



STATEMENTS

Newsletter of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary

SPRING 2017

Upcoming Events

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

June 22 – June 23
Anatole Hotel, Dallas

Fall TLA Board Meeting

October 2
9 am–2 pm
Texas Law Center
Austin

ALA Annual Meeting

August 8 – August 12
New York, New York
Westin Hotel at Times Square

TLA Road Trip

April 20 – 23
Brenham, Texas
Ant Street Inn

Children's Book Project

We will be collecting books during the State Bar Annual Meeting. The books will be donated to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

TLA President's Message

Dear TLA Members and Friends,

As I reflect on the work of our board members and those of the local auxiliaries across our state, the words unity and collaboration come to mind. TLA's founding members no doubt had this vision when they met in Tyler on October 27, 1983. We are very fortunate to have two of those founders serving on our board today, Judy Troy of Dallas and Dorothy Bates of Waco.

UNITY

Beyond the scope of retaining and recruiting members, maintaining our financial records in accordance with IRS tax-exempt status, preserving Minutes of our meetings, and communicating with our members, TLA Officers and Chairmen work to achieve the purposes identified by our founding members in 1983:

- To recommend projects to Affiliates and members in cooperation with the organized Bar of the State of Texas. *Join us in October, March and June when we share great ideas for programs from across the state! Our meetings are open to all members.*
- To recognize outstanding volunteer service. *TLA Lifetime Achievement Awards have been presented to four of our members, Marianne Gwinn, Judy Albright Troy, Carolyn Clark and Carol Niemann, for their exemplary dedication to the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary over an extended period of time.*
- To promote an understanding and appreciation of the American legal system. *"Now You Are 18" and "Your Legal Rights" booklets are printed and distributed throughout the state.*
- To promote law-related education, citizenship awareness and public service advocacy. *Since 2010 we have recognized and awarded money to teachers who have incorporated law-related curricula in their lesson plans. An application form is included in this newsletter.*
- To provide an information network among Affiliates. *Visit the texasbar.com website for TLA news; click on "lawyers giving back," then "Texas Lawyers Auxiliary."*
Check us out on Facebook.

COLLABORATION

For several years we have worked with the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the State Bar of Texas to keep our "Now You Are 18" booklets up to date on new laws that are passed every two years and to meet requests for the booklets to be published in Spanish. This year TLA Projects Vice-President, Patricia Adams, "Now You Are 18" Chairman, Marianne Gwinn, and TYLA Executive Director, Tracy Brown, are coordinating efforts to distribute "Now You Are 18" to students when TYLA attorneys present programs in their schools.

I am grateful for the honor of serving as this year's Texas Lawyers Auxiliary President. And I look forward to the next few months with enthusiasm and confidence for a successful year!

Fondly,
Melissa



Melissa Richard, President
Texas Lawyers Auxiliary

Texas Stars Shine in Miami

Several members of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary recently attended the Mid-Year Meeting of the American Lawyers Alliance in Miami, Florida. Past Texas Lawyers Auxiliary President, Mary Ellen Borgelt, lead our group of Texas stars as President of the American Lawyers Alliance. With her guidance, the ALA held an insightful and productive Long Range Planning workshop, resolved business matters and networked with members of other state and local auxiliaries.



Also having a grand time in Miami and representing Texas were; Joette Reger, Austin; Sue Bennett, Houston; from San Antonio, Martha Ann Franco, Rita Thompson, and Jaquie Rothermel; Jan Lamoreaux, Dallas and Lucy Harrison, Longview.

Mary Ellen Borgelt and Rita Thompson are serving as ALA President and Secretary this year, 2016-2017. Rita will continue in that office next year. Joette Reger was nominated as President-Elect and Jaquie Rothermel was slated as President-Elect for the following year. The Texas Stars will continue to shine!



Local Texas auxiliaries as well as the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary were recipients of the American Lawyers Alliance Auxiliary Support Awards. Projects in Houston, San Antonio, Austin and the TLA were awarded grants. Thank you to the American Lawyers Alliance for continuing to support and enhance these law-related programs.

Melissa Richard, TLA president receives the American Lawyers Alliance Award and check supporting the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary *Now You Are 18* project.



A Texas Star Travels to Havana “A Little Madness is Key” Texas Lawyers Auxiliary in Miami

Travel to Cuba these days gives a whole new meaning to the word ‘Cubalibre’. We know the ‘Cubalibre’ as a drink of rum and Coke and it is Havana’s most popular drink. But ‘Cuba-libre’ now means something different to me. You no longer have to travel as part of a tour group to Cuba. Free to travel (libre)! Book it and go.

The whole experience was super simple and super fun. First, book your flight to Miami on any airline you like. Then book the quick flight over 90 miles of water from Miami to Havana. I flew Delta with an adventurous travel buddy, girlfriend, Jan. The flight was only 20 minutes or so and about \$144.00 round trip. When you book on-line Miami to Havana flights you are asked to check a box for WHY you are going to Cuba. One box is Support for Cuban people. Another is to see a cultural event. We were never asked another question about that information and no one in Cuba really cared at all. They want our tourist dollars.



So, speaking of dollars, everything that I read said to go directly to the first exchange booth and exchange your dollars for Cuban CUC’s (pronounced ‘kooks’). Back in Austin, a Cuban girlfriend had advised me that it is just not necessary. She was right. Everyone, except one ‘government store’ happily took our American dollars and gave change in Cuban CUCs. Jan and I took about \$600 in one, five and 10 dollars bills. The ones were the most useful of all. Nowhere in Cuba are American credit cards or debit cards accepted. We just used our American dollars without any problem at restaurants, gift stores, taxis and 3-wheel bicycle taxis.

There are things that I will always treasure about our Havana adventure. Our fabulous old grand hotel, Inglaterra (1875) was just wonderful in every way. We asked for an indoor room because of noise. We reserved the room on-line and pre-paid. The ride down the ocean drive called “Malecon” in a hot pink restored 1954 Chevy. The restored cars serve as taxis and can be found in front of many hotels. The Latino music is everywhere, including one our favorite afternoon stops, ‘Floridita’. Of course, Hemingway had been there and we were too, happily drinking an old-school Long Island



Iced Tea. The stores are still lacking but I did find Cuban made coffee and some good artwork. My favorite find was perfume made from Cuban flowers at a beautiful little perfumery called ‘Havana 1791’. They fill the bottle you choose before your eyes and seal it with wax.

Havana felt very safe but does need a good clean up on sidewalks and around monuments. Next time I hope to go to the 50’s style music show at the famous National Hotel (1930). It would also be fun to rent a car and explore the beaches and surrounding towns. A little knowledge of Spanish was helpful but lots of the people in Havana spoke proper English. If you appreciate miles of ornate facades just begging to be refurbished, a town with generous people and hope for the future, it is worth a trip to see Havana before things change too much.

Texas Lawyers Auxiliary Spring Meeting

Planning meetings of any kind can be a challenge, but President Melissa Richard outdid herself when she planned the Spring Meeting of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary.

The meeting, March 5th and 6th, began in the beautiful home of Mary Ellen and Roger Borgelt. Lucy Harrison led a short Future Planning Workshop with ideas brought from a recent American Lawyers Alliance workshop. Following this lively exchange of topics came the true purpose of the evening ~ fellowship and dinner! It was a perfect evening filled with friends and fabulous food. Thank You to Mary Ellen and Roger and the host committee Joette Reger, Jennifer Benesh, Stephanie Whitehurst and Melissa Richard.



The business meeting of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary was held on Monday, March 6, 2017, at the Texas Law Center in Austin, Texas. As we all know, provide them food and they will come. So, following this thought, Jennifer Benesh and Nicky Duewall arranged another of their signature breakfasts. Jennifer's egg casserole has become a favorite of all TLA Board members.

Jennifer's Now Famous Egg Casserole A Texas Lawyers Auxiliary Classic

1 lb. sausage, hot or mild, your preference
6 eggs
4 to 6 slices of bread, cubed
2 cups milk
8oz. cheddar cheese, shredded
½ teaspoon dry mustard



Brown sausage and drain. Add dry mustard and mix well. Beat together eggs and milk. Lightly grease a 9 x 13 pan. Put bread cubes in the bottom of the pan. Layer sausage meat, egg and milk mixture, and cheese in that order. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Uncover and bake at 375° for 35 to 45 minutes.

The following Slate of Officers for 2017–2018, was presented during the meeting.

President	Jaquie Rothermel
President-Elect	Janey Pettiette
Vice President - Membership	Martha Ann Franco
Vice President - Communications	Lucy Harrison
Vice President - Convention	Sue Bennett, Kathy Redden, Joette Reger
Vice President – Projects	Cindy Farney
Recording Secretary	June McManus
Treasurer	Tina Gwinn
Corresponding Secretary	Anne Winckler
Immediate Past President	Melissa Richard

At the conclusion of the business meeting the group adjourned to the State Capitol for a “Behind the Scenes Tour.” Completed in 1888, the Capitol contains the offices and chambers of the Texas Legislature and the Office of the Governor. The Texas Capitol is widely recognized as one of the nation’s most distinguished state capitols. It was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1986.

The TLA Board thanks Randy Lee for arranging the tour and the Capitol Curator, Allie, for being the perfect guide.



Austin Lawyers' Auxiliary

Uniquely Austin Events



In November our spouses joined us for an evening at Esther's Follies, Texas' Premier Magic and Musical Comedy Troupe since 1977. The comic sketches get their cues from the news and pop culture and magically had us in stitches just five days before the Presidential election.

We received a fascinating tour of the Texas State Cemetery from the caretaker who lives on the property. He filled us with stories of Texas heroes and government leaders who are buried here, as well as rowdy, late-night shenanigans he deals with in the cemetery. Some highlights are that the shortest highway in the state runs down the middle of the cemetery. It is State Highway 165. Miriam Ferguson, the first female governor of Texas, was quoted as saying "If English was good enough for Jesus

Christ, then it's good enough for the school children of Texas." Darrell Royal's wife had his national championship ring included on his headstone so that players could continue to knock rings with him, a tradition he began during his time at UT.



The 15th Annual Austin Bar Foundation Gala was held at the Four Seasons Hotel on January 28. ALA member, Joette Reger, was in charge of decorations and our members helped her transform the ballroom into a "Great Gatsby" evening. This is a fund raising event for ALA and we participate in the silent and live auction with locally donated items.



Overlooking downtown Austin, the French Legation is Austin's oldest home and was originally built by the French diplomat to the Republic of Texas, Alphonse Dubois de Saligny. Though Dubois' stay was short-lived, Dr. J. W. Robertson and his family resided in the historic home for nearly 100 years. In 1956, the home became a museum under the custodianship of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas. We enjoyed lunch at the Hillside Farmacy, a farm to table restaurant that originally housed the Hillside Drugstore in the 1950s.



We have two more events in the spring. A Couple's Party at the home of one of our members where we will enjoy famous Franklin BBQ. We will finish with "In the Heights" at Zachary Scott Theatre, a groundbreaking musical that won the Tony award for Best Musical for Lin-Manuel and his creative team behind Broadway's "Hamilton."

Projects

One of the missions of ALA is to support the Austin Bar and the other is to provide an annual scholarship to a female University of Texas Law School student.

ALA provides financial support to train attorneys to conduct Free Legal Clinics For Veterans, a project of the Austin Bar. A total of 160 attorneys have volunteered and more than 2000 veterans have received legal assistance during the life of the program at the Austin VA Outpatient clinic.



Every November The Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice 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. Austin Adoption Day, the most important project of the Austin Bar Foundation, is supported by ALA financially and by being in charge of decorating the courtrooms and main lobby to resemble the “Emerald City.”

Our annual Book Drive donates new children’s books, ages infant through 18 years, to CASA of Travis County and Dell Children’s Hospital. We also provide “Now You Are 18” to CASA.

Awards

We received a \$350 award through the American Lawyers Alliance Support Program to be used to further support Austin Adoption Day. This program adopts abused and neglected children out of foster care and into “Forever Families.”

Anne Winckler
ALA President



Houston Bar Association Auxiliary

The Houston Bar Association Auxiliary's Spring calendar is full of fun, inspiring and rewarding events. On January 21, 2017, the HBAA's 3rd Annual Chili and Pie Cook-Off, chaired by Dominique Varner and Greg Griffin, was held at the Bayou City Event Center and was a great success! The weather was perfect, the chili and pie selections were yummy and everyone, young and old, had fun.



Having fun at the Chili and Pie Cook-Off!



The HBAA participated again in the “Do the Write Thing” challenge, a National Campaign to Stop Violence on February 6–9, 2017. Chairs, Sue Bennett and Kathy Redden, and a dedicated group of volunteers read 1200 essays written by 7th and 8th graders on violence and how it affects them personally, what they see as the causes of violence and ideas on what they can do about violence. We select a boy and a girl from each school as winners who then advance to a statewide competition.



HBAA Members Reading “Do the Write Thing” Essays

The annual John J. Eikenburg Fun Run, benefitting The Center, is supported in part by the HBAA and is set for Saturday, March 11, 2017. Chair for HBAA’s participation, Cathy Sharp, is hoping for good weather and a great turnout!



The HBAA distributed over 28,000 “Now You Are 18” booklets to Houston area High School Seniors. Gina Rebman has chaired this project for several years and does an excellent job of organizing it.



The Leon Jaworski Award presentation will be a breakfast event at the Junior League of Houston on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 starting at 7:30am. The award this year will be presented to Donna Petrone of Exxon Mobil. The cost is \$35 per ticket or \$300 per table. Chair, Sabrina Neff, and her team offered this new alternative to a luncheon as has been done in the past. We will evaluate whether to continue in the breakfast format or return to a luncheon. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

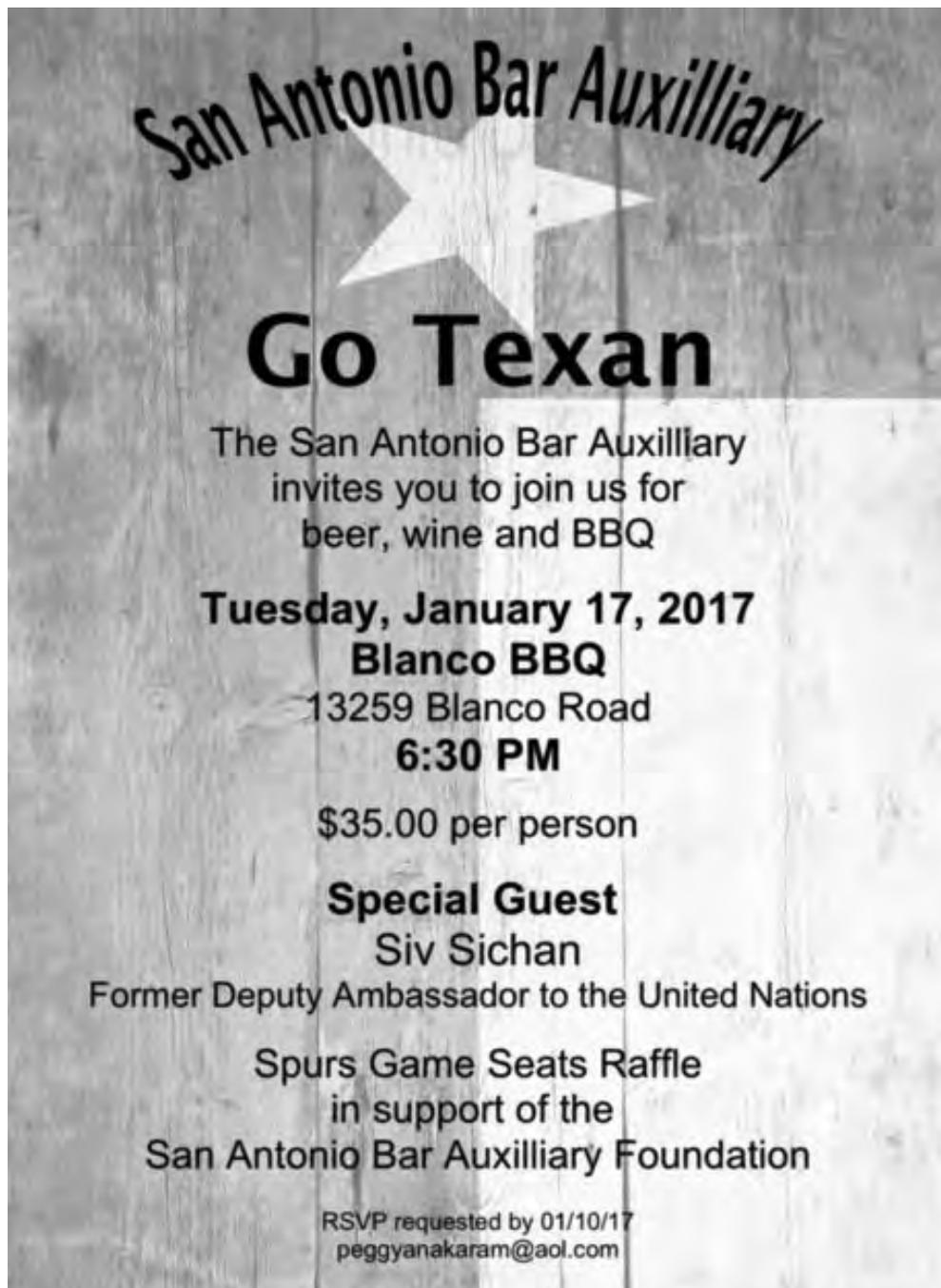
Our year will end with the President’s Luncheon and Annual Meeting on Monday, April 3, 2017. The event is chaired by Marsha Orloff and Yvonne Cormier and will be held at Tony’s Restaurant. Our HBAA Charitable Fund Scholarship recipients will be presented at our luncheon. It is always a lovely event. We will elect and install our new officers for 2017-2018 and celebrate the passing of the gavel to Lisa Sharp and the wonderful year of Lisa Ganucheau’s presidency. It has been an exciting and fulfilling year for HBAA!

Donna Petrone - 2017 Jaworski Award Winner

San Antonio Bar Auxiliary

Angel Tree Project

The San Antonio Bar Auxiliary has once again hosted The Angel Tree Project to provide \$50.00 gift cards for those young people who are helped by CASA. The cards were presented at the annual Christmas gathering in the home of Mary Jean and Matt Stolhandske on December 4th. The cards are to be used on shopping trips with the young people under the guidance of the CASA volunteers. Jere Lee, who has chaired this project for many years, collects the gift cards and packages them in beautifully wrapped containers for presentation. She is the faithful and dedicated volunteer who begins the project in September and continues until the cards have been handed over to the CASA representatives at the Christmas gathering. Many thanks for the hours and dedication Jere puts into this project.



San Antonio Bar Auxilliary

Go Texan

The San Antonio Bar Auxilliary
invites you to join us for
beer, wine and BBQ

Tuesday, January 17, 2017
Blanco BBQ
13259 Blanco Road
6:30 PM

\$35.00 per person

Special Guest
Siv Sichan
Former Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations

Spurs Game Seats Raffle
in support of the
San Antonio Bar Auxilliary Foundation

RSVP requested by 01/10/17
peggyanakaram@aol.com

The SABA invited members and friends for a fun and interesting evening of GO Texas BBQ at the Blanco BBQ Restaurant on January 17. Siv Sichan, former Ambassador to the United Nations was the guest speaker.



Peggy Karam, Dan Naranjo, Martha Ann Franco. Seated, Siv Sichan, Former Ambassador to the United Nations



President Virginia VanCleave with Dan Naranjo, our newest member.



Peggy Karam, Jenny O'Connor, Melissa Richard

Two San Antonio Spurs tickets were raffled to benefit the SABA Scholarship fund. Anabel and Fidel Rodriguez donated the tickets. Also during this evening of fun and fellowship, guests were invited to join the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary. Mr. Dan Naranjo accepted the invitation and became the newest member of the San Antonio Bar Auxiliary. Congratulations and welcome, Dan!

~ SAVE THE DATE ~
Texas Lawyers Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 ~ Friday, June 23, 2017

Anatole Hotel ★ Dallas, Texas

While the stated purpose of the Annual Meeting of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary is to conduct business and elect and install new officers for the next year, the meeting will actually begin with a party!!

This year the TLA members and their spouses are invited to a casual gathering at the home of Marianne Gwinn on Wednesday evening, June 21. On several occasions in the past, Marianne has graciously invited TLA members to her home and it is always a special treat to enjoy her hospitality. We all love being in Marianne's home.

Thursday morning, June 22, will find us meeting at the hotel beginning at 9:00am. During this meeting President Melissa Richard will turn the gavel over to Jaquie Rothermel, our TLA President for 2017–2018. Then it is off we go to the Dallas Country Club for lunch and the annual Book Presentation. Our recipient this year is the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. A representative from the hospital will be our guest for lunch and will touch our hearts with stories from the hospital.

And to complete our Dallas experience, on Friday morning, June 23, we will tour the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum. The tour will begin at 10:00am followed by lunch in Café 43.

To register and book your room at the Anatole Hotel please visit www.texasbar.com/annualmeeting. After May 22, prices will increase so don't delay.

Texas Lawyers Auxiliary member Jan Lamoreaux has planned our exciting activities. Thank you, Jan for your dedication to TLA.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS and MAIL YOUR REPLIES for the TLA Annual Meeting Activities

6:15 PM on Wed, June 21 – TLA Party at Marianne Gwinn's home at 3321 Beverly Drive

1:00 PM on Thurs, June 22 – Luncheon and Book Drive at Dallas Country Club at 4155 Mockingbird Lane
 (Cost is \$40 per person. Please bring children's books to donate to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.
 Send checks payable to TLA by June 10 to Jan Lamoreaux, 3883 Les Lacs Ave, Addison, TX 75001.)

10:00 AM on Fri, June 23 – Tour of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at 2943 SMU Boulevard followed by lunch at 11:30 in Café 43 (Ticket prices for the tour are \$16 for adults and \$13 for seniors (62+), with discounts for groups of 20 or more. Parking is across the street at \$5 for the first hour plus 75 cents for each half hour, paid by credit card only. We can each pay for the tour when we arrive and then order off the menu and get separate checks in Café 43.)

Name _____

Number of people attending the Party on June 21 _____

Number of people attending the Luncheon and Book Drive at DCC on June 22 _____
 (Please send your check by June 10 or we may not be able to guarantee your reservations.)

Number of people attending the tour of the GWB PL&M _____

Number of people having lunch at Café 43 _____

Please remember to mail this reply by **June 10** to Jan Lamoreaux, 3883 Les Lacs Ave, Addison, TX 75001.

ANNOUNCING

TEXAS LAWYERS AUXILIARY BOOK DONATION 2017 ~Scottish Rite Hospital for Children~ Dallas, Texas

The Texas Lawyers Auxiliary is pleased to announce the recipient of the TLA Book Donation Project for 2017. The Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children has been chosen to receive books donated by our members during the Annual Meeting of the TLA.

TSRHC treats children with orthopedic conditions, such as scoliosis, clubfoot, hand disorders, hip disorders and limb length differences, as well as sports injuries, and certain related neurological disorders and learning disorders, such as dyslexia. The hospital has treated more than 250,000 children since it was established in 1921. Admission is open for children from birth up to 18 years of age.

A representative from the TSRHC will be our guest at our luncheon Thursday, June 22, when we will present the hospital with the books that have been collected. Please donate books for pre-teen and middle school-age children.



Texas Lawyers Auxiliary would like to invite you to a Luncheon and Book Drive

during the State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting in Dallas.

Place – Dallas Country Club
4155 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75205

Date – Thursday, June 22

Time – 1:00 PM

Cost – \$40.00

Please bring books for middle school-age students to donate to
Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

Please send checks by **June 10** to Jan Lamoreaux,
3883 Les Lacs Ave, Addison, TX 75001.



CELEBRATING MARIANNE GWINN AND NOW YOU ARE 18 High in the Sky With “Now You Are 18”

A Brief History of *Now You Are 18*

High in the Sky With “Now You Are 18”

1988-89 DLWC President Marianne Gwinn made headlines in Tyler, Texas, not long ago by delivering copies of *Now You Are 18* in a plane she piloted from Dallas.

It was cloudy that day with intermittent storms,” said Sally Dobbs, president-elect of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary. “When the storms stopped, and the skies cleared a bit, Marianne flew off from the Dallas airport and headed east. Ann Clapp (Tyler chair of *Now You Are 18*) and I checked her departure...gnawed our nails for 45 minutes, and there she was, landing smoothly.”

Now You Are 18 is an educational outreach program of the Texas Law Auxiliary and DLWC. After intrepid

Marianne touched down with the goods, Richard Paterson, vice president of the Tyler Young Lawyers Association, presented the course to Tyler High School seniors. If you are interested in providing local high schools with the *Now You Are 18* program, contact Marianne Gwinn at 528-7144. A classroom set of 30 copies and a teacher’s manual costs only \$9.95 and would make a dandy gift for your old alma mater.

Marie Louise Lempert is a DLWC Board member.



Left to right: Sally Dobbs, president-elect of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary, receives cartons of *Now You Are 18*, an educational outreach program for high school students, from DLWC President (1988-89) Marianne Gwinn. Gwinn herself piloted the plane from Dallas to Tyler. (photo courtesy of David Branch, Tyler Courier-Times-Telegraph.)

In 1986, members of Texas Lawyers Auxiliary attended an American Lawyers Auxiliary roundtable workshop at the American Bar Association Annual Meeting. Each member organization reported on successful local projects, several of them displaying law-related handbooks, all with the goal of gifting their graduating seniors with a brief summary of some laws likely to be of interest to teens reaching the age of

accountability. One handbook, bearing the above title, was selected by a TLA committee. Copyright permission was given by Cincinnati and Wisconsin. Mrs. Charles Smith of San Antonio, a former first lady of the State Bar of Texas, set about to adapt the book to Texas law, assisted by St. Mary’s School of Law. Some subjects covered were marriage, making contracts, jury service, drinking and driving, apartment renting and military service.

On June 30, 1987, TLA received 5,080 copies ordered from Williamson Printing Company in Dallas, to test the popularity of the project. Money had to be collected from sale of the books before the printing company could be paid. Demand for the books required funds to print much larger numbers with money on hand to pay for the books upon receipt. TLA was awarded the first of three grants by the Texas Bar Foundation to print 50,000 copies. The project goal was to reach every high school student in the state. As demand increased, the Texas Bar Foundation again provided funds to print 100,000 copies.

In 2016, our book orders bring the total of books printed to 2,166,837. At least a few books have been distributed in all but 15 of Texas’ 254 Counties. The goal is to make available to all Texas teens, free of charge to them, a copy of the book. The Houston Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary sent the record order for books by one organization in 2007. They ordered 48,250 books for the upcoming school year. One-fourth of all Texas school students are in Harris County!



Thank you Marianne for the years of dedication you have given to the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary and the NOW YOU ARE 18 project!!

AN EVEN DOZEN
Twelve Fun Facts About Our President ~
Melissa Richard

1. Since the age of five I have lived along I-10: Houston, New Orleans, Beaumont, Mobile, El Paso, San Antonio
2. I met my husband of 45 years when we were sophomores in high school
3. During my husband's law school years, I worked at the Houston Intercontinental Airport as the Airport Manager's secretary.
4. I enjoy time with family, cooking, traveling, decorating and sewing projects.
5. We have four precious grandchildren. Julia (14), Atticus (12), Melayne (9) and Marlo (5).
6. My favorite Sirius radio stations are "Escape" and Frank Sinatra.
7. I have served on local and district PTA Boards from 1981–1996 including two years as El Paso Council of PTAs President.
8. I have served as president of two Bar Auxiliaries; El Paso 1991–92 and San Antonio 2009–2010.
9. I have tap danced since I was five years old.
10. As a member of a professional dance company, I performed in two El Paso Sun Bowl halftime shows. (1986 and 2003)
11. I co-founded a dance/drill team at our children's high school.
12. My favorite dance classes with my husband are cha-cha, East Coast Swing, and the Lindy Swing.

Did you detect a trend in the last few facts? Let's all go dancing with Melissa and Dennis!



There is Magic in Texas
in the Spring

So pick up a map, set a course on the GPS, and take a road trip with the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary in April. We are focused on the town of Brenham, long forgotten history of Texas and the sheer joy of being with friends.

Brenham was founded in 1858 and its residents haven't let their historic downtown fade away. We will be staying in the Ant Street Inn with its colorful, luxurious, large and exquisite rooms. This hotel has been featured in Southern Living magazine. Housed in an early 1900's building in the heart of downtown and decorated in antiques and oriental rugs, each room is designated with a different theme. The rooms are all on the second floor and surround a beautiful parlor which will be an ideal place to gather before going to dinner or departing on a tour.

We will travel back in time when we visit Washington-on-the-Brazos. It was the first and last capital of the Republic of Texas. We will tour the Star of the Republic Museum, a replica of Independence Hall where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed and a living history farm.

We will also be touring the gracious homes of Brenham's past eras and experience the lifestyles of our forefathers. The tour of these historic homes will be conducted by a member of the Heritage Society of Washington County.

Brenham has a surprising array of options for dinner and relying on the suggestions given by Brenham residents we will sample three of the best.

So have I gotten you excited about the trip to Brenham? You can make a reservation at the Ant Street Inn by calling **979-836-7393** or go online at **www.antstreetinn.com** to pick your room. The hotel only has 15 rooms but there are other lodging accommodations available. The trip is from Thursday, April 20th with departure on Sunday, April 23rd. The rooms are priced individually as are the dinners. The Washington-on-the-Brazos Tour is \$6.00 per person and the Historic Homes Tour is \$20.00 per person.

If you need more information or have any questions, call or email me. **Rita Thompson 210-313-2927** or **thompsonrita21@yahoo.com**.

TEXAS LAWYERS AUXILIARY

2016-2017 Law-Related Education High School and Middle School Teacher of the Year Award

Deadline for Entry: June 30, 2017

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

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

**2016-2017 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 _____

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Pictures of Students in Activities if applicable.

Please Mail Completed Entry (Postmarked by June 30, 2017) to:

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Any long-standing 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:

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