CALENDAR

February

2/9 Sub-Zero Cooking Class — Chef Garth Blackburn

2/16 T'afia Cooking Class — Chef Monica Pope

2/20 Ouisie's Cooking Class — Chef Eloise Jones

2/27 Ibiza Cooking Class — Chef Charles Clark

March

3/6 25th Jaworski Award Luncheon

3/24 Eikenburg Fun Run

3/31 Children's Egg Hunt

April

4/4 HBAA Annual Meeting 9:30 A.M

Spring Market and Luncheon 11:30 A.M. & 1:00 P.M. seatings

Presentation of the HBAA Charitable Fund, Inc., Scholarships

4/17 Will-a-Thon

May

5/15 Will-a-Thon

Kelly Frels—25th Leon Jaworski Award Recipient

The Houston Bar Association Auxiliary is pleased to announce the selection of Kelly Frels as the 2012 Leon Jaworski Award recipient. The HBAA established the Leon Jaworski Award twenty-five years ago in order to honor an outstanding lawyer in the community who has given of his or her time and service, and whose efforts benefit the great city of Houston and its citizens. Mr. Frels’ dedication and commitment to his volunteer efforts are certainly worthy of this, the HBAA’s most prestigious honor.

A native Texan, Kelly Frels was born in the community of Lolita, not far from Victoria, Texas. He graduated from Industrial High School as president of his 44-member Class of 1962. After graduation from Texas State University, where he was president of the student body, he went to the University of Texas School of Law where he chaired the Legal Research Board and the Honor Council.

In 1970, he married the Texas State University Assistant Dean of Women, Carmela Madden, and they have been a team ever since. They have two children: Jonathan, who is a public finance lawyer in Houston, and daughter, Catherine, who works in Washington, D.C.

Kelly began his professional life with Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P., in Houston in 1970. It was a time of social turmoil, when the nation’s schools were being desegregated. With a B. S. in education, the representation of school districts and government entities was a natural focus for him. His legal leadership helped to move the Houston Independent School District in Texas into an integrated system. His efforts in Houston developed and established the legal standards for the first comprehensive magnet school system in the country. In 1979, he was chosen as the Texas Young Lawyers Association’s Outstanding Young Lawyer. He served as the president of the HBA in 1994-1995 and as president of the State Bar of Texas in 2004-2005. He is a member of the HBA and is a Sustaining Life Fellow in the Houston and American Bar Foundations.

Kelly was Bracewell & Patterson’s Managing Partner from 1995 through June 2001, and he served as the Managing Partner of the Houston office through 2003. Among his many contributions to the firm, Kelly was instrumental in developing the firm’s widely regarded school and public law practice.

Community involvement has included being a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Greater Houston Partnership, including chairing its Government Relations Committee, the Environmental Advisory Committee, and the Quality of Life Advisory Committee. In 2003, he served as the Chair of the Houston Area Flood Control Task Force. He also served as the president of the Kiwanis Club of Houston and The Houston Club. He has been a member of the Business Coalition for Clean Air Steering Committee, the Clean Air Task Force and the Houston-Galveston Area Council’s Air Quality Consensus Group. He is currently the chair of the Texas Environmental Research Consortium and the co-chair of the Texas Clean Air Working Group, as well as serving on the boards of the Houston ISD Foundation, the Center for Reform of School Systems and the Center for Houston’s Future, the Think Tank of the Region.

Kelly proudly coached youth baseball and softball for a total of eighteen years. In 2003, Kelly’s contributions to the community were recognized when the Houston Chapter of the American Red Cross honored him as an “Everyday Hero.”

Please plan on joining the HBAA as we honor Mr. Frels on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at 11:30 A.M., at The Houston Club. For information email Ansley Buttram at Ansley@buttramassociates.net.
LET’S GO 2012!

Well, there is no rest for the weary for our busy organization! It seems the holidays are now a mere blur and 2012 has begun with a roar. January kicked off with many committee planning meetings, a couple of invitation stuffings, hosting of the week-long DTWT Essay Readings, and ended with the Nominating Committee strategizing for a new in-coming board. WOW! Many heartfelt thank you(s) to Sue Bennett and Margaret Griffin for teaming up to host, house, and feed all of our dedicated DTWT reader volunteers. This project continues to astonish us all with the many challenges our city’s middle-school aged kids face in their daily lives - be it at home or at school.

February is proving to be just as frenetic. It’s our Cooking Class Culinary experience month! Sure hope you all signed up for one or all of the fantastic classes in this year’s line-up. The cooking class team has designed four special nights “Out on the Town” for our dining pleasure. From a Kitchen Showroom setting, a downtown farm-to-table delight, a garden party, and an open kitchen concept – all four chefs will insure wonderful evenings of great food, fun and fellowship.

March is extra special this year because it’s the 25th Anniversary of our Leon Jaworski Award Ceremony and Luncheon. This year’s distinguished recipient is Mr. Kelly Frels. Ansley Buttram, India Hancock, and their supportive teammates have prepared a program that will exceed all of our expectations. Let’s show Mr. Frels, Ansley, India and their team, as well as the HBAA how much we appreciate and support them by our attendance! I have been privy to a few of the plans, and I can assure you that the agenda will tug at all our hearts. It will be a wonderful tribute to not only Mr. Frels, but to all of the past recipients as well. Leon Jaworski will be there in true “spirit”. March 24th is the Eikenburg Fun Run and March 31st is the Annual Egg Hunt. Our tireless chairs of these events, Amy Ragan and Linda Parrish, continue to provide the HBAA with two fun days for family and friends. Even if you are not a runner, join in the mile walk and catch-up with other members. Be sure to get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny on the beautiful lawn of the Mithoff’s home.

As my term winds down on April 4th, I will pass the gavel to President-Elect, Ansley Buttram. This day will be a proud one for me. One reason is that our Spring Market (Bonnets & Bunnies) is returning to the Houston Country Club after a five-year hiatus. Hats off (or should I say “Bonnets off”) to a team of three ladies who have worked diligently to make this market happen. Many thank you(s) to Anne Boss, Diane Lee, and Vivian Darling for making my dream come true. Our market has been beloved by all, and I am thrilled for its return! This is going to be a great day - shopping from 18 to 20 vendors, a delicious lunch, and the awarding of scholarships to deserving second year law students. Another reason this will be a proud day for me is I am turning our organization over to a dynamic lady. Ansley Buttram will be taking the reins of the Auxiliary on that day. We will be honored to have her at our helm. I personally want to wish her the best and want her to know how much she is loved and supported.

I have adored all of you and have been humbly honored to be your President this year. Thanks to each and every one of you incredible ladies for your support this year. All of you hold a special place in my heart - and always will!

Andi Durham
HBAA BOARD MEMBERS HARD AT WORK
PLANNING THE YEAR
Over 2,400 invitations were stuffed, addressed and stamped for mailing for the Jaworski Award Luncheon on March 6, 2012.

A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE FALL EVENT AT SAKS 5TH AVENUE!
Do the Write Thing

Once again, HBAA faithful readers, Diane Lee, Carolyn Matthews, Karen Morris, Carolann Moore, Evie Ronald, Alice Williams, Gina Rebman, Kathy Redden, Nancy Eubank, Lisa Ganucheau, Anne Boss, Andi Durham, Sandy Wotiz, Debbie Jones, Betty Griffin, and Sherryl Durkee, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs, Margaret Griffin and Sue Bennett, read 1,830 essays this past January at the home of Margaret Griffin.

Our readers completed reading the essays written by 6th and 7th graders, and we selected a boy and girl winner from each school in just four days. The boy and girl winners from each school are recognized at an awards ceremony held in May at Minute Maid Park. Our readers are invited to attend the ceremony.

This essay contest is part of the National Campaign to Stop Violence. Through writing these essays, the students are given a voice to tell how violence starts, how it affects them, and some solutions to stop the violence. It is humbling and troubling to read these essays and hear how many of our youth are experiencing violence in their homes and schools.

Sue Bennett
SUB-ZERO COOKING CLASS WITH CHEF GARTH BLACKBURN

PARTICIPATION CLASS WITH CHEF MONICA POPE

OUISIE’S TABLE CLASS WITH CHEF ELOISE JONES

HBAA COOKING CLASS SERIES 2012
JOIN US NEXT YEAR!
The HBAA Spring Market Is Back...

You are cordially invited to the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary Bonnets & Bunnies Spring Market and Luncheon on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at the Houston Country Club.

The Spring Market will be held from 11 A.M. until 3 P.M. There will be two luncheon seatings—first seating 11:30 A.M. - second seating - 1:00 P.M.

The market and luncheon reservation is $65.00 per person.

Invitations will be mailed at the end of February.

Please support the HBAA and attend our spring event!!

Luncheon Chairs: Anne Boss, Vivian Darling, Diane Lee
JOHN J. EIKENBURG LAW WEEK FUN RUN

Come join in the fun on Saturday, March 24, 2012, for the 27th Annual John J. Eikenburg 8K Law Week Fun Run. Proceeds benefit The Center. It starts and ends in Sam Houston Park. The race starts at 8:00 A.M. There is a 1 mile Family Walk at 8:30. Please come join your fellow HBAA participants — it is a lot of fun and benefits people in need! Register online by visiting www.EZToRegister.com, or you can register in person at packet pick up the day of the race.

HBAAN NEWS

We would like to congratulate:

Nancy and Tom Eubank on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin Cole, on October 26, 2011. Proud parents are Stephen and Dr. Kelley Eubank.

Stewart Gagnon, husband of HBAA member, Lynn Gagnon, on his award as a 2012 Outstanding Eagle Scout from the National Eagle Scout Association, and on his selection to receive the James B. Sales Pro Bono Leadership Award from the HBA Foundation.

Elizabeth Eikenburg on the birth of her grandson, George Dozier Platt, in July. He lives in Warsaw, Poland with dad, Ben Platt, who is a foreign service officer with the State Department, and mom, Ensley Eikenburg, who is the publisher of Frommer’s Travel Guides. Ensley also received her MBA from the London School of Economics in September, reports her proud mom.
It Is Time Again To Hop Over For The
Houston Bar Association Auxiliary's
Spring Egg Hunt
Bring your children, grandchildren,
nieces, nephews and friends
Saturday, March 31, 2012, from
10:00 am – 11:30 am
$10.00 Admission
At the Home of
Ginni and Richard Mithoff
2930 Lazy Lane
Rain or Shine, the hunt starts at 10:30!

HBAA News, continued……

Congratulations to:

India and Laurence Hancock on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth, in July.

Carmela and Kelly Frels on the birth of their grandson, William Kelly Frels, and the won-
derful news that daughter, Catherine Frels, has been nominated as best actress at the Inter-
net Soap Opera Awards in NYC on February 21, 2012, for her role in "Thurston" which is also nomi-
nated as the best drama series, and, of course, Kelly is the Jaworski Award Recipient for 2012.

Andi and Mike Durham on the marriage of their son, Landon Blum, to Jennifer Lauersdorf
on November 19, 2011.
**NOW YOU ARE 18**

For the 2011-2012 year, over 26,000 *Now You Are 18* booklets were delivered to area high schools throughout Harris County. *Now You Are 18* is a project of the HBAA which is generously funded by the Houston Bar Foundation. The booklets introduce high school seniors to their voting rights, as well as their basic legal rights and responsibilities attained at age 18. A very special thank you to Gina Rebman and Stacey Hanks for spearheading this worthwhile project.

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**Habitat House Dedication**

On Saturday, October 8, 2011, the HBA Habitat House was dedicated. Every year, the HBAA assists by providing refreshments for the family and their friends after the ceremony. This year, Sandy Norris, Sherryl Durkee, Andi Durham, Gina Rebman, Jane Larkin, Becky Davis and Phyllis Dent attended the dedication. The 2011 house is located in the Milby Park Community. The Cole family was the recipient of this beautiful house constructed by HBA members. The Houston Habitat for Humanity’s mission is, “We work by faith to change lives and empower families by building homes in partnership with God and People from all walks of life.”
The HBAA Charitable Fund has been very busy in 2011-2012. The Board voted to again donate funds to the John J. Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run benefiting The Center, the HBA Habitat House, the HBA Veteran’s Initiative and the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program. The Board also voted to fund three scholarships for law students, once again meeting our goal of awarding a scholarship to a qualifying student at each of Houston’s three Law Schools. The 2012 scholarship fund-raising letter has been mailed to each of you. We sincerely ask that you donate generously so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of these young people. The Charitable Fund is a 501 (c) 3 corporation and welcomes your donations to the general fund, the scholarship, in memory of, or in honor of someone meaningful to you.
HBAA CHARITABLE FUND, INC., SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE SCHOLARSHIP
# PROPOSED 2012-2013

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The 2012—2013 Slate of Officers will be presented at the Annual Meeting—Officer Installation on April 4, 2012.
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