



Palm Beach County *Chapter*

PALM BEACH COUNTY ALA CHAPTER MONTHLY FOCUS March 2010

Legal Exposition

This year's Legal Exposition, held at the County Convention Center, was fabulous. The Committee did an outstanding job planning this year's event. We had a great turnout of vendors and attendees, along with some delicious food. As usual, Eden Quillen did an outstanding job as MC of the event. I hope that everyone had a chance to visit all the vendors. Without them, we could not afford to do the many things we do during the year, such as bringing in great speakers for our meetings, chapter socials, etc.

Chapter Social

Our first member social, held at the Waterway Café, was terrific. A big thank you goes out to Eileen Michelbrink for making the arrangements. This is a great way to get to know our members outside of our meetings. A good time was had by all.

New Members

Please welcome two new members: Jillian Feinstein, Firm Administrator with Schwed McGinley & Kahle. Jillian's mentor is Karen Luther; and Theresa Moss, Administrator with Ellis Ged & Bodden, PA. Theresa's mentor is Clover Gilroy. Welcome Jillian and Theresa! We look forward to meeting you both at a future meeting.

Vendor Ads for our Membership Directory

Kim Call will be finalizing Vendor Ads for our Membership Directory and expects them to be done by March 31, 2010. If you know of anyone who would like to buy a Vendor ad, please contact Kim at KCall@jhrjpa.com before March 31st. After that Kim is retiring from her current position at JHRJ. She's been there for 25 years and wants to do something different. Good luck Kim and thank you for all your hard work you have done for our Chapter.

ALA Alumni

The Alumni section helps former members keep their ties with ALA, the profession and each other. It's a way to stay connected, both formally and informally. For now, there is a \$50 "initiation fee" for first-timers and thereafter alumni will pay nothing, at least while they try to "grow the program." The biggest challenge National is having is trying to locate former members. If you know of past members who might be

interested in joining this group, please have them contact either Jan Waugh, Director of Member Services jwaugh@alanet.org and/or Debbie Curtis, Director of Membership dcurtis@alanet.org.

Special Alumni rates and options are available for the upcoming Annual Conference & Exposition in Boston, May 3-6. The Alumni web site <http://alumni.alanet.org> includes a customized registration form so that you can sign up for all of the Conference or just specially-selected social events. The site includes a direct link to extensive Conference-week information, hotel and travel details, and sightseeing activities in a great city. Orlando is the location of the annual conference in 2011 and Hawaii for 2012.

The first Alumni newsletter will be delivered via e-mail as soon as it's ready.

Committee Reports:

CLM Study Group: CLM Study group is on hold until after the annual educational conference. For the first time ever you will be able to get all your CLM requirements at one conference, so make plans to attend the 39th Annual Conference in Boston, May 3-6, 2010. If you are interested in participating in our Study Group, please contact Jim Menendez jwm@crarybuchanan.com

Community Challenge: Community Challenge event will once again be a bowling night along with a silent auction and it is scheduled for October 8th at Greenacres Bowl in Lake Worth. The funds from this year's event will go to Little Smiles www.littlesmiles.org, a local non-profit 501(c)3 organization that provides toys, games, DVD's, computers, VIP outings, celebrity meet and greets, concert, sporting event tickets, theme park tickets, fun food runs, nerf gun wars and much, much more...for children in local hospitals, hospices and shelters. We pride ourselves on being local, immediate, and hands on; and our Board of Directors is comprised of all volunteers.

April 29, 2010 – Night of Laughter (a community challenge event), Improv Comedy Club, City Place 7:00 p.m. tickets \$20 each, admits two people, must be 18 to attend. Ticket sales will benefit Little Smiles.

If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Marilyn Fong at mfong@gunster.com

Directory: If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Roxanne Nelson at rdn@williegary.com.

Education Committee: The Education Committee emailed the Tisha J. McNamara Scholarship Flyers to all administrators to post. Please contact Lisa Tierney if you did not get the flyer for the scholarship. The scholarship will be presented at the June luncheon. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Lisa Tierney accounting@manofflaw.com

Job Board: If any member has a job ad to post, please send the job ad to employment@pbcala.org. All jobs are posted within 48 hours the Chapter website. 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, so please remember to send all ads to employment@pbcala.org! 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 Roxanne Nelson at rdn@williegary.com. Please remember to submit resumes from individuals that you would personally recommend.

Legal Expo Committee: The Legal Expo Committee meeting is taking a much deserved break after putting on one of the greatest Expo this week. Committee Chair: Dawn Tasca at dtasca@carltonfields.com

Membership: If anyone is interested in joining the Membership committee or volunteering to mentor new members, please contact Sue Recchia at sue@wlclaw.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

Vendor Sponsorship: Our Chapter would like to thank everyone who participated in our very successful Legal Expo!

Our sold out show included 41 vendors demonstrating their services and/or products to our members and the public who attended. Thank you for making our show better every year!

The members who attended had a wonderful time and were very excited to have won the individual door prizes. Some of the door prizes given out were several \$100 American Express gift cards, Phillips dictation 25 user license software, \$200 Anushka gift card, \$150 Visa card and a 32" Toshiba HDTV! Those prizes and more made the show exciting and were an additional incentive for our members to stay until the very end of the show.

This year was the first time we introduced the Vendor Quest game. This game made it possible for more of the members to meet the different vendors and learn a little more about their services and products. We would like to get feedback from you as to how the game enhanced (or detracted) from the show.

If you know a vendor who participated in the Legal Expo, but is not a sponsor, please encourage them to sign up. They are missing out on great opportunities to meet with our members individually and as a group. There are still sponsorship levels available for this year.

Again, thank you for participating in our Legal Expo and we look forward to seeing you at next year's Expo!

If you have a sponsor that you feel would benefit from participating in sponsoring our chapter, please contact Gloria Hernandez at geh@flappellatelaw.com.

Website: The Website Committee is working on a new look to our website for 2010; look for the unveiling in the coming weeks. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Jay Montgomery at jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com. For the latest information, please visit our website at www.pbcala.org.



March Birthdays:

Mary Aguiar, Jeanne Aparicio, Kimberly Ayers, Cheryl Freel,
Meryl Frid, Kathleen Goodrich, and Larry Strauss.

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Upcoming Events

March 15, 2010 - CLM Application Deadline

Contact: [Sue Powers](#), ALA Headquarters

March 17, 2010 - ALA Webinar – Law Firm Innovation: Will You Lead or Follow?

Contact: [Rosemary Shiels](#), ALA Headquarters

April 21, 2010 - ALA Webinar – Administrator's Role as Coach in a Multi-Generational Workplace.

Contact: [Rosemary Shiels](#), ALA Headquarters

May 2, 2010 - ALA – Certified Legal Manager (CLM) Exam.

Place: Boston, MA.

Contact: [Pam Stong](#), ALA Headquarters

May 3-6, 2010 - ALA – Annual Conference & Exposition

Place: The John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center

Contact: [Lisa Mikita](#), ALA Headquarters

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

Next Meeting/Speaker/Program

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2009

Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Location: **Palm Beach County Convention Center**, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach
Meeting Room 1GH, downstairs.

Speaker: Jennifer Hampton, Superior Virtual Services

Topic: The Secrets of Social Media

We will also be inducting our new Board Members for 2010-2011.

Jennifer Hampton is the Owner and CEO of Superior Virtual Services. Jennifer specializes in Social Media Training and online Social Media Management. When training, she educates businesses and organizations on how Web 2.0 technologies will enhance their marketing plan and drive online success. She also works with

with large and mid-sized companies to improve online communications through the use of web and mobile technologies to build digital relationships. For more information, visit www.SuperiorVirtualServices.com.

Contact: Lisa Tierney @ accounting@manofflaw.com



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