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Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation

September 2017

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## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

August was a doozy. So many of us stayed glued to the television as we watched Hurricane Harvey roll towards the coast, towards San Antonio, and then turn to slam into Houston. Rockport, Port Aransas, Beaumont, Galveston, Houston—cities filled with our families, friends, colleagues, and memories. It is hard not to feel dumbstruck when faced with the scope of devastation facing these communities. Watching our state and country come together to aid these communities has been incredibly moving. Those more versed in disaster response have gathered many links to organizations to which you can give your time or resources. We have organized some of those below for your easy reference.

We are hosting a diaper drive at today's luncheon. Bring diapers, wipes, pull-ups, formula, new or gently used baby clothes and blankets. Can't make the luncheon, but want to give? [Click here](#). In closing, the best advice I have heard is give now and give later. We have a long road ahead. Resources on page 20.

# Welcome New Members!

- Brittany Box, Lotz & Associates, PC
- Delilah Lorenz Evans
- Beth Ann Falcon, Keller Williams Realty - Legacy
- Jasmine Grant, Davis, Cedillo & Mendoza, Inc.

## 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!!

# 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!

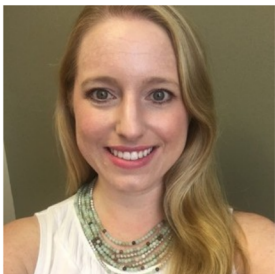
*Can't make it and still want to shop? Click on the star below!*

***Thanks to Preferred Counsel for sponsoring the food and drinks!***

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.



# Texas Diaper Bank

BCWB will be collecting any size DIAPERS and WIPES for the TEXAS DIAPER BANK to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

**\*\*Please bring your donations to the September 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon.\*\***

Email Danielle N. Rushing ([dnrushing@csg-law.com](mailto:dnrushing@csg-law.com)) for more information.



BCWB is heading to the wild west for a girls' only skeet shoot! Never shot skeet before? Not a problem!

Join us on **September 28th at the San Antonio Gun Club from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** The event fee is \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members, which includes field rental, instruction, and shells. There will also be lite bites, wine and beer.

Limited space available! **RSVP by September 14 by clicking the link**

or emailing **Brittany Weil** at [bmweil@csg-law.com](mailto:bmweil@csg-law.com).

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

If you need to cancel, please do so by no later than September 21.

**Cancellations received after September 21 will be NONREFUNDABLE as BCWB will be required to pay the San Antonio Gun Club in advance.**

Have questions? Email Brittany Weil at [bmweil@csg-law.com](mailto:bmweil@csg-law.com)

# SAVE THE DATE

Autumn Affair - October 19, 2017

"A Night of Hollywood Glamour"

*Save the Date*

2017 AUTUMN AFFAIR  
ADMISSION TICKET

*A Night of Hollywood Glamour*

**10.19.2017**

**6:00 P.M.**

Honoring  
Belva Lockwood Outstanding  
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Award Recipients

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

**HONORING THRU PROJECT**  
PEARL STABLES

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

J. McLaughlin

&

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





Legal organizations, please join the St. Mary's University School of Law in carrying your organization's banner at the **65th Annual Red Mass, A legacy of faith and law** St. Mary's Law and the Catholic Lawyers' Guild of San Antonio invite you to select a representative from your legal organization to carry a banner into San Fernando Cathedral in the 2017 Red Mass procession. The Most Rev. Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S., Archbishop of San Antonio, will be the principal presider of this year's Mass. The Hon. Kevin Patrick Yeary, Justice of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, will offer welcome remarks. **Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017 5:30 p.m.**, Banner representatives

gather in the San Fernando Parish Hall **6 p.m.**, Red Mass begins

**San Fernando Cathedral  
115 Main Plaza**

**San Antonio, Texas 78205**

Legal organizations wishing to be listed in the Red Mass program should RSVP their participation no later than **Thursday, Sept. 21.**

Please include the name of the person who will carry the banner and his or her most advanced degree, such as J.D., in your RSVP.

**[Banner Carriers RSVP Today](#)**

*For additional information, please contact Sister Grace Walle, St. Mary's University School of Law campus minister, at 210-436-3063 or [gwalle@stmarytx.edu](mailto:gwalle@stmarytx.edu).*

# 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 September 1, 2017), for their support:

## **Golden Globe: 2,500.00**

Chamberlain Hrdlicka

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Rosenblatt Law Firm, P.C.

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## **Tony: \$1500.00**

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Dilley Law Firm, P.C.  
Hon. Luz Elena & Miguel Chapa  
and Hella & Tyler Scheuerman  
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Jackson Law Firm, P.C.  
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Law  
Tessmer Law Firm, PLLC  
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contact Hella  
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[hella@dilleylawfirm.com](mailto:hella@dilleylawfirm.com)  
if you want to  
purchase a table!**



P.O. Box 2297  
San Antonio, Texas 78298-2297

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

# Call for Nominations for the Bexar County Women's Bar Board of Directors

Planning is underway for 2018, and we are currently accepting nominations for candidates to fill positions on our Board of Directors. We are looking for candidates who want to serve this great organization and no prior board experience is necessary.

The nominating committee will

meet in early October to present the slate of officers and director candidates at the October board of directors meeting. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit your nomination to Greta McFarling at [greta.mcfarling@txcourts.gov](mailto:greta.mcfarling@txcourts.gov). Nominations will close at noon on Friday September 29, 2017.



**SUPERBAR 2017**  
HOSTED BY **SAN ANTONIO BAR ASSOCIATION**

✱ EAT ✱ DRINK ✱ CONNECT

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 14TH**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**THE VERANDA**  
**1746 LOCKHILL SELMA RD.**

**MEMBERS OF PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS: FREE**  
Association of Corporate Counsel - South Central Texas Chapter, Bexar County Women's Bar Association, San Antonio Bar Association, San Antonio Bar Auxiliary, San Antonio Black Lawyers Association, San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association, and more!  
Check online for updates.

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: \$25**  
**RSVP REQUIRED: WWW.SABAR.ORG**

**NO WALK UPS PLEASE**

**RSVP TODAY**  
**(210) 227-8825**

# Healy Murphy Center: A History of Helping

**By: Kathleen Church**

September is here and with its arrival comes cooler weather (hopefully), pumpkin and apple everything, and many sighs of relief from parents as the new school year begins. For many, September represents a return to normalcy in their lives, but unfortunately not all children have this sense of ease when the first day of school looms on the calendar. Enter the Healy Murphy Center (HMC). HMC opened their doors in 1888 in the San Antonio area, when Margaret Mary Healy Murphy, a widowed Irish immigrant, decided to use her own money to start a school specifically to serve the at risk children of her city. She faced quite a bit of opposition from naysayers and hate groups alike but stood tall and defiant. Now, over 120 years later, her namesake still provides a safe and supportive campus for youth at risk of their lives falling apart before they're even truly started. (For a more detailed and interesting read on Ms. Healy Murphy please visit their website <http://www.healymurphy.org/about-us/> )

HMC's mission statement is not much changed from the day it opened, "provide compassionate service to youth-in-crisis by focusing on individualized education in a non-traditional setting, early childhood development, and essential support services". When a teen arrives for the first day of school, more than a traditional class

schedule is provided. Classes are offered on flexible schedules and are self paced to accommodate employment, learning capabilities, counseling, and day care if the student has a child of their own.

Counseling, therapy sessions and support groups help students find their life balance and the inner strength to stay motivated towards success. Career assistance and job placement help students become more self sufficient and prepared for the future. A case manager helps keep track of every student, making sure the path they're on is the correct one. Like most other high schools, there are also music, theater, photography, arts and sports programs for extracurricular activities. One of the unique aspects of HMC is it can also be used as a stepping stone back to the student's regular high school. If a student simply needs to catch up on credits due to a rough patch of life, HMC can provide them the environment to do so. HMC also offers GED preparation and testing for individuals not enrolled in their programs.

Students with young children are provided with daycare as well. At HMC's daycare, the student's child is taken care of with the same level of care the student enjoys. Open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to children from 6 weeks to 5 years, free breakfast, lunch, and snack are provided as well as free weekly wellness checks with

nurses from University of Texas Health Science Center School of Community Nursing. Just as HMC is dedicated to their own students' development, they are dedicated to the development of their students' children, with individualized play time and curriculum. Needless to say, HMC cannot do this all on their own. It is only with the continued help from the surrounding community they can maintain their services and campus. Monetary donations are always useful, and their website has a list of what certain dollar amounts can buy for the students. For example, \$50.00 can send 15 students on a college visit trip! Bus passes, or money for bus passes, is also greatly appreciated so the students do not have to worry about transportation costs. If you would like to choose to donate something more tangible, there is also a wishlist on their website, and they are partners with the AmazonSmile program where a portion of purchases will be directly donated to them.

If you're like me, school supplies shopping was somehow the most enjoyable part of the new school year, not the subsequent using of said school supplies. HMC can help you recapture that joy of buying

school supplies without the expectation of homework as they appreciate all school supplies donations, as well as art supplies donations. Donations are needed especially for their daycare centers. Items such as diapers, bibs, or any baby clothing are requested as well as new books for the students to take home and read with their children. For a more comprehensive list, please visit their wishlist, <http://www.healymurphy.org/support-us/>. There are two volunteer positions at HMC. One is the role of a mentor to be matched with students who share the same interests or goals. Mentors will be asked to meet with their student for at least an hour once a week. The other volunteer position is "baby rocker". A "baby rocker" will rock the babies, or read to and play with the infants and toddlers in the daycare center. For both of these positions, volunteers must go through a training program.

If you are interested in helping the HMC, please visit their website, <http://www.healymurphy.org/>, or contact them via phone, 210-223-2944 for their high school programs or 210-224-9569 for their child development/daycare center.



BCWBF  
**LEAD**  
ACADEMY



The Bexar County Women's Bar Foundation LEAD Academy has had a successful inaugural year, but don't listen to us, see what our 2017 Class Members have to say by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/bcwbfLEAD/>.

Each day this week, a different Class Member will be featured. The LEAD Academy is a leadership-development program born out of a desire to assist women attorneys in attaining the highest level of success in their firms and organizations, in their communities, and in the legal profession by teaching participants to:

- Lead in a way that is authentic and effective;
- Empower themselves with self-awareness and self confidence;
- Advance in their firms or organizations; and
- Develop robust professional networks.

The LEAD Academy will begin with a two-day symposium, followed by quarterly seminars and a graduation celebration. Faculty for the symposium and seminars include local and national experts on wide-ranging topics

including grit, authenticity and vision, risk taking, effective communication, business development, self-promotion, time management, people management, and self-care. In addition to instructional time, each session will include interactive workshops to allow participants to apply the lessons to their specific practices. Throughout the program, class members will have the unique opportunity to form relationships with and learn from successful, experienced women attorneys.

Do you think you have what it takes to LEAD? Applications materials will be released on September 11, 2017. Visit [www.bexarcountywomensbar.org/LEAD](http://www.bexarcountywomensbar.org/LEAD) on September 11th for additional details. For more information or questions, please contact LEAD Academy Director, Tiffanie Clausewitz at [tiffanie@rosenblattlawfirm.com](mailto:tiffanie@rosenblattlawfirm.com) or 210-562-2900. Please contact Marissa Helm at [marissa.helm@parallon.com](mailto:marissa.helm@parallon.com) or 210-478-6800 if you would like to suggest class members or to request an application.

# SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BCWB/SAYLA ANNUAL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Thursday, October 26, 2017  
Kiddie Park  
5-7pm



**Our annual Kiddie Park Halloween event is coming up! Admission is free to BCWB and SAYLA members, and we'll have the entire park to ourselves. Bring the kiddos in their costumes for a fun night out! Pizza and drinks will be provided for the kiddos. BYOB for adults!**



# *Save the Date!*

**Bexar County Women's Bar Association and  
San Antonio Young Lawyers Association's  
Annual Swearing-in Ceremony with Justice Sandee Bryan Marion**

**Thursday, November 9, 2017**

Central Jury Room, Bexar County Courthouse, 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Even if you're planning to be sworn-in in Austin, by your assistant, or your favorite judge, you definitely do not want to miss this event if you are new to the legal community in Bexar County. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the local judiciary and representatives from several local bar associations. This is an invaluable opportunity to bond with the local legal community and learn about ways to get involved.

Questions? Contact: Taylor Beaver: [tbeaver@dslawpc.com](mailto:tbeaver@dslawpc.com) or Kathleen Church: [kathleen@churchlawsa.com](mailto:kathleen@churchlawsa.com)  
Register at <https://www.bexarcountywomensbar.org/> or [www.SAYLA.org](http://www.SAYLA.org)

# President's Column

Last month we talked about ways to get involved. The State Bar has organized options to give, from housing, to money to time. If you would like to provide assistance, complete the State Bar of Texas Survey [here](#). You can donate money directly to the Texas Bar Foundation's efforts to aid hurricane relief [here](#).

You can donate your time and services by giving brief advice, limited-scope service, or full representation to Harvey survivors, please complete the form at [here](#).

Resources, including CLE, for attorneys are available [here](#) and [here](#).

SABA is raising funds [here](#).

The North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce is rallying the business community for donations to the American Red Cross [here](#).

If you would like to provide assistance and support to the San Antonio FoodBank as they distribute non-perishable food, supplies, and clothing to evacuees, please visit their website. Donations will be accepted at the Food Bank warehouse from 8:00am – 7:00pm or at the San Antonio City Council district offices. A list of drop off locations can be found by clicking [here](#).

Getting questions about the impact of Texas HB 1774? This article may be helpful.

# 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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