Dear TLA Members,

Greetings from the snowy Cleveland airport. As with any organization, some things work better than others but the main thing is to keep working together for the betterment of the group. And that we do.

One of our goals has been to encourage more members. So we took a trip to Marfa and got several new members. We are going to northern east Texas to meet and hopefully be gathering some more new members. If anyone has an idea for another road show to their area let us know.

On a personal note, being at the Cleveland Clinic brought home to John and me just how special a country that lives “under the law” is. At the clinic there were patients and doctors and nurses and other staff of every religion and nationality. No one would not speak or work with someone different from them. Truly we all have to keep working on our inclusiveness and honor the legal system that provides freedom, liberty, and justice for all.

We’ve accomplished a lot this year thanks to each of you and the board.

President – Jacquie Rothermel
As some of you may recall, during our October meeting a TLA road trip was discussed and I offered to put together a visit to east Texas, Longview specifically. This will not just be a trip to Longview and the east Texas area, but will include a unique opportunity to enjoy three movies, all of which depict actual east Texas events. Our movies will be “Hands on A Hard Body”, (the hard body being a pick-up truck), “Bernie”, and “Tomato Republic.” Trust me, you will love these movies and will leave with new insights into the east Texas culture. It seems we are rather unique over here behind our Pine Curtain.

The dates of this adventure are Thursday, March 31 thru Sunday, April 3. We will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn and have rooms blocked at $99.00 per night or $139.00 for a suite. To make your reservation, please call 1-800-445-8667. Tell them you are part of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary block.

Please plan to be part of our TLA Cultural Arts Trip! For more information please contact Lucy Harrison.
903-753-4232
903-746-2749
LDH1@att.net
Austin Lawyers’ Auxiliary

At our first event of the year, September 17, we award and honor the recipient of the University of Texas Law School Scholarship, Ashley Garvey, shared her accomplishments and future legal aspirations with our members as we enjoyed wine and hors d’oeuvres at locally owned Anna Gray Gifts and Jewelry Boutique. Members were treated to a “Chic for Fall” presentation by Jennifer Young of “Forever Styled” and ALA member, Kristine Palmer of “W by Worth”. Informing us of the seasons new fashion trends and pairing each outfit with designer jewelry pieces, including ALA member, MK Rowins unique jewelry designs from her company Sweetwater Designs.

The LBJ Presidential Library, on the University of Texas campus, hosted a rare guided tour on October 13. We enjoyed hearing some to the insider information on the 60’s true grit Texas politics occurring in the Whitehouse under the Lyndon Johnson administration. An added treat was the traveling exhibit “The Beatles” and the music mania of the early 60’s.

On November 12 members met for a “Walking Adventure of Downtown Austin”. Our guide from the Austin Convention and Visitor Bureau reminded us of Austin's historical and architectural heritage. With the rapid growth in population in recent years and the changing downtown skyline, it was wonderful to see what vestiges still remain.

We all dressed in our finest for the annual Austin Bar Foundation Gala on January 30. A sold out event. Besides having a wonderful time, it is an opportunity for ALA to donate items from local businesses to the silent auction. The proceeds funds our charitable projects.

We gathered for an impromptu “Informal ALA Happy Hour” on February 1 at Z Tejas to bring together new, potential, active, and not-so-active members. What a great way to start the New Year.

We are proud to financially support the Austin Bar’s Free Legal Advice Clinics for Veterans in Travis County. ALA’s contribution is used to train attorneys who conduct monthly clinics at the Austin VA Outpatient clinic. A total of 160 attorneys have volunteered and 2000 veterans have received legal assistance during the life of the program.

The TLA Book Drive, in conjunction with the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in Austin 2014, was so well received that we continue to distribute books to Dell Children’s Hospital Library and CASA of Travis County.

Being President of ALA has been a true delight because of the tireless energy and enthusiasm of the 2015-2016 Executive Board and the lovely ladies who make up our membership.

Anne Winckler
President 2015-2016
“Evening with the Legends”, a night spent with legal lions sharing law tales and experiences was our first event of the year, and this was closely followed by the annual Harvest Party, co-hosted by the Houston Bar Association, the Houston Bar Foundation, and the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary. The party raised a record $732,720 for pro bono legal services. The HBA-built Habitat for Humanity home was presented to the new owners on December 5, and HBAA members provided refreshments for all.

The Houston Bar Association Auxiliary partnered with HYLA and the HBA for its 2nd Annual Chili & Pie Cook-Off at Bayou City Events Center on Saturday, January 30th. Fifteen teams competed and the chili judges were actual members of the judiciary including: Justice Brett Busby, Honorable Clyde Leuchtag, Honorable Mike Engelhart, Honorable Debra Mayfield, Honorable Jay Karahan, Honorable Michael Landrum, Justice Ken Wise, HBA President Laura Gibson, Baking & Pie Blogger Sharron Sanborn, and Nicholas Stepp. The “Chili Queens” HBAA Charitable Fund team won 2nd place!

All proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off went to HBAA’s charitable fund that annually provides scholarships to law students from University of Houston, South Texas College of Law, and Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Pictures courtesy Leah Wilson Photography.

“Now You Are 18” booklets were delivered February 18. February 22-24 members read 1600 contest essays for “Do the Write Thing” project; these essays describe teens daily struggles to deal with or escape daily violence. Members participated March 12 in the annual John J. Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run which benefits The Center. Also in March was the Spring Egg Hunt.

Leon Jaworski Award: this year nominations were not solicited for the award luncheon; instead the sculpture “Family” honoring the recipients was rededicated as it was moved to the Juvenile Justice Center, and a plaque lists the names of the 28 past recipients.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the spring luncheon.
San Antonio Bar Auxiliary

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary met at the Oak Hills Country Club on Tuesday, January 26th, when Flicka Rahn, soprano, and Ruth Friedberg, pianist and lecturer, presented the program: “The Texas Woman, Her Heritage in Song”. Both women are accomplished musicians and presented a finely tuned program, one which they have presented all over the world.

The next meeting will be the election on March 22nd at Club Giraud with the traditional “Gently Loved Purse Raffle”. The raffle was initiated to fund the SABA Foundation for the scholarships and has been a very successful event. Please consider going through your closet to find gently used and interesting purses to contribute.

Chairman of the Nomination Committee Cindy Farney, and her committee are looking for interested persons who would like to become more involved in the auxiliary by serving on the board. If you are interested please contact Cindy at: cindyfarney@gmail.com. She would like to hear from you.

San Antonio Bar Association Officers 2015–2016

Flick Rahn and Ruth Friedberg

Carolyn Clark and Betsy Stolhandske with guest
# San Antonio Bar Auxiliary

**Report prepared for Texas Lawyers’ Auxiliary**  
Spring, 2016

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| **September 22, 2015**  
Scobee Planetarium at San Antonio College  
Tour led by Richard Varner, Center Director | CASA Angel Tree  
In support of Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA), our members participate in CASA’s “Angel Tree Project” by providing gift cards to children under the care of CASA. Our members provided gift cards in the amount of $50 for stores including Wal-Mart and Target, totaling over $2,400. We present these gift cards to the CASA representative at a Christmas Open House held in early December at a member’s home. |
| **October 27, 2015**  
Cooking Class  
“Cuisine from Around the World”  
H.E.B. Central Market | CASA Prom Project  
New this year, we are collecting items to be donated to girls under the care of CASA who are going to prom. CASA sets up a “closet” of items including dresses, clutches, shoes and jewelry appropriate for a prom dance. |
| **December 6, 2015**  
Annual Holiday Open House  
Held in a member’s home.  
Members bring gift cards and present them to CASA. | Raffle Baskets  
This is an ongoing project with the monies raised going to our Scholarship Fund. Usually the baskets fit with the theme of our meeting. |
| **January 26, 2016**  
Luncheon  
Oak Hills Country Club  
Performance by Soprano, Flicka Rahn  
Accompanied by pianist Ruth Friedberg  
“The Texas Woman, Her Heritage in Song” | Bar Association  
We are happy to be involved with the Bar Association, assisting with their annual 5K Run/Walk in November and attending a CLE musical show written and directed by members of the San Antonio Bar Association. |
| **March 22, 2016**  
Annual Purse Raffle fundraiser  
Club Giraud  
We will present scholarships to two students: a law student from St. Mary’s Law School and a paralegal student enrolled at San Antonio College. We have an annual silent auction of gently-used purses benefiting our scholarship fund. | Annual Fundraiser Dinner  
One of the highlights of the year is “Dinner with the Francos”. Martha Ann and John Franco provide a delicious dinner in their home for members and spouses to benefit our scholarship fund. |
| **May 17, 2016**  
Luncheon honoring Past Presidents  
Installation of Officers 2016-2017 | |

## San Antonio Bar Auxiliary Officers 2015 – 2016

- **President** – Laura Mery
- **First Vice President Membership** - Martha Ann Franco
- **Second Vice President Program/Hostess** – Peggy Karam
- **Third Vice President Yearbook** – Carolyn Clark
- **Fourth Vice President Notification** – June McManus
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- **Corresponding Secretary** – Sally Ball
- **Historian** – Mary-Jean Stolhandske
- **Parliamentarian** – Virginia Van Cleave
Texas Lawyer Auxiliary in Fort Worth

Let me just begin by saying that Fort Worth never fails to give visitors a Good Ole Cowboy Time. From the Cowgirl Museum to the Fort Worth Water Gardens, the Fort Worth Zoo and the world famous Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth is just a wonderful place to visit.

Our Texas Lawyer’s Auxiliary will be in Fort Worth in conjunction with the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 16, 17, 2016. **We want you to join us!**

The Texas Lawyer’s Auxiliary is a group that has been active in the State of Texas for decades. **As a spouse of an attorney you are welcome to join in our activities in Fort Worth.** We support the State Bar of Texas and the Texas legal profession while promoting an understanding and appreciation of the American legal system. We honor Teachers of the Year annually. We give thousands of Now You Are 18 booklets to graduating Texas seniors. We also manage to have a great time while our spouses are at the State Bar functions.

Plans are being finalized for **Texas Lawyer Auxiliary activities for Fort Worth.** We will be having a ‘delicioso’ lunch at the legendary Joe T. Garcia’s Mexican Restaurant on the evening of June 15th. It has been a happening place since 1935 when they opened. They still insist on cash only. Love it!

The Kimbell Museum is on our “to do” list. We are securing a docent to help us enjoy the exhibit “The Brothers Le Nain: Painters of 14th Century France” which will be at the Kimbell this summer.

We are working with Dawson Granade, a Fort Worth Historian, to hammer out a plan to tour the stockyards and his Fort Worth: “The best gall-darn tour in Texas”. He will be able to “bring the “Old West” back to life for us.

Yes, we do have business meetings too! The Texas Lawyer Auxiliary Meetings will be held in the mornings at the Fort Worth Omni Hotel. The members of Texas Lawyer Auxiliary and the State Bar of Texas will be able to reserve rooms that are being held at very attractive prices for State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting participants.

We certainly look forward to meeting any spouses of attorneys or attorneys who would like to join in our activities. If you would like to participate or just want some information about our group or our Fort Worth activities please contact: Joette Reger (Mrs. Gary) (409) 200-1160 or joreger@msn.com.

**TOY AWARD DEADLINE IS MARCH 15**

This e-mail is going out “blind copy” to the entire “ALA Today” newsletter e-mail list.

The deadline for the applications for this year’s Teacher of the Year (TOY) Award is MARCH 15 (it was printed wrong in the “ALA Today”). So the deadline is only two months away.

In order for the application to get in on time, you need to contact a school ASAP and e-mail or “snail mail” the principal a copy of the attached TOY Brochure. Then the principal needs to make a selection of a teacher and make sure an application is in for him or her. This takes time. You could also find out who the contact person in your state is for the “We The People” program. They might have an idea of some teacher in their state that is deserving.

**So at the request of the chairmen for the ALA TOY Award I am getting this e-mail out urging everyone to consider making a contact in order to award an excellent law-related education teacher. Keep the March 15th deadline in mind.**

This is one of our major contributions to law-related education. Please consider making the contact. If you have any questions, contact the chairs listed in the brochure.
AMERICAN LAWYERS ALLIANCE

The American Lawyers Alliance is a charitable, educational and nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of the law and the American legal system.

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT LRE TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

$1500 AWARD

For over fifty years the American Lawyers Alliance has been active in its support of public education, citizenship awareness and various service programs. Recognizing the vital role that teachers play in law-related education, the ALA continues to sponsor its Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Awards.

Purpose:
The purpose of these awards is to honor public and private school teachers who have made significant contributions in the area of law-related education, and have developed programs that have

- Furthered the understanding of the role of the courts, law enforcement agencies and the legal profession
- Helped students recognize their responsibilities as well as their rights
- Encouraged effective law-related education programs in their schools and communities
- Increased communication among students, educators and those involved professionally in the legal system

Nominations:
Nominations for the 2016 Law-Related Education Teacher of the Year Awards may be submitted by the applicant, school administrators, other teachers, students, lawyers, judges, professional members of the community, or any other interested parties.

Visit the ALA website: www.americanlawyersalliance.org and click on “Annual Awards” for information about this award. Click on “Award Winners” for information about previous winners.
Materials that must be submitted by each applicant:
1. A completed Application Form
2. A résumé (maximum of one page)
3. A summary of law-related education activities (maximum of three pages)
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the project
5. Relevant supportive evidence such as newspaper articles or other publications regarding the program (if available).

Additional Information:
1. The complete entry (including Application Form) may not exceed ten pages.
2. Applications may be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed.
3. American Lawyers Alliance Board Members may not submit entries or write letters of recommendation for applicants.
4. Entries will not be returned to applicants.
5. Home-school teachers are ineligible.
6. Teachers who applied but did not win in previous years are encouraged to reapply.
7. Due to the large number of qualified teachers, a teacher may win an ALA LRE TOY Award only once.
8. Nominees must currently be teaching in public or private Middle or High Schools in the United States.

Law-related education may consist of using civics or social studies as a base for your lesson plan or incorporating current events into your curriculum or other related topics. If you have an original or a tried and true method of teaching law-related education, we would love to hear about it.

Award:
A total of 3 Teacher of the Year winners will be chosen: Two from the High School Level and One from the Middle School Level. Each of the winners will be presented a $1500 cash (check) award at the Annual Meeting of the American Lawyers Alliance in San Francisco, in early August 2016. An additional $500 for hotel and travel expenses will be given to each recipient who attends the Awards Luncheon.

Deadline:
The Application Form and required materials must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2016, and sent to the appropriate award chairpersons listed below:

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AMERICAN LAWYERS ALLIANCE  
2016 LAW-RELATED EDUCATION 
TEACHER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION FORM 

Deadline for Entry:  March 15, 2016

Category:
( ) Middle or Junior High School    ( ) High School

Nominee Information:
Name: ________________________________
Address: _____________________________ City/State/Zip ________________
Telephone: Home: _______________ Cell: ________________________
E-Mail – Personal ___________________ School: _______________________
Number of Classes Taught: __________ Grade level(s) ________________
Number of Students: ______________________

School Information:
Name of School: ________________________________
Address: __________________________________ City/State/Zip ________________
Name of Principal: ________________________________
Telephone: ___________________________ Fax: ________________________
E-Mail – School: ________________________________
Name of School District: ________________________

Newspaper Information for Press Release:
Name of Newspaper: ________________________________
Address: _____________________________ City/State/Zip ________________

How You Learned of Contest:

(____) If I am chosen as a Teacher of the Year, I give permission to the ALA to notify my alumni association about the award. I also give permission to have the information put on the ALA website, the ALA Facebook page and sent to the relevant State Bar Association.

For more than twenty-five years the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary has actively supported public education, citizenship awareness, and a variety of service programs. In recognition of the vital role that teachers play in law-related education, the Auxiliary sponsors its annual High School Teacher of the Year Award.

**Purpose:**
The purpose of this award is to honor public and private high school teachers in the State of Texas who have made significant contributions in law-related education and who have developed programs which have

- Furthered the understanding of the roles of courts, law enforcement agencies and the legal profession
- Helped students to recognize their responsibilities as well as their rights
- Encouraged effective law-related education programs in their schools and communities
- Increased communication among students, educators and those involved professionally in the legal system

**Nominations:**
Nominations for the 2016 TLA Teacher of the Year Award may be submitted by the applicant, school administrators, other teachers, students, lawyers, judges, professional members of the community, or any other interested parties.

**Additional Information:**
1. Nominees must currently be teaching in Texas public or private schools.
2. Home school teachers are ineligible.
3. Teachers who applied but did not win in previous years are encouraged to reapply.
4. A teacher may win a TLA LRETOY Award only once.
5. The complete entry (including Application Form) may not exceed ten pages.
6. Applications may be mailed or e-mailed.
7. Texas Lawyers Auxiliary Board Members may not submit entries or write letters of recommendation for applicants.
8. Entries will not be returned to the applicants.

**Award:**
The teacher selected will be presented a framed certificate and $1,000 cash (check) award at the October meeting of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary in Austin, Texas in October 2016.

**For more information regarding the Teacher of the Year Award and/or to receive an online application, please contact:**
Patricia A. Adams, TOY Chairperson for 2016
patricia.adams0806@yahoo.com

**Please mail completed entry (postmarked by June 30, 2016) to:**
Patricia A. Adams
6528 Aden Lane
Austin, Texas 78739

Texas Lawyers Auxiliary is a charitable, educational, and non-profit organization whose mission is to promote public understanding, appreciation, and respect for the law and the American legal system.
TEXAS LAWYERS AUXILIARY
2016 Law-Related Education
High School Teacher of the Year Award

APPLICATION FORM

Deadline for Entry: June 30, 2016

Nominee Information:

Name________________________________________

Address________________________________________
City/State/Zip

Telephone_____________________________ FAX__________________ Email_________________

School Information:

Name of School________________________________________

Name of Principal________________________________________

School Address________________________________________
City/State/Zip

Telephone_____________________________ FAX__________________ Email_________________

Name of School District________________________________________

Number of Classes Currently Teaching______________ Number of Students______________

Subjects Currently Teaching________________________________________

Newspaper Information for Press Release:

Name of Newspaper(s)________________________________________

Address________________________________________
City/State/Zip

How You Learned of Contest:

___________________________________________________________________________________________

Please Mail Completed Entry (Postmarked by June 30, 2016) to:

Patricia A. Adams
6528 Aden Lane
Austin, Texas 78739
Texas Lawyers Auxiliary

Lifetime Award

Purpose:
To recognize a member who, over an extended period of time, has shown exemplary dedication to the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary by:
1. Accepting positions of leadership and objectives;
2. Continuing support of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary;
3. Displaying an attitude that encourages an interchange of ideas;
4. Communicating the objectives of TLA; and
5. Encouraging its programs on a local and state level.

Award:
An appropriate memento will be given to the Lifetime Award winner at the March TLA meeting. The memento will not exceed the cost of $100.00.

Eligibility:
Any longstanding member of TLA may be nominated. There will be only one award winner each year. This award does not have to be awarded to an individual each year.

Nominations:
Any individual or individuals may be nominated for the award by the general membership and/or the Board of Directors. The Awards Chairman shall receive the applications. The selection committee should consist of two board members, along with the Awards Chairman.

Entry Rules:
A maximum of two-page endorsement for nominee, providing details of activities and projects, and/or activities which prompted the nomination. Awards from the local auxiliary, TLA, and/or other community organizations should be submitted to the Award Chairman.

Deadline: June 30, 2016

Contact:
Mona Blocker-Garcia
P.O. Box 448
Marfa, TX 79843
Phone: 432-729-4826
Email: garciamon@att.net
2016–2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

THE TEXAS LAWYERS AUXILIARY individual membership is available to spouses of members and members in good standing of the State Bar of Texas and widows or widowers of deceased members of the State Bar.

We invite you to become a new member or renew your membership or consider becoming a Life Member.

Please check appropriate line(s)  
Date: ________________
__ Individual – $10.00  
__ Husband & Wife Life Member – $150.00
__ Sustaining Life Member – $25.00  
__ Donation to Memorials, Tributes, and Scholarship Fund
__ Life Member – $100.00  
__ Please send additional information

Name: __________________________________________________________
Spouse: ________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________
City: ________________________ Zip: ____________________ Telephone: (     ) ______________________

Fax: __________________________________ E-mail: _________________________________________

Local Auxiliary Membership (if any) ____________________________________________________________

Make check payable to TLA and mail (with form) to Martha Ann Franco, Vice-President Membership, #19 Sherborne Wood, San Antonio, 78218-1771.

AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL 2016–2017

Dues – $10.00 for each Auxiliary  
Date: ________________

Name: __________________________________________________________
(President/Delegate)

Affiliate: _______________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________

City: ________________________ Zip: ____________________ Telephone: (     ) ______________________

Check here if new address and/or phone number

Make check payable to TLA and mail (with form) to Martha Ann Franco, Vice-President Membership, #19 Sherborne Wood, San Antonio, 78218-1771.
Would you like to honor someone who has “gone the extra mile” to make an impact on your community? Or someone who has done something significant for TLA or legal education? Or maybe you would like to give a memorial for a friend or family member or pay tribute to a special person?

You can honor that person by making a donation to the TLA’s Awards, Memorials, and Tributes fund. Just fill out the form below, being sure to include complete name and address information for the acknowledgement card and the person to be honored and mail it along with your check. Your tax-deductible contribution will help fund TLA projects focusing on Law-Related Education.

In Memory/Honor of: __________________________________________________________

Please send acknowledgement card to:

Name _________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

Occasion: __________________________________________________________________

Donor’s Name: __________________________________________________________________

Donor’s Address: _____________________________________________________________

Please make check payable to TLA: $____________________ and mail to:

Mona Blocker-Garcia, P.O. Box 448, Marfa, TX 79843
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