



Palm Beach County *Chapter*

PALM BEACH COUNTY ALA CHAPTER MONTHLY FOCUS January 2011

New Chapter Officers for 2011/2012

Congratulations to Gloria Hernandez, Sue Recchia, and Debbie Giordano who were voted in by all the members present at the January Chapter meeting. Gloria will serve as our new Vice-President, Sue – Secretary, and Debbie - Treasurer. Dawn Tasca will become our President, Jim Menendez – Immediate Past President and Mary Aguiar – Past President. Their term will begin in April 2011 through March 2012.

Legal Expo 2011

Don't miss this year's Legal Expo on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. There will be networking, prizes, food, drink and lots of fun. So mark your calendars to attend.

National Conference Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Kim June who won the scholarship to the 2011 National Conference in Orlando. All members who participated in the salary survey and were present at the January meeting were eligible to enter. In the event that Kim cannot make the trip Susan Jennings's name was picked as a runner up.

ALA Encyclopedia Open to All 2011 Members

The [*ALA Encyclopedia*](#) becomes a member benefit in 2011. If we have received and processed your 2011 dues you can [access the *Encyclopedia* now](#). If you haven't renewed your membership dues for 2011 yet you can do so [online](#). Please note that while [online dues renewal](#) is the most expedient method, there will still be a delay for processing before you will have access to the *Encyclopedia*. (Reprinted from ALA site)

Burton Awards for Legal Achievement

ALA is proud to continue its sponsorship of the [Burton Awards for Legal Achievement](#). The competition is now underway and includes six categories that are open to ALA members (and their employers) only. Entries are due March 26, 2011. (Reprinted from ALA site)



Star Gator is Here!

It is that time of year when you can play the Annual Conference game, Star Gator. ALA members can enter their scores for a chance to win fantastic prizes. The game runs from now until April 9th. Winners will be announced on April 13th.

Committee Reports:

Business Partners: 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 kayers@llw-law.com.

CLM Study Group: The CLM study Group took a break over the holidays, but will resume 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@searcyylaw.com

Community Challenge: The Committee is taking a well deserved break until later this year.

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. 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 planning for our 2011 Legal Expo is underway. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26th. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Dawn Tasca dtasca@carltonfields.com.

Membership: 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.



January Birthdays:

Jay Montgomery, Karen Luther, Leah Cuomo,
Audrey Yeager and Don MaGruder
Happy Birthday Everyone!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 - *Health Care Reform: What's Happening?*— 60 minutes
Mark your calendar for the first ALA Webinar of 2011. Health care reform is a hot topic and legal administrators must understand how it will directly affect their firm's benefits structure. Join this important Webinar and get the update on the current health care reform landscape that you need. [Learn more and register.](#)

May 22 – 25, 2011 - ALA – Annual Conference and Exposition

Place: Orlando World Center Marriott Resort and Convention Center, Orlando, FL
Contact: [Lisa Mikita](#), ALA Headquarters

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

Next Meeting/Speaker/Program

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2011 **Time:** 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

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

Topic: Employment Law

Speakers: Christine D. Hanley, Esq.

Contact: Debbie Giordano dag@mcsumm.com