Dear TLA Members,

What an honor and privilege it is to serve as the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary 33rd president! I look forward to a productive, fun year and appreciate the opportunity to work with our talented Officers, Committees and Directors. Many thanks to all our members whether this is your first year, 33rd or somewhere in between – your support of TLA makes everything possible.

“Everything Old is New Again” is more than a great song from my favorite era of Broadway musicals. During this trying time in our nation’s history and the world’s, many individuals and families are rethinking their values and calling upon lessons learned from previous generations. The legal profession continues to play an extremely important role in building confidence in our American way of life. As we strive to support the State Bar of Texas, TLA’s Purposes are:

- To provide an information network among affiliates.
- To promote an understanding and appreciation of the American legal system.
- To recommend projects to affiliates and members in cooperation with the State Bar of Texas.
- To recognize outstanding volunteer service.
- To promote law-related education, citizenship awareness, and public service advocacy.

These Purposes were written a long time ago and are as pertinent today as always. How we achieve them has changed to reflect the needs within the legal community and our ability to adapt. With your financial, as well as time and talent, support we will continue a great tradition of service to our communities this year.

We are very grateful to the State Bar of Texas and several of its staff members for their support of TLA: Susan Brennan, Marketing and Outreach, who reserves the beautiful Hatton Sumners Room at the Law Center for our fall and spring board meetings; Jan Miller, Texas Law Related Education, who provides wonderful seminars for teachers across the state and shares new programs and teaching tools with us; Tami Knoll, Patsy Mallia and Chris Beasley, Graphics Department, who share their outstanding workmanship to produce our annual directory and semi-annual newsletter.

Did I mention fun? Check out Rita Thompson’s article in this newsletter for our annual spring trip. It will be in the beautiful little town of Brenham where she has planned a great itinerary – hope you can join us!

My contact information is below and I would love to hear from you.

Melissa

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Memorials & Tributes

Please consider making a donation to this fund when you want to give a memorial for a friend or family member or pay tribute to a special person. Tax deductible contributions help fund TLA projects focusing on Law-Related Education. Form is included in this newsletter.

Visit the texasbar.com for TLA news and information. From the Home page, click on “Lawyers Giving Back”, then “Texas Lawyers Auxiliary”.

Visit the americanlawyersauxiliary.org to download A LA’s Teacher of the Year application.

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“Cultural Arts Trip”
Longview, Texas
March 31 – April 3, 2016

It is Thursday afternoon, March 31, 2016, and several members of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary, plus one member of the American Lawyers Alliance, are gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn in Longview, Texas. They are waiting with much anticipation to begin a TLA Cultural Arts Experience in deep East Texas. Why Longview and East Texas one might ask. Good question – however, surprising as it may seem, there are several movies that depict various events in and the culture of East Texas. These movies became the entertainment for the weekend.

So off the TLA went!! Thursday night found them dining while watching the movie “Tomato Republic”. This documentary tells the story of the mayors’ race in Jacksonville, Texas, the Tomato Capital of Texas. A flamboyant restaurateur, a good ol’ boy, and a political ingénue walk into a small town political contest head to head, for the non-paid mayoral seat of the Tomato Republic.

Friday morning they toured the East Texas Oil Museum on the Kilgore College campus. This museum houses the authentic recreation of oil discovery and production in the early 1930’s from the largest oil field inside U. S. boundaries. And the wells of the East Texas Oil Field are still pumping today. After the history lesson and lunch, they enjoyed “Bernie”, starring Jack Black, Shirley MacLaine, and Matthew McConaughey. The movie is based on the true story of the 1996 murder of 80-year-old millionaire, Marjorie Nugent, by her 39-year-old companion, Bernie Tiede. This took place in Carthage, Texas, where Mrs. Nugent’s body was found nine months after her death in the freezer in her garage. A story so unbelievable it must be true. Later that afternoon, the TLA entourage found themselves at the Lake Cherokee home of Gay and Kenny Kirkland, enjoying wine and cheese, followed by dinner at the Cherokee Club.

The final movie of the weekend, seen Saturday morning, was “Hands on a Hardbody: The Documentary”. A cult classic in which twenty-four contestants compete for a brand-new “Hardbody” pickup truck at a local Longview dealership. Whoever remains standing the longest with one hand on the truck wins. The movie was produced by S.R. Bindler and financed by Mathew McConaughey, who both grew up in Longview. Bar-B-Q and beer was on the menu that evening at a local East Texas favorite, The Country Tavern.

When asked what they did in Longview, the answer was, “Eat and watch movies!!” Now it is Sunday, April 3, and everyone is departing for home. Movies, Food, Friendship and Lots of Laughter were shared by everyone!! Where will the group find themselves next year? Stay tuned!
ALA member, Sharon Chappelae, from Ohio, receives THE TEXAS CARD which declares her to be a “True” Texan. Congratulations Sharon!!

Enjoying the Lake Cherokee home of Gay and Ken Kirkland, Longview, Texas.
Annual Meeting Highlights and Activities

June 15 – 17, 2016, Ft. Worth, Texas

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary began with a lively dinner at Bob’s Steakhouse in the Omni Hotel. With the best “Party Planner” in Texas, Joette Reger, in charge of the activities, we were assured a great time. There was laughter, terrific food, and friendship shared throughout the evening.

The TLA Annual Meeting was held Thursday morning, June 16, at the Omni Hotel. New officers were installed, reports were given, and the business of the organization was discussed. A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of books to the Lena Pope organization. Keegan Hand from Lena Pope received the books. The books donated by the TLA will be used in their newest program, the Lena Pope Early Learning Center. This Center provides all-day care and learning for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years of age.

Several special guests visited the meeting. Texas Supreme Court Justice Paul Green installed the 2016 – 2017 TLA Officers, and State Bar of Texas President Frank Stevenson and his wife Helen and SBOT President-Elect Tom Vick all came by to say hello.

Thanks to our members over 50 books were donated to Lena Pope this year and over 500 books have been donated to projects in Houston, Austin, and San Antonio. The books are donated to an organization or project in the city where the TLA Annual Meeting is held. The Annual Meeting will be in Dallas next year.

Following the meeting Joette guided us to our own waiting bus for “The Best Dern Tour in Texas”. We were guided through historical Ft. Worth, hearing many “behind the scenes” facts and legends about Ft. Worth’s colorful past. And then off to Ft. Worth’s legendary Joe T. Garcia’s, where margaritas were waiting and the mariachi band was playing!! Fun was had by all!!!!

To top off our Ft. Worth experience, Joette planned a “cultural” activity for the next afternoon. The TLA toured the Permanent Collection of the Kimball Museum. Led by a wonderful docent, the art of the Kimball came alive!

Thank you, Joette, for a fabulous, memorable time in Ft. Worth!! See you in Dallas!
Who are these funny looking people???
When in Ft. Worth – Joe T. Garcia’s is the place to be!!!
Congratulations to our very own, Mary Ellen Borgelt!!!! Mary Ellen was installed as the 2016 – 2017 President of the American Lawyers Alliance in San Francisco, California. Sharing her Texas style with the ALA, Mary Ellen’s Installation was held at the Rotunda Restaurant in the San Francisco Neiman Marcus store!!! She and her husband Roger hosted a beautiful, over the top, luncheon. And the newly installed president presented each board member attending with a copy of a vintage Helen Corbet Cookbook. (What could be more TEXAS?)

On Friday night before her Installation, Mary Ellen was honored during the State Bar of Texas Reception, held in the Starlight Room atop the Sir Francis Drake Hotel. SBOT President Frank Stevenson presented Mary Ellen with a Proclamation of Leadership from the State Bar. The ALA members and spouses were there to cheer her on and TLA members Sue Bennett and Lucy Harrison were the most proud of her.

Good Luck to Mary Ellen as she begins her ALA Adventure!!!! Your TLA friends are very proud of you!
Sue Bennett presents Mary Ellen Borgelt with flowers from the TLA.

Newly-Installed ALA President, Mary Ellen Borgelt

ALA members and spouses enjoyed the Installation Luncheon held in the Rotunda Restaurant in Neiman Marcus in San Francisco.
Austin Lawyers’ Auxiliary

Our Austin Lawyer Auxiliary kick-off meeting was last week at Kendra Scott store where we shopped, sipped wine and enjoyed appetizers. Kendra Scott opened their doors to us at their Flagship store in the super cool area of South Congress. We learned that Kendra had originally started as a Hat maker. One rainy night as her hat business was failing she put up the Closed For Business sign in the store window. After a good cry while sitting outside on the porch of the store she looked around once more and saw that the sign had flipped around to the other side: Open for Business. This was a sign to Kendra to push on and try a new approach to her business. She had always made jewelry on the side for friends and has now turned that hobby into a worldwide business, Kendra Scott. Her employees attribute her success to her perseverance, and community-minded spirit. All of the members had a great time.

A special thanks is owed to Noel Roberts, one of Austin Bar Auxiliary members who is organizing events for our fun group this year. Mary Ellen Borgelt, president of American Lawyer Alliance was in our midst as were dozens of our Austin members. Our president, Anne Winckler, awarded the annual Law school scholarship at this meeting for over $2,000. We award to a UT female Law student annually with funds being raised from our silent auction items at the Annual Austin Bar Foundation Gala. We have the luxury of having members of all ages in our Austin Lawyer Auxiliary. Its such a fun group. Please contact Joette Reger (409-200-1160) if you are interested in attending any of our events 2016-2017.
Houston Bar Association Auxiliary

The new HBAA board led by President Lisa Ganucheau is off to a wonderful beginning! On Tuesday, September 27, 2016, a Fall Membership Luncheon was hosted by Hazel Donato in her lovely home. We had great attendance and brought 7 new members! There will be an October Cookie Decorating event with Elizabeth Harvey on October 15, 2016 for all moms, grandmothers, children and grandchildren to attend. Then on November 3, 2016 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm there will be an Elaine Turner Cocktail Shopping Benefit to raise money for the HBAA Charitable Scholarship Fund. Elaine will donate 20% of the evening’s sales to the scholarship fund! Please come and join us! The annual HBA/HBAA Harvest Party will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016 at the River Oaks Country Club and it is always a lovely event.

Our ongoing fall HBAA projects are Habitat House and Now You Are 18 and are in full swing. The spring calendar will be just as full and exciting, so stay tuned!
On Thursday, September 27, the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary gathered at the home of Peggy Karam for the first meeting of the 2016 – 2017 year. Virginia Van Cleave, Peggy Karam and Jenny O’Connor hosted the membership luncheon. Several guests were invited to the luncheon and our SABA members were delighted when two of the guests joined the auxiliary.

Mr. Michael Quintanilla, a local journalist and fashion advisor, presented the program “Fashion’s Cultural Connection – Timely or Timeless”. This was presented with a video and music that depicted fashions from the 40’s through the 90’s. Several of the SABA members dressed in styles from the different eras and modeled their outfits during the presentation. The style show, with explanations of the styles on parade, was the hit of the afternoon.

This meeting will be followed by “A Texas Christmas Party” on December 4, 2016. In support of Child Advocates San Antonio the SABA members participate in CASA’s “Angel Tree Project” by providing gift cards to children under the care of CASA. Our members provide gift cards in the amount of $50 for stores including Wal-Mart and Target, totaling over $2, 400. We will present these gift cards to the CASA representative during this meeting at the home of Mary-Jean Stolhandske.
Why the Teacher of the Year Award?

In 2008, Grace Ann Vanderpool returned to Dallas from an American Lawyers Alliance meeting. During the ALA meeting she had attended the ALA Teacher of the Year Awards event and was inspired by the teachers she met and the stories she heard. Grace Ann felt his project was a perfect fit for the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary and adapted the ALA model for the TLA and presented her idea at the next TLA meeting to a very enthusiastic group.

Since 2009, Texas Lawyers Auxiliary has annually sponsored the Teacher of the Year Award, which honors a public or private high school teacher who has made significant contributions in the area of law-related education. To date the TLA has honored seven outstanding high school teachers who continue to inspire their students.

These master teachers might possibly sponsor Mock Trial teams, teach our “Now You Are 18” booklets in their classrooms, take their students to Law Day events, invite attorneys to talk to their classes, etc. They are often content to stay out of the limelight, without expectation of recognition or reward, as they motivate their students to do their best.

With your help identifying our state’s outstanding law-related education teachers, TLA can continue to give them some well-deserved recognition. Nominations may be submitted by the applicants, other teachers, administrators, students, lawyers, judges, professional members of the community, or other interested persons.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AND SPREAD THE APPLICATIONS ACROSS TEXAS!

2015 TOY AWARD Winner

Debbie Keen
Career and Technical Education Center High School
Frisco, Texas

Debbie is being presented the award by June McManus.
For more than twenty-six 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 and Middle School Teacher of the Year Award.

**Purpose:**
The purpose of this award is to honor public and private high school and middle 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 2016-2017 TLA Teacher of the Year Award may be submitted by the applicant, school administrators, other teachers, students, lawyers, judges, professional member of the community, or any other interested parties.

**Application Materials Must Include:**
- A resume (maximum of one page)
- A summary of law-related education activities (maximum of three pages) for the current school year
- Two letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the nominee and his/her law-related education program
- Relevant supportive evidence such as newspaper articles or other publications that describe the nominee's program (if available)
- Nominees must currently be teaching in Texas public or private schools

- Home school teachers are ineligible
- Teachers who applied but did not win in previous years are encouraged to reapply
- A teacher may win a TLA Law Related Education Teacher of the Year award only once
- The complete entry (including the Application Form) may not exceed ten pages
- Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2017
- Texas Lawyers Auxiliary Board Members may not submit entries or write letter of recommendation for applicants
- 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 Award Breakfast of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary meeting in Austin, Texas in October, 2017.

For more information regarding the Teacher of the Year Award and/or to receive an online application, please contact:

Patricia A. Adams, TOY Chairperson
patricia.adams0806@yahoo.com
(512) 627-6511

Please mail completed entry (postmarked by June 30, 2017) to:

Patricia A. Adams, TOY Chairperson
6528 Aden Lane
Austin, Texas 78739

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TEXAS LAWYERS AUXILIARY
2016-2017 Law-Related Education
High School and Middle School
Teacher of the Year Award
APPLICATION FORM
Deadline for Entry: June 30, 2017

Nominee Information:
Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Telephone
FAX
Email

School Information:
Name of School
School Address
City/State/Zip
Telephone
FAX
Email
Name of Principal
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:

Resume and Professional Development:
College, University, Post Graduate Studies and Degrees
Teaching Employment
Staff Development, Training, and Mentoring that promotes law related education for the just completed school year
Professional Associations and Teaching Accomplishments
Awards and Recognitions
References

Pictures of Students in Activities if applicable.

Please Mail Completed Entry (Postmarked by June 30, 2017) to:
Patricia A. Adams, TOY Chairperson
6528 Aden Lane, Austin, Texas 78739
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Texas Lawyers Auxiliary Teacher of the Year Award
Past Recipients

2009  Cynthia Knox, Austin
2010  Joseph P. Wicker, Dallas
2011  Patience LeBlanc, Frisco
2012  Ben Ewald, Frisco
2013  Helen Bradley, Irving
2014  Kim Grosenbacher, Boerne

2009 TOY Cynthia Knox
Travis City Leadership Academy and Travis City Day School
Austin

2010 TOY Joseph Wicker
Skyline High School
Dallas

2011 TOY Patience LeBlanc
Liberty High School
Frisco

2012 TOY Ben Ewald
Career & Technology Center
Frisco

2013 TOY Helen Bradley
Irving

2014 TOY Kim Grosenbacher
Boerne
April in Texas means glorious bluebonnets—and no more so than in and around Brenham. And that is where the 2017 TLA members and their spouses and friends will be from April 20-23.

The TLA trips to Marfa in 2015 and Longview in 2016 were so successful that we are planning another trip. This time we will travel to Brenham, Texas. To many, Brenham is the cradle of bluebonnets and Blue Bell ice cream.

There are a lot of B&B's to choose from in this region, but none so meticulously restored as the nineteenth century gem, the ANT STREET INN. This is an antique-collector’s haven that has been up-graded with all the creature comforts. We will be staying there for three nights.

Brenham has a historic downtown with an array of antique and specialty shops. We will also be visiting Washington on the Brazos, the site where the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico was created, Chappell Hill Lavender & Berry Farm, Blue Bell Creameries, Pleasant Hill winery and touring some of Brenham’s beautiful 19th century homes. But not every moment is planned to allow you freedom to pursue your own interests.

Brenham has its share of dining opportunities too. Everything from home style to gourmet will give us the opportunity to enjoy tempting and delicious meals.

We have blocked a limited number of rooms at the Ant Street Inn so you don’t want to delay making your reservations. E-mail Rita Thompson at thompsonrita21@yahoo.com if you would like more information on the TLA trip to Brenham in April.

Just ask someone that made the trip to Marfa or Longview if they had a great time!!
Texas Lawyers Auxiliary
Lifetime Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize a member who, over an extended period of time has shown exemplary dedication to the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary by:

- Accepting positions of leadership and objectives;
- Continuing support of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary;
- Displaying an attitude that encourages an interchange of ideas;
- Communicating the objectives of TLA;
- Encouraging its programs on a local and state level.

Any longstanding member of TLA may be nominated by the general membership and/or the Board of Directors. A maximum of a two-page endorsement for the nominee, providing details of all activities and projects, which prompted the nomination, should be submitted to the Award Chairman.

Please submit nominations by June 30, 2017 to:

Mona Blocker-Garcia, Award Chairman
P.O. Box 448
Marfa, TX 79843
432-729-4826
garciamona@att.net

Texas Lawyers Auxiliary
2015 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner
Carol Niemann ~ Austin
AWARDS, MEMORIALS, AND TRIBUTES CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

AWARDS, MEMORIALS, AND TRIBUTES CONTRIBUTIONS

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In Memory/Honor of: __________________________________________________________

Please send acknowledgement card to:

Name __________________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

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

Mona Blocker-Garcia, P.O. Box 448, Marfa, TX 79843
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
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Name: ______________________________________ Spouse: ______________________________________

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Fax: __________________________________ E-mail: ____________________________________________

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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.
ATTENTION TEXAS AUXILIARIES

Apply NOW for the American Lawyers Alliance Auxiliary Support Award!!
This award is designed to support auxiliaries in sustaining exemplary programs and projects.
Apply for a monetary grant to help develop a new project or to support an ongoing project.

American Lawyers Alliance Support Program Application
Application Deadline November 21, 2016
Awards presented at the ALA Midyear Meeting, February 2017

Application Guidelines:
- The application must come directly from an auxiliary that is a member of ALA.
- There is only one award per auxiliary.
- Applying does not guarantee an award.
- Auxiliary must establish in the application their involvement in the project.
- Auxiliary must state their monetary outlay in the project.

Auxiliary ________________________________

President ________________________________

Please name the Law Related Program that your auxiliary sponsors.

One time event ____________________ Annual event ____________________ How many years? ________________

Population served __________________________ Number of people reached ______________________

Please attach a separate sheet with at least one paragraph explaining the project.

Person completing form:

Name: ________________________________ Title ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________ Phone: (___) __________________________

Please send or email your application by November 21, 2016 to:

Karen Townsley
ktownsley@yahoo.com
(316) 652-0676

Jennifer Benesh
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