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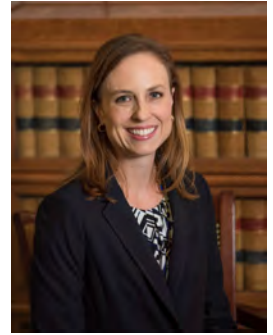
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The dog days of summer are officially upon us. As temperatures in South Texas creep up into the 100s, I hope you're staying cool—whether it's by the pool or in your air-conditioned office. If you missed our movie outing on May 23, consider seeking relief from the heat while watching "RBG." The documentary delves into the life of that beloved Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Aside from learning more about her steadfast fight for equal rights, you can catch a glimpse of her sweet marriage to Marty Ginsburg and her love of opera, and see her at lifting weights in the gym! Regardless of your political leanings, the film demonstrates that Justice Ginsburg deserves the respect she has earned as one of the hardest working justices on the court.

We have a cool event planned later this month for our littlest BCWB members. On Saturday, June 30, BCWB partners with SAYLA to host a showing of "Incredibles 2" at the Alamo

JUNE AROUND TOWN LUNCH

Join Brittany Weil and Danielle Rushing at the
BCWB June Around Town Lunch!

When: Friday, June 29th at 12:00 p.m.

Where: Southerleigh at the Pearl

Who: Your fellow BCWB members!

Check out the menu [here!](#)



No need to RSVP--just look for Brittany and Danielle when you arrive!

Bexar County Women's Bar Association and

San Antonio Young Lawyers Association present



Join us for a free movie for the entire family!

**Alamo Drafthouse-Park North
Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 11 a.m.**

BCWB and SAYLA have rented the entire theater exclusively for our members and their families to watch "Incredibles 2" free of charge!

Please note food and beverages are not included.

To R.S.V.P., please email Collanne West at cwest1@stmarytx.edu.

****Include if you are a member of SAYLA/BCWBA, as well as the total number in your family excluding lap children.****

Thank you to our sponsor:



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR TEXAS MINORITY COUNSEL PROGRAM AWARDS

Nominations are being accepted until June 15 for this year's TMCP Awards. Nominate an outstanding attorney who has made an impact in the areas of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

Nomination forms can be found [HERE](#).

The three awards are:

TMCP CORPORATE COUNSEL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The TMCP Corporate Counsel of the Year Award recognizes an in-house counsel who has opened doors for Texas minority, women, and LGBT attorneys by promoting diversity within their department and/or company and by consistently hiring minority, women, and/or LGBT attorneys in private practice to perform legal work on behalf of their company.

TMCP TRAILBLAZER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The TMCP Trailblazer of the Year Award recognizes an outside counsel who has effectuated the promotion of diversity within the legal profession through hiring, retention and mentoring of minority, women, and LGBT attorneys, partnering with minority, women, and LGBT owned law firms, and involvement with Bar and/or community activities designed to promote diversity within the legal profession.

TMCP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The TMCP Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an attorney who has demonstrated extraordinary support and advocacy for the advancement of minorities, women, and/or LGBT people in the legal profession over the course of their legal career. This award is based on the significant contributions an individual attorney, in private practice or as in-house counsel, has made toward the profession of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. Because of the nature of the award, the body of work of achievements and accomplishments should span 20 years of practice at a minimum. The Lifetime Achievement Award is intended to recognize outstanding leadership by the promotion of diversity and inclusion, and such leadership should not be limited by geography or in scope.



Recap of LEAD Empowered Women Leaders Lunch

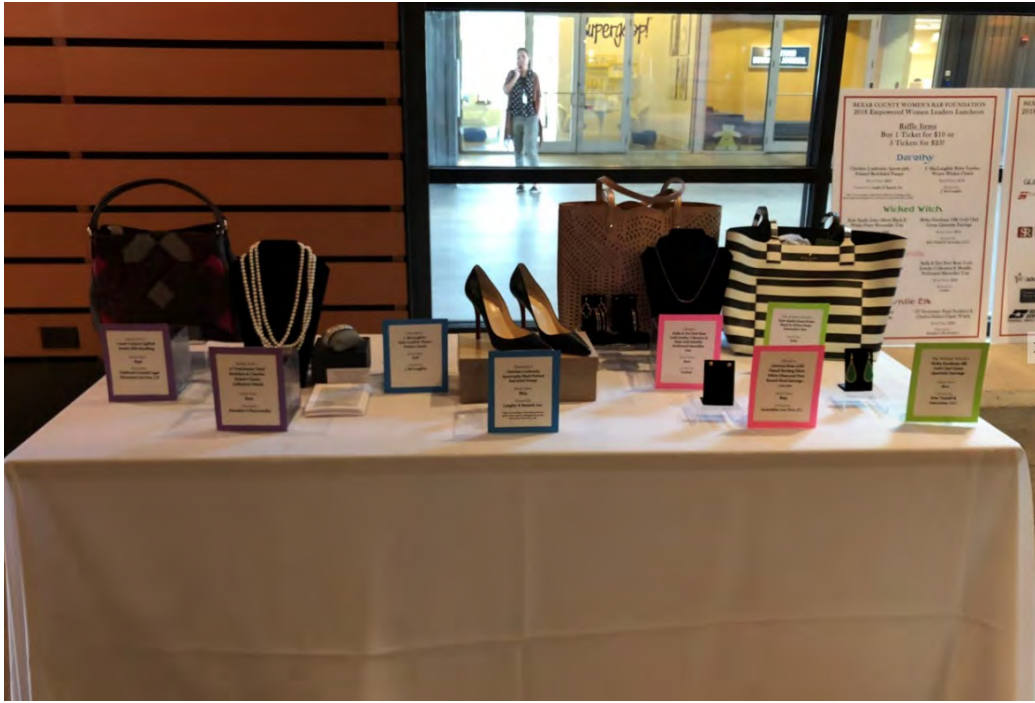
The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation (BCWBF) generated quite a buzz with its 2018 Empowered Women Leaders Lunch, held at the Pearl Studio on May 11, 2018. The sold out lunch, featured keynote speaker, Patricia Gillette, an attorney, author, and nationally recognized gender equality expert who provided practical tools for overcoming the unique challenges that professional women face in the workforce. The theme of the lunch—You've Always Had the Power—was a tribute to Dorothy's role in the Wizard of Oz, prompting the raffle of Christian Louboutin Red-Soled Heels—the modern day ruby slipper. "This is the second year that we have brought a nationally renowned speaker to facilitate a discussion about how women can pave pathways to leadership roles within their organizations. The stunning response from the legal and business community demonstrates that the demand for these topics is there," said Elena Villaseñor Sullivan, the Chair of the 2018 Empowered Women Leaders Lunch.

Greta McFarling, the President of the BCWBF noted, "The Bexar County Women's Bar has a strong tradition of service to the community, promoting equal justice, and supporting women attorneys. The proceeds of the lunch benefit our LEAD Academy, which is a first of its kind leadership-career development program with the mission of assisting women attorneys in attaining the highest level of success in their firms and organizations, in their communities, and in the legal profession." Tiffanie Clausewitz, the Founder and Director of LEAD, encouraged the women attending to learn more about LEAD at www.bexarcountywomensbar.org/LEAD.

LEAD accepts applications for its 2019 class in September this year. The LEAD Steering Committee helped make the lunch a success: Lisa Alcantar, Sylvia Cardona, Ashley Dahlberg, Marissa Helm, Lauren Horne, Leslie Hyman, Katherine Noll, and Christine Reinhard. Special thanks to Kayla Tanner, Danielle Rushing, and Nicole Jackson.







JOIN US FOR A BCWB MOVIE OUTING

The Thin Blue Line

July 31, 7:30pm at the Bijou Cinema

Among the most important documentaries ever made, *The Thin Blue Line*, by Errol Morris, erases the border between art and activism. A work of meticulous journalism and gripping drama, it recounts the disturbing tale of Randall Dale Adams, a drifter who was charged with the murder of a Dallas police officer and sent to death row, despite evidence that he did not commit the crime. Incorporating stylized reenactments, penetrating interviews, and haunting original music by Philip Glass, Morris uses cinema to build a case forensically while effortlessly entertaining his viewers. *The Thin Blue Line* effected real-world change, proving film's power beyond the shadow of a doubt. 118 minutes, Not Rated.

Read [Roger Ebert's review](#) of "The Thin Blue Line."



Autumn Affair 2018 Beneficiary - Providence Place

By: Amelia Edelman, Board Member, Providence Place

I am so excited to introduce Bexar County Women's Bar members to Providence Place, the 2018 Autumn Affair Beneficiary. You may be familiar with the organization for its long history of providing adoption services for the San Antonio community. Providence Place is also in the process of reclaiming the early mission of its founder, going back to the organization's roots so to speak, by rescuing women off the streets of San Antonio.

Providence Place was founded by Mary Volino, a brothel owner in downtown San Antonio. In 1895 she closed the brothel, reinvented herself as Matron Volino and founded the Rescue Home. Through donations and community support Mary transformed the lives of "working girls" in the Red Light District of San Antonio. Providence Place began because Madam Volino and her supporters in San Antonio took a stand against prostitution in the late 1800's.

Fast forward 123 years and in January of this year Providence Place and its board made the decision to take a stand against human trafficking. Providence Place is stepping into programming to help adult female survivors of human trafficking, sexual and domestic abuse.

Providence Place is poised to provide comprehensive restorative service through residential and outreach programming. The organization's 25-acre campus has a 28-room dormitory ideal for transitional housing, case management, counseling and other restorative care. Renovations are underway to update the dormitory building to better serve survivors and provide one of the few long-term transitional housing programs in Texas.

Providence Place is committed to creating a place where female survivors are accepted and supported in taking the lead on transforming their own story. The early years, the Rescue Home had only one policy - "to open the doors to every girl who asked for help and protection..." Providence Place is returning to this original policy by providing restorative and transformational services to adult survivors of human trafficking. I am thrilled that the proceeds of this year's Autumn Affair will benefit this wonderful organization.



President's Column (cont.)

Drafthouse. Be on the lookout for registration information!

Are there any other social outings you'd like to see BCWB organize this summer?

Email me at President@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

BCWB SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

By Greta McFarling

Bexar County Women's Bar is pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's Single Parent Scholarship is Jordan Cadenhead. Jordan is a third-year law student at St. Mary's University School of Law.

Throughout her legal educational career, she has served as a student attorney for both the Center for Legal and Social Justice, Criminal Justice Clinic and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office in the Criminal Trial Division. She is the mother to a beautiful and vibrant 5-year-old daughter who dreams of becoming either an astronaut or an Orange Leaf employee. Jordan is currently seeking post-graduation employment.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATIONS

Did you know that Bexar County Women's Bar Association is a member of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations? The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) is a unique organization of women's bar associations, for women's bar associations, representing approximately 35,000 women lawyers. It provides a national forum for exchanging ideas and information vital to organizational growth and success in today's profession. The NCWBA advocates for the equality of women in the legal profession and in society by mobilizing and uniting women's bar associations to effect change in gender-based processes and laws.

Check out the NCWBA website for great resources:

<https://ncwba.org/>

The May 2018 NCWBA newsletter
can be accessed here.

SAVE THE DATE - JULY LUNCHEON

July Luncheon: Autumn Affair Beneficiary



Please join us at noon on **Tuesday, July 3rd** at Club Giraud as we welcome this year's Autumn Affair beneficiary, **Providence Place**. You don't want to miss this opportunity to learn about the amazing impact Providence Place has on our community. For more information on Providence Place (f/k/a Methodist Mission Home), please visit <http://www.provplace.org/>.

RSVP: So that we can provide a headcount to Club Giraud in advance of the luncheon, please RSVP by Friday, **June 29, 2018**. Include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP. We understand schedules change, but we cannot guarantee a seat for individuals who RSVP after the date above. *Walk-ins will be charged \$35.00 to cover the additional demands of catering staff, and no-shows will be billed.*

For more information, please email luncheons@bexarcountywomensbar.org.

****Please note that Club Giraud's dress code does not allow blue jeans, tennis shoes, t-shirts, or shorts.****

SAVE THE DATE:

Autumn Affair

Autumn Affair 2018 is on October 4 at the Witte Museum! The silent auction committee is seeking volunteers to help make this year's event a success. If you would like to help with BCWB's annual charitable gala, please contact Cassie Matheson at cmatheson@hfgtx.com.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Tabatha Fuentes
- Abbie Berger
- Leah Burton
- Cynthia P. Angell
- Lui Chambers
- Madison Gaona
- Ruby Gonzalez-Garcia

Help St. Mary's University law students dress for success

The Office of Career Services is accepting donations of business attire to help law students build their professional wardrobes.

Donations can be dropped off at the Office of Career Services in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, Room 216, or at the next monthly luncheon.

Please contact Kim Underdown at 210-436-3511 or kunderdown@stmarytx.edu to arrange a donation pick-up.



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The St. Mary's Law "Suit Up Station" is now open for law students who are in need of professional attire for an interview or even their first day on the job. If you have business professional and business casual clothes and accessories you no longer wear, we will happily take them! You can donate next at the Empowered Women Leaders Lunch on May 11th, the Around the Town on May 18th, or the Annual Retreat

MAKING AN IMPACT

By: Kathleen H. Church

If you're like me, the main question you have when deciding to get involved in a community organization is, what impact will my actions have on the actual community? For those of us asking that question, Impact San Antonio is ready with answers. Originally started by Wendy Steele in Cincinnati in 2001, the "Impact 100" giving model has grown to over fifty chapters in its short life. The initial concept centered around one hundred women from all walks of life pooling their financial resources together to increase philanthropic endeavors and make transformational grants to local groups in the community. Both the original model outline and detailed grant recipient selection process are still used by all chapters.

In 2004, Kelly Hutchinson started San Antonio's Impact chapter with only 25 women but still was able to achieve astonishing results; making their first high impact grant of \$100,000 just four years later in 2008. Even though the local chapter has only been around for fourteen years, Impact San Antonio has awarded in excess of \$2.6 million to local nonprofits. Now, Impact San Antonio is a member of Women's Collective Giving Grantmakers Network and the Impact 100 Global Council and has a membership of over five hundred women and counting.

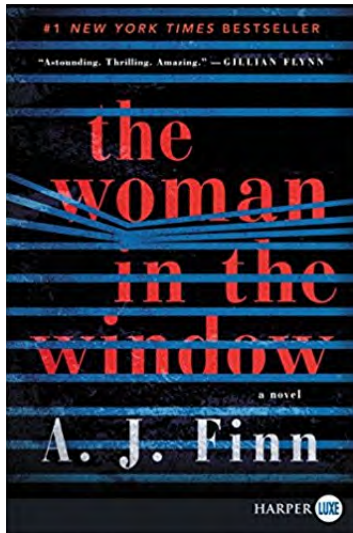
Impact San Antonio awards five high impact grants, of \$100,000 each, every year to local nonprofits in a wide range of focus areas: Health and Wellness; Arts and Entertainment; Family; Environment, Recreation and Preservation; and Education. The process starts in January and the winners are announced in October. Unlike many other charitable organizations, Impact San Antonio can say 100% of their members' contributions go directly to funding the grants awarded as they are a volunteer led organization. To ensure these grants are truly high impact with results, grants are awarded to local nonprofits with projects that can be completed

within 24 months of receiving the grant and all of the money must go directly to the project.

So, the next burning question is, how does one become a member? Impact San Antonio has multiple levels of membership available to the women of the community and beyond (as one does not need to live in the greater San Antonio area to be a member). To become a voting member, as in someone who is a part of the full process and allowed to vote on which nonprofits receive a grant, a donation of \$1,000.00 is required. There are payment plans for individuals who cannot make a one-time payment of \$1,000.00 and a Shared Membership program where multiple women can donate money adding up to \$1,000.00 and share a vote between them with a designated voter. If you would like to join but cannot pay the full amount and cannot find other women to join with you, Impact San Antonio has a program that will match you with women who find themselves in the same situation and help you create a Shared Membership. Membership lasts the full year and to renew for the next year, another \$1,000.00 is required. Of course, anything over that amount is appreciated!

Only women may be voting members, but businesses and individual men (and women) can be sponsors or “Friends of Impact San Antonio”. Usually those donations start at \$100.00 and go up from there to whatever the donator can give. Since all member donations go directly to funding the grants, Impact San Antonio relies on sponsorship and outside donations for any and all of their expenses. Also, for anyone who shops at Amazon, Impact San Antonio receives donations through their Smile program.

For more information on Impact San Antonio, the grants awarded and the application process, please visit their website, <https://impactsanantonio.org/> and find out how you can get involved.



Woman In the Window

By: Lisa Alcantar

As I've surely mentioned countless times, my book selection process is random. I ended up reading *Woman in the Window* because various Facebook ads suggested it was a page-turner and a thrilling read. So, I added it to my wishlist at the digital library; when the library eventually purchased a copy, it was mine.

Just like my Facebook feed suggested I would, I devoured this book. I gave the following short synopsis to my husband as I started the book:

Me: Anna Fox, a child psychologist, is housebound as a result of her crippling agoraphobia. Her husband and child no longer live with her. To fill her time, Anna watches black and white movies and

watches her neighbors. There is a new family and she witnesses a horrible crime.

Husband: Ahh, this is just basically *Rear Window*.

And it would be easy to dismiss this book as a rip-off of *Rear Window*'s plot.

However, while the book clearly pays homage to *Rear Window*, I think it successfully managed to strike its own chord. Anna fairly quickly reveals quirks that make her an unreliable narrator at best. I personally loved that the chapters are short, which let me speed right through this. Is it perfect? No. It is, however, highly entertaining!

Tricentennial Tidbits:

Book Launch and Competition Run

By: Amanda Crouch



Although Commemorative Week may be over, San Antonio's Tricentennial events are continuing through the summer!

On June 20, 2018, San Antonio will release a book entitled "300 Years of San Antonio and Bexar County." The release party will be at Trinity University at the Lobby of the Center for Science and Innovation from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

The book is a special commemorative piece capturing the iconic stories, moments, people, and places that define San Antonio. The book is currently available for pre-order on Amazon and at The Twig Book Shop's online store. More information about the book and release party is [HERE](#).

On July 1, 2018, participate in the American Spirit Run, a 5-man Service Branch Relay Race between Fort Sam Houston & Camp Bullis. The run commemorates the historical training of those now recognized as our 'Greatest Generation' and who served in the 2nd Infantry Division during the Korean War, Cuban Missile Crisis and WWII. In addition to ACTIVE branch service teams it is open to all who wish to register a team.

Each civilian team will run in honor of their favorite branch of service. The run is scheduled to start at the FSH Parade field and end at the park in Camp Bullis.

Registration for the run and more information is [HERE](#).



BCWB LITES



Congratulations to Leslie Hyman who received the Barshop Jewish Community Center's Charninsky Award/Leader of the Year.

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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