



Equal Times

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President's Column

July! Can you believe it? We are already halfway through the year—yet I feel like I just took down the holiday decorations! (That could be because we in fact didn't take down our decorations until February, but I digress.)

The arrival of July means we are halfway through our BCWB year—and what a fantastic six months it has been! In addition to our monthly CLE luncheons at Club Giraud, monthly Around Town luncheons, and several special events (including our President's Party, Law Day, and Mentor/Mentee Brunch), we just held what is quite possibly my favorite BCWB event: our annual CLE retreat. Approximately 55 women (cond' on p. 5).



July Luncheon: Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel State Bar of Texas

Please join us on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, to welcome attorney Stephanie Strolle with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. January marked Ms. Strolle's 10-year anniversary with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. She was in private practice for 12 years before that. Ms. Strolle's topics will include the grievance process, the most common grievance issues, and practice pointers for those areas. CLE credit is pending.

When: Tuesday, July 1, 2014

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Club Giraud

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

RSVP: Club Giraud has asked for a headcount 48 hours in advance of the luncheon so RSVP by Friday, June 27, 2014 to Events@bexarcountywomensbar.org. Include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP.

We understand that 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. No-shows will be billed. Make checks payable to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation or BCWBF. For more information, contact Lindsay Riley (lriley@coxsmith.com) or Lauren Horne (Lauren@Rosenblattlawfirm.com). As always, we look forward to seeing you there!

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Events to Attend

- July 1: July Luncheon
- August 5: August Luncheon
- October 16: Autumn Affair

Mentor Mentee Brunch

By Hella Scheuerman

We had a lot of fun at the Mentor Mentee Brunch this past month! It was wonderful to see the groups of Mentors and Mentees all get together and catch up, as well as mingle with new members of the BCWBA. We enjoyed a delicious brunch and great company! Thank you to Bianca Frisaura for leading the members in a very competitive card game, which we all enjoyed. Below are a few pictures of our members who attended the event.



A Girl's Gotta Eat

By Marissa Helm

Although it's much more fun to write about and relive fancy dinners and the newest, hottest restaurants, lately, my focus has turned much more toward the daily grind and getting something relatively healthy on the table for dinner for my family of four, including a preschooler and a toddler. This is no easy feat, considering the very short window of time between when I pick the kids up at day care around 6:00 and when the youngest goes to bed around 7:30. I can easily understand the temptation to just drive through somewhere and call it a day. On my better days, I try one of these ideas.

I love Greenling meal kits. Greenling (greenling.com) is an Austin-based company that delivers organic and local grocery products to your front door. Sure, they're more expensive than HEB, but you can't beat the convenience of having groceries delivered two days per week. But even better than their amazing produce, meats, and dairy, is their already-prepped and portioned meal kits, most of which can go from fridge to table in about 20 minutes since you don't have to slice, dice, wash, or otherwise prepare any of the ingredients. And the website has nutrition information for nearly every meal kit, taking the guesswork out of what you're feeding the family.

There are family favorite meal kits for pasta primavera, French bread pizzas (a great hands-on activity for the kids to help with assembly), and broccoli rice and cheese casserole. We also enjoy the garlic ginger stir-fry with cashews and Greek stuffed portobello mushrooms, though those are less popular with the kids. It's also convenient to toss one of the slow-cooker meal kits together in the morning and have dinner waiting when you get home. Plus, they have meal kits for special diets, including paleo, vegan, vegetarian, Engine 2, and Love Life. They even have breakfast meal kits that make you look like a domestic goddess without having to get up two hours before the rest of the family (check out the berry pecan French toast casserole)!

When I can't even spare the 20 minutes to whip up a Greenling meal kit, we've also had great success with takeout from a couple of possibly overlooked spots: Zoe's Kitchen and Chipotle. Zoe's Kitchen (zoeskitchen.com) has two San Antonio locations, one near I-10 and Huebner and one on Basse in Lincoln Heights. Even if you visit them for lunch, you may not have noticed their "Dinners for Four." What works for us is the combo kabob dinner, which includes eight skewers (mix and match chicken, beef, or shrimp with zucchini), two family-sized sides (try their mayo-free potato salad and roasted veggies for dairy-free options), and pita bread. It's more than enough for our young family, but I could see needing a bit more if you have hungry teenagers. It's easy to place your order online and pick up on your way home.

And finally, there's Chipotle. You're probably familiar with their burritos, bowls, and tacos (which you can make pretty healthy by omitting cheese and sour cream), but we have been very pleased with their kids' meals. For under \$5, the kids get a small quesadilla (with or without meat), small sides of rice and beans, a small bag of chips, and organic milk or juice. You can also get a kids' build-your-own taco kit with crispy or soft taco shells, three ingredients (including meat or guacamole), chips, and organic milk or juice. For a grown-up change of pace, we like the salads with the chipotle honey vinaigrette. In less than 10 minutes, you can have a relatively healthy, crowd-pleasing dinner ready for the table.

Of course, when all else fails, just order pizza!



July Around the Town Lunch

By Hella Scheuerman

Do you have plans for lunch? We invite you to join us at the next "Around Town Lunch," which is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2014, at noon, at Rosario's Mexican Cafe y Cantina. Rosario's is located at 910 S. Alamo St., San Antonio, Tx 78205. You do not need to RSVP, just meet us for lunch. We hope to see you there!



At right, friends gathered for the May Around the Town Lunch

New Program for Employers: Temporary Assignment Program

The Temporary Assignment Program (TAP) can help employers in need of students or recent graduates for short term assignments. These can include drafting of briefs, legal research, or trial preparation assistance among other tasks. St. Mary's TAP program provides employers with a fast option for securing qualified applicants for temporary law clerk and associate assignments. These short term assignments can also be done remotely if you are outside the greater San Antonio area.

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- You can hire on an as needed basis

If you are interested in learning more about TAP, email Director Suzanne Patrick at spatrick@stmarytx.edu or call the office at 210-436-3511.

BCWBA Lites: Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Hyde, & Zech, P.C. is pleased to announce that Connie Lock has joined the firm as a Senior Associate. Connie graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law, where she served as Editor in Chief of the *St. Mary's Law Journal*. She joins the firm from the Law Offices of Connie C. Lock, and formerly from Fulbright & Jaworski. Ms. Lock's practices focuses on municipal, contract and local government law. She recently served as an Adjunct Professor at St. Mary's University School of Law.



Justice Gina M. Benavides

August Luncheon Guest: Justice Gina M. Benavides

Don't miss our August luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Justice Gina M. Benavides of the Thirteenth Court of Appeals. During her first term in office, Justice Benavides authored over 600 opinions. Since joining the court, she has been actively involved in implementing internal procedures and policies to improve court effectiveness and efficiency. She is involved in national, state, and local associations for the betterment of the judiciary and the law.

When: Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Time: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Club Giraud

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

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

gathered at the Purple Sage Ranch in Bandera last month for fun with friends and informative CLE presentations. As an added bonus, we were all able to hang out in the ranch's lounge and watch the Spurs beat the Heat in Game 4 of the NBA Finals! Judging by our survey results, everyone had a wonderful time. If you were unable to join us this year, I hope you attend our next one.

As we move forward, you will hear more about our signature fundraising event, Autumn Affair. This year's event will be held on October 16, 2014, at a new location, The Veranda. Proceeds raised at Autumn Affair will benefit the Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center, an unbelievable organization providing vital services to our community. It's only through the efforts of our members that Autumn Affair continues to grow in its success, and co-chairs Katherine Noll and Brittany Weil have a great committee assisting in planning this year's event. If you aren't yet involved but would like to help, please contact Katherine or Brittany for information on how to do so.

In addition to putting in all of the hours it takes to plan and execute Autumn Affair, your Board of Directors is hard at work on developing what we have jokingly labeled our NBT – or "Next Big Thing." The BCWB has a legacy of developing touchstone programs benefitting women and children in our community, such as the Wills Clinic and GALS. But our board feels we should do more to positively affect our community.

Recently, the board decided to identify a new or ongoing issue facing our community, so we can develop a new "legacy project." To that end, board members will meet with Bexar County judges to begin brainstorming about the focus of our NBT. We have quite a history to live up to, so we proceed deliberately to select the right project. If you have ideas or issues for our NBT, send me an email. I'll make sure it is included on our list. As this project develops, we will need your help and support, so keep an eye out for additional information in future newsletters.

I've had a great six months. I look forward to an even better second-half of the year!

WLA Update

By Bianca Frisaura

June brought a successful and fun Mentor Mentee Summer Brunch. There was an amazing turn out. Our members truly enjoyed mingling with some of San Antonio's finest female attorneys. WLA would love to say a big thank you to BCWBA Board Members Hella Scheuerman, who put on such an awesome event, and Renee McElhane, who hosted the event at her beautiful home.



WLA is also happy to announce our 2014 Silent Auction beneficiary: StandUp for Kids. StandUp For Kids is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity. Its mission is to end the cycle of youth homelessness in the United States by providing life saving services. StandUp For Kids' primary goal is to establish relationships with homeless and street-dependent youth.

A black poster with a starry night sky background. The text is centered and reads: "The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation presents 2014 Autumn Affair. A Night Under the Stars Benefitting Alamo Area Rape Crisis Center. Thursday, October 16, 2014 The Veranda 6:00 p.m. Details to Follow".

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Photos from the Law Day Judicial Reception

