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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

July was chock-full of information about the State Bar. At our July luncheon, Justice Rebecca Simmons and Fidel Rodriguez gave us an hour full of the benefits available through the State Bar. The State Bar's offerings run the gambit—scholarships for assisting lawyers in need of obtaining rehabilitation to a health insurance exchange and free legal research options. But let's cut right to the most relevant thing to me—did you know that you can get a Costco membership through the Texas Bar for a net \$5? Crazy! What about rental car discounts? I had no idea, but I happily snagged a discount for my upcoming family vacation. Rarely do I manage to get CLE credit for a luncheon and learn such money saving tips.

Greta and I then headed off to the Texas Bar Leaders' Conference. One of the first presentations we attended related to education. The State Bar in conjunction with educators has developed several free programs. Each program is tailored to the age of the students. Asked to present to your kid's third grade class and you have no idea where to start? Dial up the Texas Bar's website and follow

# Welcome New Members!

- Ileana Vilchis, ATKG LLP
- Kathleen Graham, Wyble Graham Garcia Wealth Management
- Elizabeth LaBarge, Texas Medical Legal Consultants, LLC
- Priscilla Olivarez, American Gateways
- Monica Bonilla, Broadway National Bank
- Rebecca Davis, Law Offices of Fanaff, Hoagland, Clark & Gonzales
- Brielle Stewart, Santoyo Moore Wehmeyer P.C.
- Monique Diaz, Monique Diaz Law Firm, PLLC
- Carolyn Noack, Noack Law Firm
- Sarah Donahue, Pulman Cappuccio Pullen Benson & Jones

## San Antonio Paralegal Association Cookbook - Call for Recipes

The San Antonio Paralegal Association (SAPA) is publishing a cookbook! We are currently collecting recipes from kitchen savvy people in our legal community like YOU! So, if you're a paralegal, legal assistant, legal secretary, legal administrator, attorney, judge, court clerk, court reporter ... here's your opportunity to share your recipe with our legal community. We are looking for recipes in the following categories: Appetizers, Salads, Entrees, Side Dishes, Desserts, Cocktails, and Entertainment Ideas. To submit YOUR recipe, please send it to:

[SAPAcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:SAPAcookbook@gmail.com). When

submitting your recipe, please include your first and last name, your title (if you'd like), and a short blurb about the recipe. If possible, please also submit a photo of you and/or your recipe. Deadline for recipe submissions is September 8, 2017. Our goal is to have the cookbook printed and ready for sale at the San Antonio Paralegal Day in October. The SAPA cookbook will make a great gift and we hope that it will bring the legal community together. We are beyond excited for our first SAPA cookbook and hope you are too!!

# Gals & Guns - Call For Sponsors

Are you or your company interested in sponsoring a fun, unique and empowering BCWB event? Last year, the BCWB hosted the first-ever Gals & Guns clay shooting social at the San Antonio Gun Club, which was a smashing success. We had a tremendous turn-out of ladies who received valuable safety and shooting instruction in a fun, non-judgmental setting, followed by mingling and happy hour.



We are calling for sponsors to help us make this year's event even bigger and better than last year. If you are interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Brittany Weil at [bmweil@csg-law.com](mailto:bmweil@csg-law.com).

## Autumn Affair - October 19, 2017 "A Night of Hollywood Glamour"

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Save the Date*

2017 AUTUMN AFFAIR  
ADMISSION TICKET

*A Night of Hollywood Glamour*

**10.19.2017** **6:00 P.M.**

Honoring  
Belva Lockwood Outstanding  
Lawyer and Young Lawyer  
Award Recipients

Celebrating  
Women Stars of the Judiciary  
Chief Justice Alma L. Lopez  
Justice Shirley W. Bulls

**HONORING THRU PROJECT**  
PEARL STABLES

*Presented by the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation*

# Autumn Affair Sponsorship Information

The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation ("BCWBF") is pleased to present its charitable fundraising event, **The Autumn Affair**. We appreciate your generosity and support over the years. We ask you to consider serving as a sponsor for our 2017 Autumn Affair, which will take place on **Thursday, October 19, 2017**, at the Pearl Stable, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** This year, Autumn Affair will celebrate the careers of two pioneering women jurists from the Fourth Court of Appeals, Former Chief Justice Alma Lopez and Justice Shirley Butts, with a continuation of our Legacy Video series, showcasing pioneering women lawyers and Judiciary from Bexar County, who have made a significant impact to the legal profession for women. Our top-level Legacy sponsors will have prominent recognition in this year's video.

We are pleased to announce that the beneficiary for the 2017 Autumn Affair proceeds is *Thru Project*, which

provides vital community support to teenagers aging out of foster care, in order to help them grow into independent adults. Additionally, we will recognize two outstanding Bexar County women lawyers as recipients of our Belva Lockwood Outstanding Lawyer and Outstanding Young Lawyer Awards. We hope you will partner with us this year. We want to thank our table sponsors (as of July 24, 2017), for their support:

## **Golden Globe:**

Jackson Walker, L.L.P.

Rosenblatt Law Firm, P.C.

## **Tony:**

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Judge Renée Yanta & Nicole E.

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San Antonio Bar Foundation

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**2017 Autumn Affair**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Pearl Stable**  
**307 Pearl Pkwy, San Antonio, TX 78215**

**Sponsor Information**

Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Level**

I/We will sponsor the 2017 Autumn Affair at the level indicated below. A check made payable to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is enclosed.

- Oscars: \$5,000**  
Premier table for 10 with champagne service  
Prominent recognition—including color logo—on all digital media, publications, and programs  
Name sponsorship of 2017 legacy video
- Emmy: \$3,500**  
Superior table for 10 with champagne service  
Prominent recognition—including black & white logo—on all digital media, publications, and programs
- Golden Globe: \$2,500**  
Preferred table for 10 with champagne service  
Recognition on all digital media, publications, and programs
- Tony: \$1,500**  
Reserved table for 10  
Recognition on all digital media, publications, and programs
- Individual Tickets: \$150**
- Donation**  
I would like to make a fully tax-deductible gift to the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation to directly benefit The Thru Project in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please return sponsorship form and payment to:**

Hella Scheuerman, Sponsorship Committee Co-Chair  
635 South Presa  
San Antonio, TX 78210  
You can also email form to: [hella@dilleylawfirm.com](mailto:hella@dilleylawfirm.com)



# You're Invited!

## Autumn Affair Kick Off Party

### September 7, 2017

### Hosted at the Home of Patricia Diaz Dennis

Patricia Diaz Dennis, 2000 Belva Lockwood Award Recipient, is graciously opening her home and hosting a Stella & Dot party by Marissa Helm, 2015 Bexar County Women's Bar Past President. You will have a chance to see, try on and purchase your favorite pieces from Stella & Dot's current line. Marissa will be donating a portion of the proceeds directly to Autumn Affair and our beneficiary. Bring along a restaurant gift card to help out the Autumn Affair Silent Action!

*Can't make it and still want to shop? Click on the star below!*

September 7, 2017

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*Click here for address!*



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# SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

## Honoring the Autumn Affair Beneficiary



Please join us at noon on **Tuesday, September 5th** at Club Giraud as we welcome this year's Autumn Affair beneficiary, **THRU Project**. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn about the amazing impact THRU Project has on the foster youth in our community.

**BCWB members will have the opportunity to write a card for THRU Project youth mentees at this luncheon, so be sure to stop by the registration table to get your card!**

**Click [HERE](#) to Register Now!**



For more information, contact [luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org](mailto:luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org) or visit our website.



# RAICES

Refugee and Immigrant Center for  
Education and Legal Services



# August Luncheon Recap: A New Era in Immigration Enforcement

On August 1, we were thrilled to welcome guest speaker Manoj Govindaiah, the Director of Family Detention Services at RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services).

RAICES was founded in 1986 in response to the needs of Central Americans from El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua who were fleeing civil war and social upheavals. Now in its third decade, RAICES has a dedicated legal team, an education and outreach department and local organizers who work closely with community partners, advocates and volunteers. Their services include assisting asylum seekers, detained children and women, survivors of crime and/or torture, and low-income immigrants.

At the luncheon, Manoj delivered an excellent and eye-opening presentation on the effects of the current immigration enforcement priorities of the Trump administration and SB4. Manoj was gracious enough to provide his power point presentation so please email me

([cmatheson@hfgtx.com](mailto:cmatheson@hfgtx.com)) if you would like a copy.

Want to get involved?? RAICES has numerous volunteer and pro bono opportunities for lawyers, support staff, and community volunteers. From visiting a local detention center to prepare families for interviews with the Asylum Office, to participating in weekend clinics to help families prepare powers of attorney to protect their children, to drafting briefs and client declarations, to taking cases for full representation with support and mentorship from RAICES attorneys, there are so many ways you can get involved. RAICES will find opportunities to match your availability, resources, and location. Please contact Barbara Pena, at [barbara.pena@raicestexas.org](mailto:barbara.pena@raicestexas.org), or Tesi Aguilar, at [volunteer@raicestexas.org](mailto:volunteer@raicestexas.org).

# President's Column (cont.)

the programs. The programs tie in with what the students are already learning and are offered in both English and Spanish. I, for one, already feel much more comfortable with the idea of presenting at schools.

The State Bar is also making it easier for you to give back to your community and rack up those precious pro bono hours. By simply offering up your bar card, you can answer submitted questions when you are available. For those of us chained to our desks or buried under other obligations, this is a great way to give back without paying a hefty price of time! Click on the images below to learn more.



Member Benefits and Services



# Restaurant Review:

## Sangria on the Burg

By: Amanda Crouch

I heard about Sangria on the Burg through a friend on Facebook. As a huge fan of sangria, the photographs of sangria flights on their website seemed like a great way to stay cool in the summer heat.

My husband and I decided to try the restaurant one Saturday night. The restaurant is located on Fredericksburg Road (hence "the Burg") near the Medical Center. There was no wait for the patio so we sat outside.

The atmosphere was casual and relaxed. We were offered a selection of beverages from the bar, which included the sangria flights I had been drooling over as well as a variety of beer and cocktails. I ordered a flight and my husband ordered a beer. There were six different flavors of Sangria and they were all delicious.

The restaurant also has a great variety of food. There are six different types of sliders and seven

different types of tacos on the dinner menu. The sliders are made with daily baked bread from The Bread Box (delicious!) and served with a house salad or grilled veggies. My husband and I each ordered sliders and we split a side of triple mac and cheese. The sliders were wonderful and the mac and cheese was one of our favorites (and as self-proclaimed mac and cheese experts, this is a feat!)

We did not save enough room for dessert but the menu options looked quite tasty. I guess there's always next time!

Overall, Sangria on the Burg was a great dining experience for a small group or a date night. Parking is a little tight but the restaurant is working on a solution. For now, they are offering complimentary chips and queso if you show the manager an Uber or Lyft receipt used to come to their location.

# Restaurant Review (cont.)

The Sangria on the Burg menu can be found on their website:  
<http://www.sangriaontheburg.com/>

I encourage you to check them out!  
For now, i'll leave you with a teaser  
of the tasty flights and delicious  
sliders... Bon Appetit!



J. McLaughlin

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BEXAR COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR FOUNDATION

INVITE YOU TO SHOP FOR A CAUSE

ON

Saturday September 16th

FROM 10 A.M. UNTIL 1 P.M.

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J. McLaughlin

5930 Broadway St

San Antonio, Texas 78209

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Bring Your Wallet & Your Appetite





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ACADEMY

# LEAD Academy Update

The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation [LEAD Academy](#) and its outstanding inaugural class (learn more about the 2017 class, below) continue to have a successful year! This summer, Class Members have already participated in a speed networking event and attended a seminar conducted by [Monica Blacker](#) providing practical tips on business-development and self-promotion.

In addition, our [Advisory Board](#) and [Steering Committee](#) have been hard at work planning for our second class. Applications will be released next month. We cannot wait to see what amazing women put their hats in for this incredible opportunity. Stay tuned for more!



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## Meet our 2017 Class Members



Range of experience: 2 to 14 years

Litigators, transactional attorneys, in-house counsel and a federal clerk

Represent 14 firms/organizations

Commitment to future support of LEAD Academy and the Bexar County Women's Bar



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**Name:** Lara Brock  
**Firm:** Espinoza Law Firm  
**Years of Practice:** 2



**Name:** Stephanie Curette  
**Firm:** Hornberger Fuller & Garza  
**Years of Practice:** 5



**Name:** Ashley Dahlberg  
**Firm:** Norton Rose Fulbright  
**Years of Practice:** 6



**Name:** Jane Ann Fosson  
**Firm:** Schmoyer Reinhard  
**Years of Practice:** 3



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**Name:** **Dannick Hernandez**  
**Firm:** Plunkett & Griesenbeck  
**Years of Practice:** 5



**Name:** **Nada L. Ismail**  
**Firm:** NuStar Energy  
**Years of Practice:** 14



**Name:** **Vanessa Kemmy**  
**Firm:** Rosenblatt Law Firm  
**Years of Practice:** 5



**Name:** **Rebecca Magee**  
**Firm:** U.S. Western District Court  
**Years of Practice:** 6



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**Name:** Cassie Matheson  
**Firm:** Hornberger Fuller & Garza  
**Years of Practice:** 6



**Name:** Mary Lisa Mireles  
**Firm:** Rosenblatt Law Firm  
**Years of Practice:** 6



**Name:** Patti Oviatt  
**Firm:** Cokinos Bosien & Young  
**Years of Practice:** 13



**Name:** Lindsay S. Riley  
**Firm:** Dykema Cox Smith  
**Years of Practice:** 4



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**Name:** Christine Rudy  
**Firm:** Tessmer Law Firm  
**Years of Practice:** 3



**Name:** Vanessa Russell-Evans  
**Firm:** Randolph Brooks Federal Credit Union  
**Years of Practice:** 7



**Name:** Shavonne L. Smith  
**Firm:** Thornton Beichlin Reynolds & Guerra  
**Years of Practice:** 10



**Name:** Kayla Tanner  
**Firm:** Jackson Walker  
**Years of Practice:** 2



# Learn More

Each week, we will be highlighting a Class Member or two on our Facebook page. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/bcwbfLEAD/> to learn more about our inaugural class and what is in the works for next year.



# The Reading Corner



Last month I reported that I was digging through a list of five books. Here I am, a month later, close to finishing one of those five. The downside to digital reading is not having a sense of how long the book is or to what you are committing. I didn't discover *The Nix* was a punishing 800 pages or so until about halfway through!

In the meantime, I thought I'd share a short interview I conducted with my six year old about her favorite books. She's been falling in love with chapter books this summer. She finished off 6 of the *Captain Underpants* series, which was a huge confidence booster for her. After finishing the first one, she announced: "I didn't think I could read that many pages! I'm so proud of myself!" Pretty much this reading mom's dream come true. Below is the condensed version of my conversation with Jameson in her own words.



## JAMESON'S CHAPTER BOOK REVIEW

I like to read chapter books and watch t.v. I've read 15 books this summer. I don't know which one is my favorite because they were all really, really, really good. I think *Run for the Hills Geronimo* was my favorite. It was silly. It was funny because ... well, I don't remember it all .... but Geronimo is a mouse who likes cheddar cheese. He goes on a trip. It is funny because he goes on a flying garbage can. His whole family is with him! This book was pretty easy because I am really good at reading chapter books. Reading chapter books makes me happy because I am so close to my goal to finish 16 books this whole summer. I decided to challenge my brain to read all these books because I think my mom and dad will get me a present! I think everybody should learn from the books, but I like t.v. still, too.

Jameson, Age 6





## BCWB Lites

- Thornton, Biechlin, Reynolds & Guerra, L.C. is currently seeking an associate attorney to work with and support partner with a very active trial docket. Associate attorney will be responsible for legal research, legal document preparation, drafting discovery and discovery responses, attend hearings and depositions (as needed) and meet with clients. Applicant should have some experience with civil litigation. Applicant should be well organized, a team player, highly motivated and able to adapt to different situations. Please contact Shavonne Smith at 210.342.5555 for more information.
- The Fourth Court of Appeals is seeking a Briefing Attorney. Job posting is available on the Court's website, or click ***here***.
- Pam Huff, Kristi Dent, and Patty Giuliano are now at Schwegman Lundberg Woessner, P.A.
- Katherine Noll is now a shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka



- Summer Bruington Greathouse is now at Golden Steves & Gordon, LLP
- BCWB Director Durime Fahim and husband Jabar welcomed Isla Esperanza on July 17. Congratulations, Durime!



# OUR MISSION

*The mission of the Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation is twofold: to provide educational opportunities to its members; and to protect and strengthen local families by supporting legal and charitable programs.*

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