



Palm Beach County *Chapter*

PALM BEACH COUNTY ALA CHAPTER MONTHLY FOCUS November 2010

Holiday Social and Business Partner Appreciation Event

There is a date correction for our holiday party. It is going to be held on Thursday, December 2nd, rather than December 9th as previously stated in last month's Monthly Focus. The location is still at the National Croquet Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The Salvation Army will be attending so please remember to bring your angel presents. We will also be presenting a check to Little Smiles, this year's Community Challenge recipient. Sorry for the confusion on the date of the holiday party. Hope to see you there!

Salvation Angel Project

Anyone interested in sponsoring Angels can select their angels at today's meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting you can contact Mary Aguiar directly maguiar@cdhanley.com.

New Member

Please welcome our newest member, Leah Cuomo, Administrator for Leopold Kuvin, P.A. Welcome Leah! We look forward to meeting you at a future meeting.

2011 ALA Annual Conference & Exposition

Save the date! The [2011 ALA Annual Conference & Exposition](#) will be held May 22-25 in Orlando, FL. Start planning now by visiting the [Conference website](#) which has [registration information](#), [hotel rates](#) and a [Justification Toolkit](#) that includes a budget spreadsheet as well as some practical advice for securing your firm's approval to attend. (Reprinted from ALA site)

Committee Reports:

Business Partners: The new Business Partners Guide for 2011 is now available on our website! This is a terrific opportunity for our favorite vendors to join our Chapter as a preferred business partner and become more involved with our members. Business partner participation is crucial to our Chapter, since proceeds from their dues helps to pay for many benefits enjoyed by all the members throughout the year. Please forward the Guide to all of your vendors and encourage them to participate as much as possible. The Guide can easily be downloaded at www.pbcala.org/bp/bp-package.

For a list of business partners, please go to the website at www.pbcala.org/bp. If you have a business that you feel would benefit from partnering with our Chapter and/or would like to be on this committee, please contact Gloria E. Hernandez at geh@flappellatelaw.com.

Business Partner Directory: If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Kim Ayers at kokeefe@llw-law.com

CLM Study Group: The CLM study Group will be continuing their meetings every other Wednesday night at the offices of Christine Hanley 1000 Southern Blvd second floor. Members of the group will be preparing the study session and guest speakers will be invited to cover certain study topics. The next CLM examination date will be May 2011 in Orlando. Any interested members who would like to join should contact David R. True, CLM at drt@searcylaw.com.

Community Challenge: The Committee is taking a well deserved break after putting on a great event in early October. The CCW Committee raised \$12,050 at this year's Bowl-A-Thon. We plan on presenting the check to Little Smiles on December 2nd at our ALA Holiday Party.

Education Committee: The re-vamped education brochure has been printed and will be delivered to the School Board District Office for distribution to the area high schools within the next couple weeks.

Job Board: If any member has a job ad to post, please send the job ad to employment@pbcala.org. In addition to the ALA Job Board, periodic Job Board e-mails will also be sent to members, to other associations, and to other media for distribution. The Paralegal Association also pulls job ads from our Chapter website for publication to its members. Only job ads sent directly to employment@pbcala.org will be posted. Note: This is a free service to all members, and also to any organization meeting the national ALA criteria. This is also a free service for any headhunter posting a management or administrator position only. Please e-mail employment@pbcala.org with ads and/or any questions.

Resume Board: If you are interested in posting a resume on the board, please contact Jay Montgomery jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com. Please remember to submit resumes from individuals that you would personally recommend.

Legal Expo Committee: The 2011 Legal Expo is in the planning stages. Their first meeting will be November 18th. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Dawn Tasca dtasca@carltonfields.com.

Membership: The Member directory has been sent out. If you have not received your copy, please contact Sue Recchia. If anyone is interested in joining the Membership committee or volunteering to mentor new members, please contact Sue Recchia sue@wlclaw.com and/or Maryellen Castellano mcastellano@foxwackeen.com

Salary Survey: If anyone is interest in joining this committee please contact Jennifer Tracy at jbt@paxsmith.com.

Speaker: If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Laura Stolzman at lstolzman@eapdlaw.com

Website: Make sure that you check in at least monthly to see all the important information being posted to our new and improved PBCC ALA website at www.pbcala.org . If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Jay Montgomery at jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com.



November Birthdays:

Sandra Bolin, Terri Burman, Michael Spillane, Veronica Ninowsky, Joyce Johnston, Donna Riuttanen, Jan Weimar, Christina D'Elosua, Lynne Duckett and Lauri Lingerfelt.

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Upcoming Events

November 12, 2010 - LLS – Light the Night Walk

Location: Meyer Amphitheater, 104 Datura Street, Downtown West Palm Beach

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Visit our Chapter website at www.pbcala.org for other upcoming events

Next Meeting/Speaker/Program

Date: Thursday, December 2, 2010 Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: National Croquet Center

Program: Holiday Social and Business Partner Appreciation Event. Angel presents will also be picked up by the Salvation Army.

Contact: Debbie Giordano dag@mcsomm.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

