

Equal Times



May 2013

Bexar County Women's Bar Association

President's Column

April was a busy month for the Bexar County Women's Bar Association with many events planned and attended. The month started with the Bexar County Women's Bar Association Night at the Missions. It was a perfect weather night for camaraderie with our families watching a baseball game together. Many thanks to Hella Scheuerman for arranging.

Under the leadership of Carmen Samaniego and Greta McFarling, we met at the Plaza Club for the annual Law Day lunch with the students from Fox Tech High School for mentoring and the awarding of poster contest winnings. Then, because of the excellent planning by Shari Mao, Leslie Hyman and Julia

Null, we all gathered at Julian Gold with students from St. Mary's WLA to view the latest fashions and get to know one another.

Chair of the Health and Wellness Committee Connie Arambula rounded us up to take part in a two-mile walk starting and ending at the AT&T Center. Shari Mao arranged another event for us this month — the Around Town Lunch at the Southwest Craft Center Copper Kitchen — so we could enjoy each other's company in an informal setting that was convenient to members who do not work downtown.

Much appreciation goes to Brittany Weil and Melanie Castillo who ar-



Suzanne Dapra Oliva

anged a fun time at the President's Party in the Boiler House of the Pearl Brewery. This was an event to welcome new (con'd on next page)

Luncheon Announcement

Please join us at Club Giraud at noon on Tuesday, May 7, for a special Mayoral Candidate Meet and Greet. Do you know the mayoral Candidates or their respective positions? Just in time for the May 11 election, we invited San Antonio Mayoral Candidates to participate in a Meet and Greet so we

can be informed voters. The following candidates will attend:

- Sergio Falcon
- Irma Rosas
- Rhett Smith
- Raymond Zavala

Cost: \$25 (\$15 for students). RSVP by May 3, 2013 to:

Events@bexarcountywomensbar.org
For more information, contact Lindsay Riley (Lindsay.Riley@txcourts.gov) or Lauren Horne (lhorne@br-lawfirm.com).

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President's Column (con'd from p. 1)

members and honor the current members, including law students from the WLA who are members of the BCWB.

With so many fun events, we kept the party going with the official party of San Antonio ... Fiesta!!! The Battle of Flowers parade — the only parade in

the country planned and directed completely by women — dates back to 1890 when San Antonians honored the heroes of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto with horse-drawn carriages filled with fresh flowers that were pelted at each other. Although fresh flowers are no longer used,

this parade is second in size nationally only to the Tournament of Roses Parade. (Information provided by the Fiesta San Antonio Commission.) Hopefully, you will experience one of the events during these ten days of celebration. Viva Fiesta!!



Law Day Recap

By Greta McFarling & Carmen Samaniego

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Bexar County Women's Bar Law Day luncheon on April 9 at the Plaza Club. We had a great turnout of members and Fox Tech High School law magnet program students and teachers.

Speaker Celina Moreno of Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. — now at MALDEF — inspired the students and attorneys with her presentation on this year's Law Day theme: "Realizing the Dream: Equality for All." Three Fox Tech High School students each received \$100 for their winning entries in the BCWB Law Day contest. The winning

entries were submitted to the State Bar of Texas Law Day contest.

BCWB Law Day Winners:

Poster contest: Adelind-Iris Settles Sifuentes

Essay contest: Orfa Trevino

Photography contest: Wimberleigh Johnson



Autumn Affair

By Hella Scheuerman

The time is here to start planning for the Autumn Affair. This year, it will take place on October 10, 2013, at The Witte Museum. If you are interested in serving on one of

the committees for this special event, please join us at our next meeting! Our first Autumn Affair meeting will take place at Leslie's office, on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at Pulman, Capuccio, Pullen &

Benson, LLP., from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. The address for her office is 2161 NW Military Highway, Suite 400, San Antonio, TX 78213. We look forward to working with you on this very special event!



Hella Scheuerman

Missions Family Event

By Hella Scheuerman

On Saturday, April 6, 2013, BCWBA members and their families met at Wolff Stadium for a San Antonio Missions baseball game and fireworks show. The evening began with

a family picnic, where our families were introduced and the children made new friends. The evening continued with the Tulsa Drillers vs. San Antonio Missions game. All families were very enthusiastic

during the game while the Missions outshined the opposing team, winning 7-1! It was a fun evening for members and their families. Below are pictures of our event.



May "Around Town" Luncheon

Craving Italian food? Join fellow BCWBA members at noon on May 7 at Rossini's, 2195 N.W. Military (at the corner of West Avenue, just outside of 410) for the latest in our series of casual lunch get-togethers.



Shari Y. Mao

Julian Gold Event

By Shari Y. Mao

It was great to catch up with existing friends and to meet new ones at the Julian Gold event in April! The members

of WLA joined us this year. Many students were able to visit with their mentors at the gathering. The turnout was wonderful. I look forward to seeing you again at our get-

together throughout the year. A great big thanks to the wonderful staff at Julian Gold who were hospitable and gracious in hosting us. Hope everyone had a wonderful spring!





Brittany Weil

President's Party

By Brittany Weil

On April 18, 2013, the Bexar County Women's Bar Association and its President, Suzanne Oliva, feted the newest members of BCWBA and

kicked off Fiesta at the annual President's Party. BCWBA members, including many of our local judiciary, gathered at the Boiler House Texas Grill & Wine Garden in the Pearl Brewery to meet new mem-

bers and mingle over wine and hors d'oeuvres. Thanks to all who joined us and helped make this year's President's Party such a fun and festive event!



Connie Arambula

Wellness Column: Walk for Autism

By Connie Arambula

Maurleen Cobb, Connie Arambula, and Lauren Horne participated in the Any Baby Can's 9th Walk for Autism! The two-mile walk took place on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the AT&T Center. After the walk, members of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association met for breakfast at Taco Taco Café at 145 E. Hildebrand. Look for the opportunity to participate in another running/walking event in June! I encourage you to attend the NFit Fitness Fair on

May 11, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Ridge, located at 4553 N. Loop 1604 W, San

Antonio, TX 78249. The Fitness Fair will feature cooking and exercise demonstrations.



Shari Y. Mao

April Around the Town Lunch Recap

By Shari Y. Mao

We had a cozy gathering at the Copper Kitchen for our April Around the Town Lunch. I was joined by Justice Mar-

tinez, Lorien Whyte, Greta McFarling, Alexis Scott, Julia Mann, and Ann Leafstedt.

During lunch, I learned that the Southwest School of Art

hosts a wonderful art show during Fiesta every year. Who knew! I hope to share and learn some new tidbit about our wonderful "town" at our next Around Town Lunch!

Women's Law Association Update

By Julia E. Null

Women's Law Association said hello to the 2013-2014 Board and had a hard goodbye to the 2012-2013 Board! On April 5, WLA held its annual Half Wit. WLA Social Chair, Jenny Zarka, pulled out all the stops and held an exciting casino night at her home. From Blackjack to Texas Hold'em students played their hands with skill, as they mingled and socialized with other WLA members and their dates! Later in the evening, the new board was announced.

St. Mary's School of Law Women's Law Association is pleased to announce the 2013-2014 Board members:

President: Julia E. Null

President Elect: Bianca Frisaura

Vice President: Kevin Bertan Bennett

Secretary: Ashley Graham

Treasurer: Kerriann Elizabeth Britt

Alumni Relations Chair: Kimberly Meyer

Membership Chair: Durime Fahim

Social Chair: Summer Bruington

WLA Members were so excited to attend the BCWBA Julian Gold event. From wonderful socializing, to seeing the latest trends, our members brought back some fashion tips to campus for all to see.

WLA Board and members are proud to announce that WLA President, Alison Williams, received the Dean Cantu Spirit of Service Award. Her leadership of WLA was influential in this award. St. Mary's School of law awards a graduating student with this award each year. The school recognizes a student who has worked hard to successfully strengthen ties between the law school and the San Antonio community through our community service and on-campus events. Alison led WLA this year and help to foster such connections. Her leadership is testament to the hard work of her board, members, BCWBA, and community to make this happen. We are so proud of Alison!!!



2013-14 Board members: Durime Fahim, Kerriann Elizabeth Britt, Bianca Frisaura, Kevin Bennett, Ashley Graham, Julia E. Null, Summer Bruington (not pictured: Kimberly Meyer)



2012-13 Board Members



Kay Cee Cole, Durime Fahim, Suzanne Oliva, Kimberly Meyer, Bianca Frisaura & Marisa Aragon at the Julian Gold Event



Alison Williams and Dean Cantu