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BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

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From the President

By Christine Reinhard

Springtime . . . my favorite time of the year. With sunny skies, mild temperatures, and wildflowers in bloom, how can we possibly not enjoy the outdoors and living in Bexar County. Of course, it makes working hard around the clock as a lawyer a bit difficult, too. However, I would not give up this profession for anything. After all, where else would I get the chance to work with and meet so many amazing women, most of whom I am proud to say are BCWB members.

This month, we at the BCWB twice get to share our varied and unique experiences with female high school students who much desire our

guidance. We first are presented with an opportunity at our monthly luncheon on April 6th, moved for this month only to the Plaza Club. This year, we have brought back our annual Law Day Luncheon, and our BCWB Secretary, Marissa Helm, has done a fantastic job setting up a fabulous event where we can meet and visit with female students from Fox Tech High School and at the same time be inspired by Chief Justice Catherine Stone.



For those unable to make the monthly luncheon or who want another opportunity to provide (con'd on p. 3)

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Calling All Women in the Legal Community

The San Antonio Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the Bexar County Women's Bar Association, and the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas, District 5, invite you to participate in our annual mentoring lunch on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Our students are the young women enrolled in the SAISD Fox Tech Law and Research Magnet Program. As a woman in the legal profession, we ask you to join us to share a meal and your legal career advice with these students.

- 11:30 Meet and greet
- 11:45 One-on-one conversations between with students over pizza lunch (Lunch is provided by the FBA)
- 12:15 Presentations by guest speakers telling their career stories
- 1:15 Questions and more informal conversations
- 1:30 Program ends

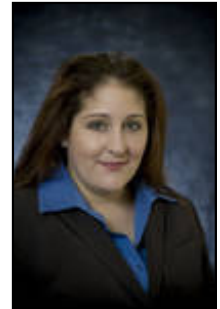
Please contact Susan Kilgore (information below) if you have a suggestion for our guest speakers (women with particularly interesting career stories) and share this invitation with other women in the legal community.

If you are a woman in a law related field, join us for this great mentoring event on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at the Adrian Spears Judicial Training Center, Training Room A, located at 655 E. Durango Blvd., next door to the John H. Wood, Jr. U.S. Courthouse Building. Parking is free in the lot on the south side of Durango. Please respond RSVP to Susan Kilgore (susan@skilgore.com or 210-320-2749) by Monday, April 11. Thank you for your support!



Please Join Us at our May 2010 Luncheon

In May, we are pleased to welcome as our luncheon speaker, Angela Dominguez, principal of the SAISD Young Women's Leadership Academy. Ms. Dominguez is a product of the west side of San Antonio. Following her dreams, she left San Antonio to earn a BA from Dartmouth College and a Masters from Texas A&M Kingsville. Ms. Dominguez will speak on the struggles she has faced while following her calling to return to San Antonio and provide local students with the skills and hope to pursue their college dreams. She will also tell us about how she and the YWLA are breaking the cycle of poverty and making a positive difference in San Antonio.



Monica Lerma,
Luncheon Chair

- ◆ WHEN: Wednesday , May 5, 2010, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ WHERE: Club Giraud
- ◆ RSVP by Friday, April 30, 2010 to Events@bexarcountywomensbar.org

Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members, payable at the door. No shows may be billed.

From the President (con'd)

mentorship in a less formal setting, I encourage you to attend the Pizza Day Luncheon. It will be held on April 15th and is co-sponsored by the Federal Bar Association and the Paralegal Division of the State Bar. More details are included in this month's newsletter.

Speaking of opportunities, a number of law students are actively searching for summer internship job positions, be they paid or unpaid. I recognize the economy and market currently limit our ability to provide such opportunities. We at the BCWB are considering ways in which we can help. For right now, however, if you or someone you know is looking for summer law clerk, please let me know. I would be glad to make a connection between you and a searching law student.

Speaking of connections, we postponed the President's Party from March 31 to April 28. An invite will soon be forthcoming, but in the meantime, please put this date on your calendar. I hope to see as many of you there as possible. It

will be a great time for networking and catching up with old friends. Think of it as our own BCWB Fiesta event!

Last, March was Women's History Month, and at least a bit of history was made with Kathryn Bigelow becoming the first female to win an Oscar for Best Director. The theme for this year's celebration was writing women back into history. Fortunately, women lawyers in Texas have their own history book – *Rough Road to Justice* by Betty Trapp Chapman. I have only read brief snippets, but it is quite intriguing and compelling. It highlights many of the trailblazing women in whose footsteps we now try to follow. If you are looking for something to read on the patio while enjoying our beautiful spring weather, I highly encourage to pick up a copy.

I hope everyone has a terrific April. Happy Fiesta to all!

Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans Training

As a lawyer, you can make a difference in the life of a military veteran. Find out how at the Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans Training in Waco on April 12. Earn free CLE credit while learning how to assist veterans with benefits appeals and other related legal issues.

Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans Training — The Details

- ◆ **Date:** Monday, April 12, 2010
- ◆ **Time:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A box lunch will be provided.
- ◆ **Location:** Baylor University School of Law, Jim Kronzer Appellate Advocacy Classroom and Courtroom, first floor (Room 127, 1114 S. Parks University Dr.)
- ◆ **CLE:** Approved for 5 hours of MCLE credit.

The training will focus on the basics of veterans' benefits forms and procedures. Topics include:

- ◆ an overview of appeals
- ◆ principles of service-connected injuries
- ◆ principles of non-service-connected pensions
- ◆ 1151 claims
- ◆ how to assist veterans with their appeals.

What is Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans? Texas Lawyers for Texas Veterans is a new State Bar of Texas program to develop and assist pro bono clinics throughout the state for military veterans who otherwise cannot afford or do not have access to the legal services they need.

Scheduled for statewide launch in June 2010, the program is a major initiative of State Bar of Texas President-elect Terry Tottenham. "Our military servicemen and women have made great sacrifices in duty to their country," said Tottenham, a former Marine. "As lawyers, we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a great many veterans — and in the families of soldiers who did not return."

Attorney volunteers are essential to ensuring that as many veterans as possible receive access to the legal assistance they need. We want to ensure volunteers receive the training they need to help with veteran-specific legal issues, such as veterans' benefits and disability claims.

Please join us April 12 in Waco and become a part of this important initiative. You'll be giving just a little something back to those who have already given so much to our country! If you would like to attend, please contact Judy Marchman by April 6 at jmarchman@texasbar.com or at (800) 204-2222, ext. 1520 to reserve your spot.

Community Service Committee Corner

By Lorie Blount

Women in Medicine and Law is a grass roots organization founded seven years ago for the purpose of bringing women in two noble professions together with the goals of philanthropy and fellowship. The sentinel event of the year, to be held April 29th, is the Women in Medicine and Law Dinner benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure® with the purpose of finding a cure for breast cancer. All of the work for this event is performed by volunteers and all the costs are underwritten by various corporate sponsors, so that one hundred percent of the donors' contributions is forwarded to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in the form of a restricted grant to be used for medical research. Attendees are asked for donations of \$150, \$250, \$500, \$1000, or table sponsors at the level of \$2500 or \$5000. In addition, there is a vigorous silent and live auction held at the event. The registration sheet for this event is attached to this newsletter.

The time approaches for the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure® in San Antonio. The 5 kilometer race/walk will be held on Saturday May 1, 2010, at the Alamodome. Since the San Antonio affiliate's inception in 1997, more than \$8.7 million has been invested in our community. Up to 75 percent of proceeds stay in Bexar County, funding local nonprofit organizations that provide vital breast cancer screening, treatment and education. The remaining 25 percent goes to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Grants Program which supports groundbreaking breast cancer research and scientific programs around the world. For further information and to sign up online, see <http://www.komensanantonio.org>.



Left: Suzanne Oliva, Christine Reinhard, Lisa Barkley & Diana Geis at last month's luncheon.



Right: Pam Huff and last month's luncheon speaker, Judge Renée McElhaney

Communications Committee

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the communications committee, we are looking for individuals with website experience to assist in updating/maintenance of our BCWBA website. It is an extremely user-friendly site, and any one with a little time to learn the instructions could assist in this project. Our goal is to update news, events, pictures, and publicize all the wonderful projects our membership and organization is up to on a consistent basis. If you are interested in being a member of the communications committee and assisting with this endeavor, please contact Connie Basel or Toti Walia for more information. Thank you!

you're invited

SEVENTH ANNUAL WOMEN IN MEDICINE & LAW FOR THE CURE® DINNER

event details

Thursday, April 29th, 2010
6:00 p.m. Registration, Silent Auction
6:45 p.m. Dinner, Raffle (NEW!)
Holy Trinity Banquet Hall
20523 Huebner
San Antonio, Texas

Featured Speaker: Sarah Fontenot
*Scales of Justice and Stethoscopes:
An EVENing Out*

join us

The Komen San Antonio Run
Saturday, May 1st, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.
Alamodome (rain or shine)

questions

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO MEDICAL RESEARCH TO FIND A CURE.

WOMEN IN MEDICINE & LAW FOR THE CURE® DINNER
THURSDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2010*

*RESERVE EARLY! POSSIBLE SELL OUT THIS YEAR.



**COASTAL BEND WOMEN LAWYERS
ASSOCIATION**
2nd Annual Destination CLE
APRIL 24, 2010 * 11:00 a.m to 2:45 p.m.

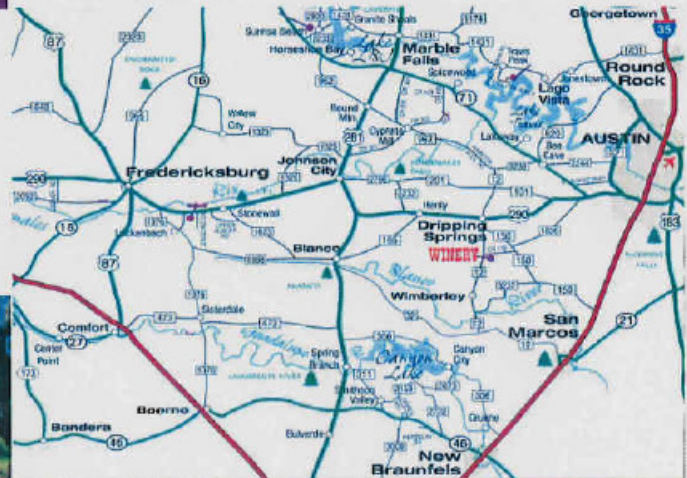
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CLE PROGRAM

- Imbibing Excessively? How can lawyers avoid a grievance and what to do if you get one
11:00am - 12 noon * **JAMES EHLER**
Deputy Counsel for Litigation
Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel
Regional Counsel, San Antonio Region
- For the State Bar of Texas
- How does the State of Texas regulate the sale of alcohol?
12:15pm - 1:00pm * **BRENDA MEYERS**
Texas Alcohol & Beverage Commission
- Social Host & Dram Shop Liability
1:00pm - 1:45pm * **CINDY SHEPPARD**
Appellate Attorney, Cuero
- If you drink alcohol, then drive and see the flashing blue lights, what do you do? Just say NO!
1:45pm - 2:45pm * **CONSTANCE LUEDICKE**
Criminal Defense Attorney, Corpus Christi
*Accredited for 3.5 Participatory and 1.0 Ethics Hours



- **Non-Refundable Program Fee is \$60.00**
- Please mail your Reservation with Check made payable to:
CBWLA - Destination CLE
P.O. Box 2176
Corpus Christi, Texas 78403
- CBWLA has an "on your own" group dinner planned for after the wine tasting at
Freetail Brewing Co., San Antonio
www.freetailbrewing.com
- Lodging is on your own - Suggested San Antonio hotel near Freetail Brewing Co.:
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Women of the Decades

Women of the Decades nominees
should meet the following criteria:

1. Lived in San Antonio sometime between 1910 and 2010
2. Made significant contributions that support the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all
3. Made contributions that were recognized in the community, state and/or nation

Nomination form at www.ywca.org/sanantonio
or call the YWCA at (210) 228-9922 ext. 231

Women of the Decades nominations
will be accepted through April 30, 2010

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Using Public Relations to Build a Corporate or Personal Brand

DETAILS

Tuesday, May 4, 2010
11:30am-12:00pm - Registration and Lunch
12:00pm-1:00pm - Panel Presentation

LOCATION

Cox Smith Matthews Conference Center
112 E. Pecan St., Suite 1800, Conf Rm 18A

RSVP & COSTS

amy.payton@haynesboone.com or 512.867.8464
\$20 for LMA members; \$40 for non-members and guests

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April Luncheon Event: The Valero Open – Unapologetically TEXAN!

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Old San Francisco Steak House

Featured Speaker: Anthony Medina, Golf San Antonio/Valero Texas Open



The SAWCC is an unapologetically different kind of chamber, and the Valero Texas Open is an unapologetically different kind of golf tournament! Join us for a dynamic presentation that will educate you about this unique golf tournament held right here in the great City of San Antonio. Anthony Medina with the Valero Open will speak on ways to get involved in the tournament including volunteer and support and what it takes to make it all happen. Come find out what sets this sets this tournament apart from the rest! Register now at www.sawomenschamber.org!