Dear TLA Members and Friends,

I had been thinking about my President’s letter for several days; I wanted to talk about the important things that TLA does, can do and perhaps should think about doing. And then I saw the most recent letter from Tom Vick, the current president of the State Bar of Texas. It was as if he was thinking about TLA as well as the Bar!

Mr. Vick points out that the 100,000 members of the bar come from all over Texas and are involved in every aspect of the Bar. From government to real estate to civil and criminal litigation and family law. He also suggests that it is one of the duties of the members of the legal profession to change the perception the public has of our legal system and lawyers.

And that fellow TLA members is exactly what we are about!

• We publish and distribute to high schools seniors our pamphlet, Now You Are 18, outlining the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

• Through our TOY Awards (Teacher of the Year), we support Texas teachers who teach citizenship and civics as well as a moot court competitions; we even work with the American Law Alliance (ALA) to do this on the national level.

• We even supply members and accept leadership positions with the ALA.

Another thing that we are trying to do is reach out to you, our members. Please remember that our board meetings are open to all members. You don’t have to be on the board or a committee. You can attend and tell us what you think. We meet in Austin in March and October. Our next meeting is March 5, 2018 at the State Bar Building in Austin. We would love to have you attend.

Another thing that we have been doing for about 3 years is to have a meeting somewhere in Texas. We’ve been to Marfa and Brenham. We went to East Texas, specifically Longview and environs for an East Texas Cultural Arts Tour. We look for activities that explain the history of the state. We will be going to Kerrville in the Spring of 2018. More details will be announced shortly. We would encourage you and your spouse to attend. We promise to pay all the attention you can stand to you both. We are not a cliquish or glum lot.

We have developed a core group who has gone on these trips. Our husbands who probably never would have met as they are from different fields and different counties of Texas have become friends just like we are. They say that they look forward to each of our trips. If you’d like us to visit your community, let me know.

We are proud to be part of a fantastic group; we’d be even prouder if more of our members took advantage of the opportunities to participate more fully. We understand that no one will find every activity to their liking. That’s why we are trying to have more varied events in different locations in our great State. Please consider joining us at some or all of them.

Gratefully,

Jaquie Rothermel
Who knew there was so much to do in Brenham, Texas! Blue Bell Ice Cream, yes, but there is so much more. From the Welcome Reception at the Ant Street Inn on Thursday until the farewell Sunday breakfast, we shared a weekend full of adventure, memories and friendship.

The Ant Street Inn was such a treat! Each of the 15 rooms is unique with each room being named after the city from which the furnishings were acquired.

Just imagine the Savannah, St. Louis, Austin, New Orleans, Charleston, San Antonio, to name a few, decorated in the charming classic style of each city. All arranged along a long, wide hallway where wine, cheese and sweets were served each afternoon. Such hospitality! And the grand veranda on the back of the Inn, looking out onto the lovely garden, was the favorite evening gathering spot.

Although it was hard to leave the comforts of the Inn each morning, the historic Brenham countryside was calling. With visits to Washington on the Brazos, the site where the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico was created, star of The Republic Museum, two of Brenham’s beautiful 19th century homes and a few antique stores for the shoppers, everyone was thoroughly enlightened and entertained. And with time to explore on our own, some checked out the Blue Bell Creamery, the Birthplace of Baylor and a few of the Painted Churches of Texas. And such wonderful meals, everything from home style to gourmet!

Sue Bennett summed up the weekend perfectly. “Everything Rita expertly organized was awesome. John and I loved our “TLA traveling buddies” and can’t wait for next year’s experience. Rita, thank you for all the hours spent in making this such a delightful weekend. This upcoming weekend is going to seem dull after the fun-filled weekend last week. You are the Best!”

To which Jaquie Rothermel added, “Oh, such good memories and the bathroom scales even made me happy. I know it was because we were using our laughing muscles to their full extent. Such fun as always. Wish more would join us!”

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.

Be sure to check out our new website: www.texaslawyersauxiliary.org
It will be your one-stop shop for all the latest TLA news and information.

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

Please send change of address notice to:
Martha Ann Franco
#19 Sherborne Wood
San Antonio, 78218-1771
mafrancotx@sbcglobal.net
Members of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary, spouses and guests gathered at the lovely home of Mary Ann Gwinn for an open house reception, which officially began the Annual Meeting festivities. It was an evening filled with friendship and laughter and the perfect beginning to a terrific TLA meeting and fabulous social events.

The Annual Board of Director’s Meeting was held at the Anatole Hotel, Dallas, Texas. The Outgoing TLA President, Melissa Richard, passed the gavel to Incoming TLA President Jaquie Rothermel. At which time her son Christopher Marietta swore in Jaquie. We were also honored to have State Bar of Texas President-Elect Tom Vick visit our meeting.

Following the Annual Meeting we gathered at the Dallas Country Club for a fabulous luncheon. Our special guests for this event were Stephanie Brigger, Vice President of Development, and Jennifer McDaniel from the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. The Texas Lawyers Auxiliary presented over 75 books for middle school age children to TSRH. Since 2014 the TLA has donated over 400 children’s books to charitable organizations across the state of Texas.

On Saturday morning the TLA members and spouses visited the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the campus of SMU. Exhibits not to be missed included the Freedom Hall, a 20 foot high 360 degree LED screen which blends clips from art, history and entertainment, remembering the events of September 11, 2001, life in the White House and our favorite the group photo taken in the “Oval Office.” After a truly educational walk through history we gathered for our favorite activities, dining and shopping. We were off to the Museum Store and the Café 43.

A great big THANK YOU to Jan Lamoreaux for planning our wonderful Dallas activities! So now, Farewell to Dallas and on to Houston in 2018. See You There!!!
Delightful Evening at the home of Mary Ann Gwinn, Tina and Stephen Gwinn, Mary Ann and Jan Lamoreaux

Helping Stephanie and Jennifer load the books to take to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children

TLA Members in the Oval Office at the Bush Presidential Library
There’s a rare and special quality in the way some people live... However busy they may be, they still have time to give. Anything you ask or need, they’ll do their very best, no matter what the task is or how simple the request. Kindness just comes naturally to this rare and selfless few, special, giving people...People just like you!

Melissa Richard
Texas Lawyers Auxiliary President 2016 - 2017
ANNOUNCING
TEXAS LAWYERS AUXILIARY
2017 LAW-RELATED TEACHER OF THE YEAR
AWARD WINNERS

Although Teresa Candelaria is presently teaching English at Americas High School in El Paso, she has been the school’s Mock Trial Moderator since 2006. In the last thirteen years over fifty students have created a Mock Trial legacy, winning seven titles as West Texas Champion, a Texas State Champion title and Fifth Place at the National Mock Trial competition. One of her first Mock Trial students graduated from George Washington Law School and became the youngest attorney to pass the Texas State Bar in 2013. Mrs. Candelaria shared in her application, “Mock Trial has given me a precious opportunity to watch backpack-laden teens become executives, doctors, political activists, social workers, husbands, wives and parents as well as teachers and lawyers.”

Becky Likin, who has been teaching secondary, public education for eighteen years, loves her job. As an English and Debate teacher at Tivy High School in Kerrville, Texas, she has been coaching both the Debate and Mock Trial teams for the past fourteen years. Her teams have participated in both UIL and Texas High School Mock Trial competitions at the local, district, regional and state levels. They have competed at the National High School Mock Trial Competition and have placed in the top ten at the State level for five years. As she said in her application, “I have the daily privilege of encouraging, molding, pushing, and supporting the future leaders of our society. I have the privilege of preparing and coaching forthcoming advocates, who will one day stand up for their ideas, community and those who cannot stand up for themselves.”

CONGRATULATIONS to our
2017 Teacher of the Year
Award Winners!!

The TOY Award will be presented during the March Texas Lawyers Auxiliary meeting.
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 2017-2018 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, 2018
- 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, 2018.

For more information regarding the Teacher of the Year Award and/or to receive an online application, please contact:
Cindy Farney, TOY Chairperson
cynthiagarney@gmail.com
(210) 862-2515

Please mail completed entry (postmarked by June 30, 2018) to:
Cindy Farney, TOY Chairperson
8258 Pimlico Lane, Fair Oaks Ranch
Boerne, Texas 78015

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TEXAS LAWYERS AUXILIARY
2017-2018 Law-Related Education
High School and Middle School
Teacher of the Year Award
APPLICATION FORM
Deadline for Entry: June 30, 2018

Nominee Information:
Name______________________________________________________________
Address_________________________________________________________________________________________________________
Telephone_____________________________ FAX_____________________________ Email____________________________________

School Information:
Name of School_________________________________________________________________________________________________
School Address____________________________________________________________________________________________________
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 ________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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, 2018) to:
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8258 Pimlico Lane, Fair Oaks Ranch, Boerne, Texas 78015
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Austin Lawyers Auxiliary

Uniquely Austin Events

We gathered April 8 for our annual Couples Party at the home of Jeri and Mike Archuleta. We enjoyed locally famous Franklin BBQ and savored dessert while we watched the sun set over Lake Travis. We honored our Austin Lawyers Auxiliary Past Presidents and Mary Ellen Borgelt brought us up to date on the activities of the American Lawyers Alliance. Thank you Mary Ellen for your tireless involvement with the American Lawyers Alliance.

Fall events include a behind the scenes private tour of the Texas Capitol on September 13 followed by lunch at Quattro Gatti. We honored our UT Law Student Scholarship recipient, Claire Wenholz.

Our spouses will join us for the musical production of “Singing in the Rain” at the Zachary Scott Theatre. We will gather for a private cocktail party at the Skyview Lounge prior to the show on October 12.

Our members will volunteer for a service project on November 1 and 2. Austin Adoption Day is the most important project of the Austin Bar, which we support financially and by volunteering to decorate the Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center. The Center is transformed into a Wizard of Oz “There’s No Place Like Home” party to celebrate the adoption of dozens of children out of the foster care system. This year we will have the unique opportunity to process the adoption of foster children from Houston who have been displaced because of Hurricane Harvey.

November 15 we will participate in a “Lunch and Learn” cooking class at Central Market Cooking School.

We hope to meet for an “Informal Happy Hour” at a local restaurant in November or December.

Thank you to Jennifer Benesh and Nicky Duewall for planning these wonderful events for our members.

Anne Winckler
ALA President
Austin Lawyers Auxiliary past presidents

Law School Scholarship recipient Claire Wenholz
Houston Bar Association Auxiliary

The HBAA 2017-2018 year has begun with a huge event – Hurricane Harvey. Many in Houston were devastated with over 50” of rain – an unprecedented amount. Some of our members’ homes were flooded and their belongings ruined. Everything and everyone is on the mend, but it will take a long time to fully recover.

Our Membership drive is underway and we had our Membership Luncheon on **Tuesday, September 26, 2017** at the home of Toni Bravo at 4229 Kirby Drive from 11:00 – 1:00pm. We are constantly working to increase our membership through personal invitation, new and fun activities, and ongoing service projects such as Lunch and Learn programs, Now You Are 18, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, and participating in some HBA service projects as well.

Our next HBAA Board Meeting will be on **October 26** at the home of Nicola Brown, with subsequent meetings in January and March on the 4th Wednesday of those months. We will have another Elaine Turner shopping event this year in November at a date to be announced. The annual Harvest Party hosted by the Houston Bar foundation and supported by the HBAA will be on **Monday, November 13, 2017**, at the River Oaks Country Club.
The HBAA is looking forward to a fun and productive Fall! Our spring calendar will be full of events too. Mark your calendars for our Chili and Pie Cook-Off scheduled for February 10, 2018! As always, we welcome TLA to join us!
San Antonio Bar Auxiliary

The 2017–2018 San Antonio Bar Auxiliary year began with an exciting program in the beautiful home of one of our past presidents Margaret Cluck. Our BE INSPIRED program was presented by special friends, Madame Marie-Paul Renoir and her daughter, Nathalie Farinola. Madame Renoir is the widow of Paul Renoir, grandson of Pierre-August Renoir, the noted French impressionist. Included in their presentation was a discussion of the art of lithography as it was in the early 20th century and how it is now. It is a complex process, taking up to six weeks to complete one image. The lithograph of Renoir’s renowned *Blonde a la Rose* provided examples of the process during each of its phases. There was a wonderful display of personal photographs, including a photo taken on the day that the artist passed. An amazing man, he was painting an apple on his last day on earth. Madame Marie-Paul Renoir spoke to each guest and gave a personal present to each. It was a lovely Fall luncheon that our members and guests will long remember!

Our members have several optional activities to be involved in this Fall. They can BE A GOURMET by taking a cooking class at Central Market. They can choose to BE ENTERTAINED by attending the Ethics Folly “Being Walter Decent.” They can BE PHYSICAL by assisting the San Antonio Bar Association with their annual 5k Run for Justice. Members can choose to BE IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT attending the Woman’s Club Christmas in the Mansion for a day of shopping and buying.

The San Antonio Bar Association had an opening Mixer with law related groups in San Antonio and the auxiliary assisted with general registration. In addition, several auxiliary members set up a membership and information table on the auxiliary and the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary.

Each year the auxiliary assists the San Antonio Bar Association with Law Day in May. Since San Antonio will be celebrating its 300th birthday in 2018, the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary and the San Antonio Bar Association have joined together to be community partners to the Tricentennial and our event will be the annual Law Day Luncheon.
The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary will be presenting the **OUR LEGAL RIGHTS** books to new citizens at the Institute to Texas Cultures as a Tricentennial service project. Our auxiliary has been promoting these books at many events and hope that we will be successful in our goal to provide them in San Antonio and in several other places in South Texas.

Our holiday party **BE AN ANGEL – BE GENEROUS** is December 3rd at the home of Peggy and Richard Karam. On this day Angel Tree Gift Cards are presented to the Child Advocates of San Antonio for distribution. In January, we will **BE CREATIVE** as we see Artist Franco Mondini – Ruiz paint and complete a portrait in front of our eyes. We will **BE AMAZED** in March as we hear about the History of the Pearl Brewery and the Hotel Emma. The final meeting of the year in May we will **BE CELEBRATORY** honoring the Past Presidents and installing the Officers for 2017-2018. We will be ushering in the Bar Auxiliary's 80th Anniversary and celebrating our Tricentennial. Board members of the TLA are invited to visit San Antonio and attend any of the events planned for the year. You all are always welcome!

As a life member of the TLA and past board officer, and currently serving another term as President of the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary, I am looking forward to this new year on the board. Once again, renewing old friendships and making new friends.

Virginia Van Cleave
Highlights of the American Lawyers Alliance Annual Meeting  
New York City ~ June 2017

The Texas Lawyers Auxiliary was once again well represented at the American Lawyer’s Alliance Annual Meeting. This year's meeting was held in New York City combining great fun, fabulous food and some business. Leading the meetings and activities was our very own Mary Ellen Borgelt, who presided with her own style of Texas grace and charm!

Highlights of the ALA meeting included a sightseeing cruise on a Circle Line Cruise ship, dinners at Ellen’s Stardust Diner, which bills itself as the Home of the World Famous Singing Wait Staff (and could they ever sing), Guy’s American Diner and Thalia, plus an evening of song and dance at the Broadway musical “War Paint,” starring Patti LuPone and Christine Ebersole. We all had so much fun.

However, for many of us, the icing on the cake was the ALA Teacher of the Year Awards Breakfast held at the specular Yale Club of New York! Thank you to Mary Ellen for making the arrangements. Two high school (New Hampshire and Michigan) teachers and one middle school teacher (Arkansas) were honored as well as The Honorable Robert A. Katzmann, Chief Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Second District, recipient of the first American Lawyers Alliance Judicial Civic Education Award. This was a truly awe-inspiring event!

With cheers for Mary Ellen’s successful year she passed the gavel to Anne Santorelli from Santa Barbara, California. But Texas Leadership does not end. Another TLA Past President, Joette Reger, was sworn in as President-Elect, Rita Thompson took office as Secretary and Jaquie Rothermel became First Vice-President, which means she will become President-Elect for the year 2018-2019. The TLA remains active in the ALA. We departed New York looking forward to our next gathering in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Make plans to join the ALA adventure January 31 – February 2, 2018.
SAVE THE DATES

Thursday – Sunday
April 26 – 29, 2018

for

TLA’s 4th Annual Texas Retreat to Kerrville


It’s always a great time in Kerrville, in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, where sparkling creeks meander through the rugged terrain and rolling hills of the Guadalupe River Valley. Kerrville is a natural place to have a great time!

Please let Jan Lamoreaux (janlam@tx.rr.com) know asap if you are interested in attending so she can find enough hotel accommodations. Spouses and friends are invited to join us.
INVITATION TO ALL AMERICAN LAWYERS ALLIANCE AFFILIATES

To receive financial support for your law related programs, please submit your auxiliary's application by November 28, 2017. All auxiliaries submitting an application for a qualifying program will receive a monetary award. We are looking forward to learning about your many fantastic out-reach programs.

American Lawyers Alliance Support Program
Application Deadline November 28, 2017
Awards presented at ALA Midyear Meeting February 2018 – Vancouver, B.C.

Application Guidelines:
• The application must come directly from an ALA Auxiliary in GOOD STANDING. If your auxiliary has not paid its 2017-2018 ALA dues, go to the ALA website, click on JOIN ALA and send in the Affiliate Member (state or local) dues.
• There is only one award per auxiliary per year.
• An auxiliary with a qualifying program will receive an award.
  o Auxiliary must establish in the application their involvement in the project.
  o Auxiliary must show that the program promotes law-related education, good citizenship, and/or an appreciation of the United States legal system.

AUXILIARY____________________________________________________________
PRESIDENT___________________________________________________________
Person Completing Application:
Name____________________________________ Title_________________________
Email____________________________________ Phone________________________

Name of the 2017-2018 Law Related Program for which you are applying.
__________________________________________________________________________________________

Is the 2017-2018 Law Related Program New_______ Annual event _______
If so, how many years thus far?__________

Population Served: Local_____ County_____ City_____ State_______ Other(specify) _________

Number of Aux. Members involved ________ Cost 2016-2017: Total________ From Aux’s Funds__________

Name and amt(s) from outside entities________________________________________________

Projected 2017-2018 costs: Total__________________ From Aux’s Funds___________________

Please provide a SHORT description of the program’s purpose and how the auxiliary plans to implement the program. Your information may be provided on an attached WORD document.

Please email the Application to ALL three Co-Chairs:
Evelyn Albright ealbright@cox.net 703-821-9160
Jennifer Benesh benesh@austin.rr.com 512-894-3898
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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
_____________________, 201____

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

2017–2018 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: ___________________________________
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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.
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