried as a young lawyer, I did so as second chair. So, my favorite moment of my career has to be when I tried my first case, solo and hearing the jury come back with a complete defense verdict in under twenty minutes. Time in the courtroom is getting more and more scarce, so I do hold on to that memory dearly.

What was your childhood dream job? I've wanted to be a lawyer since I was 10. I really have no other memory of wanting any other job. I'm either committed to a goal or unable to change perspective. Either way, I love that I get to come to work to my dream job every single day.

Guilty Pleasure: What can you not live without? Pizza. I am afraid I have an addiction to pizza, although Netflix has recently been introduced into my life and it might now be a close second.

What's the best career advice you can offer to others? Make time for yourself. Women in our profession often work harder than our male counterparts and we have the added benefit of being spouses and mothers on top of that. Making time for yourself is rejuvenating. You find clarity, mental strength and perspective. You just feel better, too. Make time for a movie, a massage, dinner with friends, cozy up to a book or take a girls' trip. I'll admit I have difficulty finding time to do it, but I do try.

# Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project

### By Suzanne Patrick

Our city is full of interesting and rich offerings. Here is one I wanted to highlight for you. It will take place at the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio located at 12500 NW Military Hwy. The tickets are FREE and are still available for the Saturday, November 12, and Sunday, November 13, performances are still available, but are going fast so RSVP today.

Irena Sendler's story is an admirable one of courage, bravery and determination. It is a story that should be learned about, praised and remembered. There were many heroic people during the Holocaust that assisted in protecting and heroically saving

many Jews and others who were persecuted by the Nazis, however not all of them are well known. In 1999 a group of students and their teacher in Kansas came across the story of the Polish Catholic woman who helped more than 3,000 Jewish families. They worked on a year -long National History Project about Ms. Sendler's life and accomplishments and entered their project in the National History Day program. The students through this project wrote a performance called Life in a Jar in which they illustrated the life of Ms. Sendler. This small Kansas community had no Jewish students in their school district yet the community was inspired and created an Irena

Sendler Day. As the students progressed through the project and researched Ms. Sendler in greater detail, they came to learn that Ms. Sendler was still alive and living in Warsaw, Poland. Ms. Sendler passed away in May 2008.

After the creation of the Life in a Jar/ the Irena Sendler Project there have now been well over 345 presentations, a highly trafficked website, worldwide media attention, a motion picture and an award winning book called "Life in a Jar/the Irena Sendler Project." Ms. Sendler's story is no longer untold. Hopefully you will have the chance to see this performance this November. Ticket info is attached to this newsletter.

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City of Fort Worth. Following graduation, Lauren began her legal career in Houston before moving to San Antonio in 2011. She has more than eight years of general civil litigation experience, including the defense of professional liability, medical malpractice, personal injury, and premises liability claims.

As a new attorney in San Antonio, Lauren immediately became involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas and the Bexar County Women's Bar. Lauren has served on the Bexar County Women's Bar Association and Foundation Board of Directors since 2013, including in the following capacities: Monthly Luncheon Co-Chair, Autumn Affair Arrangements Committee Co-Chair, Autumn Affair Auction, Balloon, and/or Raffle Committee Co-Chair, Website Chair, and Membership. She researched new membership management software and created the new and improved Bexar County Women's Bar website. One of her proudest achievements is helping to launch the LEAD Academy, a new, yearlong leadership program born out of a desire to assist women attorneys in attaining the highest level of success in their firms and organizations, their communities, and the legal profession.

Lauren participates regularly on speaking panels. In 2013, she co -authored and presented Managing the Fundamentals of Your Law Practice at the State Bar Annual Meeting. Additionally, she has spoken to University of Texas Health Science Center resident physicians and various medical organizations about minimizing risks and the nuts and bolts of medical malpractice. Most recently, Lauren served as a panelist in Justice Rebeca C. Martinez' Color of Justice Program, a program that educates, encourages and motivates young women from local high schools to consider a career in the law and judiciary.

# Judicial Spotlight: Justice Rose Spector, Judge Carol Haberman Knight-Sheen, & Judge Carolyn Spears Peterson



On October 27, as a part of our annual Autumn Affair, Bexar County Women's Bar will honor three women who were the first female judges of Bexar County: Justice Rose Spector, Judge Carol Haberman Knight-Sheen, and Judge Carolyn Spears Peterson.

In November, 2001, Judge Barbara Nellermoe authored an article published in the San Antonio Lawyer about these three amazing women. It is entitled, "The Trailblazing Trio of Haberman, Spector & Spears." Below, with the permission of both Judge Nellermoe and the San Antonio Law*yer*, are excerpts from that article:

A number of people urged Carol Haberman, Rose Spector, and Carolyn Spears to run against each other for a newly created county court bench, a strategy they felt would ensure that the first woman would finally be elected. But these women each picked a bench and each drew male opponents. Local columnist Paul Thompson snarled, "Who's going to vote for three women for judge?" It was a gutsy thing to do and the primaries where are crowded, but when the smoke cleared, each was duly elected to a bench.

Carol Haberman [Knight-Sheen] practiced law for 17 years before running for judge. She earned an L.L.B. and J.D. from St. Mary's University and a M.S.W from the Wharton School of Social Service at Our Lady of the Lake University. Haberman was the third woman to serve on the San Antonio City Council--Eloise Gerhardt and Lila Cockrell her were the first and second, respectively. From 1970 to 1973, Haberman promoted tourism, expansion of the City's convention facilities, and the San Antonio River. She also helped initiate emergency medical services and the night magistrate program.

Carolyn Spears [Peterson] graduated from Texas Lutheran College with a degree in business education and began working in a law office in San Antonio. In the mid-sixties, she attended St. Mary's University School of Law and then "read the law" under the mentorship of attorney George Manning until she felt ready to take the Texas Bar Exam, a traditional path to licensure at that time. As a lawyer, she first worked for a private trust, and then as an assistant district attorney under Ted Butler.

Rose Spector was born in San Antonio. Following her graduation from Jefferson High School, she attended Vassar and earned a liberal arts degree from Barnard College, Columbia University in 1954. She returned home, married a medical student in 1955, and worked in advertising, including stints at WOAI and in Chicago. She was one of two women in a [St. Mary's School of Law] class of 75 students. Mary Ann Crosby graduated first and Specter graduated second in the class of 1965. The man who graduated third in the class was quickly hired, while neither Crosby nor Spector found it as easy to get a job.

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# Book Review: Fates and Furies

### By Lisa P. Alcantar

There are many glowing reviews of *Fates and Furies*, written by author Lauren Groff. I was vaguely aware of them, but the book cover and description just didn't grab me. Fate intervened and my friend suggested we should read the book together a book club of two. I was lucky enough to snag an electronic version from the library and we were off to the races. Or, rather, I was. Greta is (slowly) starting the novel.

Right off the bat, I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to finish this book either. Groff's prose is beautiful and complicated. I often found myself stopping, turning the page back, and rereading the sentences, having lost the thread of the story in the course of the paragraph. Complicated can be good, but it doesn't make for easy reading to sink into.

The structure of the story is different as well. As the title

perhaps gives away, this book draws heavily from Greek literature, including a narrative chorus, which I found to be an insightful and funny addition. This is the story of Lotto and Mathilde's marriage, told in two parts. The first part, Fates, is told from Lotto's perspective. Although the story starts with Lotto and Mathilde on the beach just after their elopement, the story quickly dives back into Lotto's parents' marriage and his early and formative years. We then drop in on Lotto and Mathilde nearly annually through their over 20 years long marriage. Lotto is a bon vivant, pushing through life on his charm and personality.

The Furies switches to Mathilde's view of their marriage. Mathilde brings us back to some of the same key events, sharing her own version of those life events. More importantly, Mathilde reveals so much of her own past and her emotions, which Lotto either didn't perceive or failed to note as important in his own recollections. Mathilde's version is a bleaker version of the marriage.

What Lotto and Mathilde have in common is their deep, abiding love for each other. This book was interesting and once it got going, I gobbled it up. That said, Lotto's version of the marriage was (somewhat) more rooted in reality. When the novel switched to the Furies, it felt like reality detached a bit from the story. More to the point, the Furies peels back the layers on several characters, revealing an unpleasantness which discolored some of my earlier enjoyment of the book.

Don't get me wrong: this book left me thinking about it long after I finished. I can't wait for Greta to finish so we can talk about the book. It is unusual for a novel to span 20 plus years, focused almost exclusively on two characters. But, I'm not convinced this book is a must read.

# Gals & Guns Event

### By Brittany Weil

On September 8, 2016, the BCWB hosted its first Gals & Guns clay shooting event at the San Antonio Gun Club. Expert instructors Greg Massari and Larry Hancock were on hand to provide helpful safety and technical direction. We had a fantastic turnout, and after smashing clays, the shooters enjoyed mingling over cocktails and lite bites. Enormous thanks to all of our members who attended, instructors Greg Massari and Larry Hancock, and our generous sponsor Transwestern!

# President's column (con'd from p. 1)

registration status, you can check by going to <u>www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-</u> <u>Department or calling 210-335-</u> <u>VOTE</u>. To keep our membership informed about the local judicial election, we are hosting the Judicial District Court Candidate Forum at our upcoming luncheon on October 11 at Club Giraud. Early voting starts on October 24, so get ready to get out there and exercise your right to vote!

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# Ovarian Cancer, the "silent killer"

### By Libby Wiedermann

September and October are very important awareness months for women's cancers, namely, Ovarian Cancer and Breast Cancer. As a survivor of ovarian cancer myself, I always feel it is important to share my story with other women to encourage them to be their own medical advocate and to stay current on any medical screenings available to them to ensure early detection of any possible cancer.

Ovarian Cancer is frequently referred to as the "silent killer" because so many women don't show the signs or symptoms of the disease until it is too late. Early symptoms are usually not that severe, so they go ignored or misdiagnosed. Some of these early symptoms include bloating, a feeling of fullness after eating a very small amount, pelvic discomfort or pain, abdominal swelling and pain and abnormal menstrual cycles. These same symptoms are also seen in many other medical conditions, which is another reason ovarian cancer is often diagnosed so late.

In my case, I had most of the above symptoms for several weeks before I went to the doctor. Initially, I was diagnosed as having a urinary tract or bladder infection and was given antibiotics. I felt better immediately, but for only a few days, and then the pain returned and was worse. I called my doctor and insisted that it was something more serious. I know my body and, for me, bloating and abdominal pain was not something I had ever experienced for more than a day or two. So after suffering for several weeks, I knew it wasn't just a UTI or bladder infection. My doctor listened to me and sent me for an abdominal and pelvic cat scan where a baseball size tumor was found on my ovary. After surgery, I was officially diagnosed with ovarian cancer. I was lucky; my ovarian cancer was still caught at a relatively early stage and I have been in remission for 3 years.

Unfortunately, there is no specific diagnostic exam for ovarian cancer. Routine/ annual gynecological exams are important to do, as tumors and fibroids can be detected during a pelvic or rectal exam. Abnormalities may be followed up by ultra sound and a blood test for a cancer protein (CA-125 may also be performed. But none of these tests are full proof or reliable ways to detect ovarian cancer. Most women think that having an annual pap smear is sufficient, but what most women don't know is that a pap smear only screens for cervical cancer, not ovarian cancer. That is why it is so

important to be your own advocate and to know your own body. If you feel something is not right about your body or about a diagnosis, it's up to you to speak up and express your concerns with your doctor. Also, you need to know the medical history of your family-if there is a history of ovarian or other gynecological cancers on your mother or father's side of the family, including aunts, cousins, etc., find out what they had and at what age they were diagnosed and share this information with your doctor (s).

Fortunately, the advancement of screening tests for breast cancer has come much further than those for ovarian cancer. But no breast cancer screening is full proof and breast cancer screening cannot prevent breast cancer, but it can help find breast cancer early when it is easier to treat. Like all cancers, it is important to know if your family medical history includes breast cancer, but according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) most women who get breast cancer have no known risk factors and no family history of the disease. Therefore, it's imperative that women (and men) do selfbreast exams and report any lump(s) (con'd on p. 9)

# Do you have what it takes to LEAD?



By Tiffanie S. Clausewitz

The BCWBF is accepting applications for the inaugural LEAD Academy class! The LEAD Academy is a leadership development program born out of a desire to assist women attorneys in attaining the highest level of success in their firms and organizations, in their communities, and in the legal profession. The LEAD Academy aims to achieve this goal by teaching participants to:

- Lead in a way that is authentic and effective;
- Empower themselves with self-awareness and selfconfidence;
- Advance in their firms or organizations; and
- Develop robust professional networks.

The LEAD Academy will begin with a two-day symposium, followed by quarterly seminars and a graduation celebration. Faculty for the symposium and seminars include local and national experts on wide-ranging topics detailed on our program page. In addition to instructional time, each session will include interactive workshops to allow participants to apply the learning to their specific practices.

Women attorneys selected for participation in the LEAD Academy must be members of the State Bar of Texas with approximately three to eight years of experience (variations in length of experience will be considered); aspire to lead and have the demonstrated potential to become leaders; and want to serve their communities and the profession and be committed to the promotion of women in the legal profession.

If you fit this description or know someone else who does, visit our website (<u>www.bexarcountywomensbar.o</u> <u>rg/LEAD</u>) for more information and to download an application packet; all application materials must be received by October 31, 2016. Please contact LEAD Director Tiffanie S. Clausewitz (<u>tiffanie@rosenblattlawfirm.co</u> <u>m</u>) with any questions!



Town Luncheon

Please join Amanda Crouch at:

La Gloria at The Pearl

Noon on Friday, October 14, 2016

If you want to let Amanda know you are coming, you can email her at <u>acrouch@jw.com,</u> but there is no need to RSVP. Just come and look for Amanda.

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or any change in their breast or underarm area to their physician. Besides medical history, talk to your doctor about when you should start having mammograms and how frequently. And make your annual or routine physical exams and screenings a priority. As lawyers, it is easy to get so bogged down with scheduling client appointments and court hearings that we forget or put off medical appointments unless we actually feel sick. But being proactive, knowing your body, speaking up if you disagree with a diagnosis and making time for medical appointments and screenings is key to

early detection for many cancers, including ovarian and breast cancer.

From the September Luncheon: Leslie Hyman, Autumn Affair Chairs Shari Mao & Amanda Crouch, and representatives from the 2016 Autumn Affair Beneficiaries, India Chumney from the Children's Shelter, & Lana Potts & Kate Campbell from Deborah's House



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# Judicial Profile (con'd from p. 6)

During the 10 years she spent in private practice, Spector was appointed municipal judge of Olmos Park, a part-time position. Judge Spears summed up Spector's judicial career succinctly, "Rose did it all. She started at the bottom and went all the way to the top."

### Judicial Trailblazers

In 1974, only seven women served as judges in Texas. The legislature had created two new county courts, one for probate matters and another of general jurisdiction, and had provided that the first judges be elected rather than appointed. Carol Haberman defeated five democrats and one republican to become the first judge of Probate Court No. 2. Rose Spector successfully ran for the newly created County Court at Law No. 5. Carolyn Spears defeated the incumbent for County Court at Law No. 1. On January 1, 1975, Bexar County had its first three women judges.

Governor Briscoe in 1977 appointed Haberman [to the 45th District Court, making her] the first woman to serve as a district court judge in Bexar County. 2001 mark[ed] her 26th year of judicial service.

In 1980, Judge Spector decided to seek a district bench. Spector faced five democrats in the primary, won a run-off election, and then defeated Judge Sims in the general election. She served on that bench from 1981 to 1992.

In 1982, Judge Al Kline announced he would not seek another term as judge of the 224th. Judge Spears sought the bench, was elected, and served in that capacity until 1994. She then served as a visiting judge until she retired in early 1999.

In 1992, Judge Spears Peterson had been encouraged to run for the Texas Supreme Court. Having recently remarried, she declined and instead urged Judge Spector to consider it. Dr. Morris Spector had earlier discouraged his wife from taking on a race for the legislature, but he encouraged her to run for the Supreme Court. Judge Spector realized that she had more trial judge experience than anyone then sitting on the high court, so she said, "Why not?"

She ran against incumbent Justice Eugene Cook, a Clements appointee with no judicial trial court experience. He was, however, president of the Houston Bar Association and won all the bar polls and most of the state's major newspaper endorsements. But when the votes were counted, Judge Spector had won by more than 200,000 votes. She was the first woman elected to the Texas Supreme Court in its 150 -year history. Court analysts expected her to be the most liberal member of the Court, but found her to be a centrist. Despite winning praise for her evenhandedness, she was defeated in her bid for reelection in 1998, when republicans swept all statewide offices. Spector now divides her time between her mediation, arbitration, and appellate consultation practice at Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever & McDaniel, L.L.P. in Austin, and serving as a visiting district court judge. She also teaches a seminar on jury trials at the University of Law School.

All three women received numerous honors for their pioneering efforts. Each gave generously of her time to mentor young lawyers, having never forgotten the long hard road they have traveled.



Welcome New Members			
Mary Adair	Brittany Baker	Paige Boldt	
Shanna Castro	Rachel Hoblit	Heather Hudson	
Erin McAuliffe	Katie Neidig	Chantal Peacock	
Louyse Siegel Kacey Villafuer	te Libby Wiederman	n Whitley Zachary	

# Life in a Jar

## The Irena Sendler Project

inspirational story of a Catholic social worker who risked her life during WWII to save 2,500 Jewish children from the Warsaw ghetto. The play was written in 1999 by three high school girls from Uniontown, Kansas, who learned about Irena's story while researching for a high school history assignment and wished to share her heroic tale with the world. It is a must-see for students and adults alike who wish to hear how just one person standing up for what they believe in can change the course of history forever.

Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project is the

### **Play Showtimes**

November 12 at 7:30pm & November 13 at 2pm

Campus for the San Antonio Jewish Community 12500 N.W. Military Hwy, Holzman Auditorium

Admission: Free Tickets may be picked up on the day of the show at the Holzman Auditorium

All donations collected at the door will benefit the Children of the Holocaust Memorial Fund in Warsaw, Poland.

Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Contact: Matt Faulkner at 210-302-6807 or FaulknerM@jfsatx.org.

"Who changes one person, changes the world whole."



This production is presented by the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, a program of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio