



Palm Beach County Chapter

PALM BEACH COUNTY ALA CHAPTER MONTHLY FOCUS April 2011

New Board Members Take Office

Our new Board was sworn in at this month's meeting. Jim Menendez passed the gavel on to Dawn Tasca, our new President. Gloria Hernandez is now our Vice President, Sue Recchia, Secretary and Debbie Giordano, Treasurer. Jim has become our Immediate Past President and Mary Aguiar, Past President. Their term runs from April 2011 through March 2012. Congratulations everyone! A huge thank you goes out to Jamie Stanton, our outgoing Past President.

Get to Know Your New Board Members for 2011-2012

Dawn Tasca - President. Dawn is the Director of Administration at Carlton Fields in their West Palm Beach office and has been with the firm for 14 years. In the past she has chaired the Speaker Committee as well as the Legal Expo Committee. Dawn served as Vice President last year and is proud to be President of the Chapter as it really is such a cohesive group.

Gloria E. Hernandez - Vice President. Gloria is the Legal Administrator for the law firm of Burlington & Rockenbach, P.A. located in West Palm Beach, Florida. Her firm specializes in civil appeals. In addition to being elected Vice President of our Palm Beach County Chapter, Gloria is currently the Chapter's Business Partner Committee Chairperson. Having been a part of our Chapter since 2006 has been a great experience, and one that she looks forward to continuing as a member of the Board.

Sue Recchia – Secretary. Sue has been a Legal Administrator for nearly 10 years, the last 2-1/2 years as the Practice Administrator at Williams, Leininger & Cosby. Sue moved to Florida in 1997 and swears she will never go back to the cold! Sue was co-chair of the Membership Committee last year and will remain an active member. Sue thinks PBCALA is one of her greatest resources for doing her job effectively and looks forward to becoming more involved in the leadership of the Chapter.

Debbie Giordano – Treasurer. Debbie has been the office administrator for McCarthy, Summers, Bobko, Wood, Norman, Bass & Taylor, PA in Stuart for over 20 years. She is also on the Education Committee and was previously the Media Committee Chair for 2 years. Debbie looks forward to her second year as Treasurer on the Board and to all of the challenges and rewards that come with it.

Volunteer on a Committee

Committees are vital to the operation of our Chapter. Board Members cannot do it all. Each Committee is responsible for a small part and when you put all the parts together, they create a

fantastic Chapter. Being on a Committee is a great way to get to know other members and have fun along the way. Review the following Committees and get in touch with the Chair. Please consider volunteering on a committee. We cannot do it without you!

Business Partners: Gloria E. Hernandez at geh@flappellatelaw.com.

Business Partner Directory: Kim Ayers at kayers@llw-law.com.

CLM Study Group: Jim Menendez, CLM at jwm@crarybuchanan.com

Community Challenge: Marilyn Fong at MFong@gunster.com

Education Committee: Lisa Tierney at accounting@manofflaw.com.

Job Board: Eden Rose at erose@murphyreid.com

Resume Board: Jay Montgomery at jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com

Legal Expo Committee: Lynn Duckett at lduckett@powersmcnalis.com

Media Relations: Lori DeMayo at ldemayo@rosenthallevy.com

Membership: Michele Parcels at mparcels@nasonyeager.com

Salary Survey: Jennifer Tracy at jbt@paxsmith.com.

Speaker: Laura Stolzman at lstolzman@eapdlaw.com

Web Master: Jay Montgomery at jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com.

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. I hope that everyone had a chance to visit all the vendors. Without them, we cannot afford to do the many things we do during the year, such as bringing in great speakers for our meetings, chapter socials, etc.

Cocktails & Desserts

Join us in helping Mary Aguiar become The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year! The event is scheduled for Thursday, April 14th from 6 to 8 pm at the Grandview Gardens Bed & Breakfast, in West Palm Beach. For the price of \$20 per person, you will receive one raffle ticket, cocktails and scrumptious desserts. All proceeds benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Please RSVP to Mary Aguiar at maguiar@cdhanley.com

Go the Extra Yard! Sale!!

A Yard Sale is also scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd from 7 am to noon at Mary Aguiar's home. All proceeds are to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year Campaign. If you have anything you would like to donate for the sale, please contact Sherry Zabriskie at sherry@floridalegalsearch.com.

Tisha J. McNamara Scholarship Deadline Extended

The deadline for submitting applications for the Tisha J. McNamara Scholarship has been extended to Friday, April 15th. If you still need an application, please contact Lisa Tierney accounting@manofflaw.com

Summer Social

Our Chapter, along with the South Florida Chapter, will be hosting a summer social on June 17th at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There is no charge for members to attend. You may bring a guest for a charge of \$50.00; this includes two drinks and food. Please contact Marilyn Fong at MFong@gunster.com.

New Members

Please welcome our two newest members: Beth Myers with Brinkley Morgan and Karen Lindgren with Proskauer Rose LLP. Welcome Beth and Karen!



Webinar Wednesdays

Mark the 3rd Wednesday of the month on your 2011 calendar for **ALA Webinars!** ALA has a stellar lineup of quality online education for 2011, featuring eight 60-minute Webinars and three 120-minute Webinars. **Purchase** the Webinar Pass and save **20 percent** when you order all 11 Webinars in advance. Gather as many colleagues as you wish and enjoy these great topics in your office or chapter meeting space. **ALA Webinar Archives** If you were unable to attend an ALA Webinar because of a schedule conflict? Find the complete list of archived programs and access them at any time. **Learn more.**

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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 the group, please contact Jim Menendez, CLM at jwm@crarybuchanan.com

Community Challenge: The Committee has chosen Big Brothers/Big Sisters as the charity benefactor for this year's CCW. The board has approved them hosting the bowling event once again. This year we will be having it on Oct. 14th. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Marilyn Fong at MFong@gunster.com

Education Committee: The Committee will be reviewing all the Scholarship applications after the deadline on Friday, April 15th. If you are 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.

Résumé 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 Committee is taking a much deserved break after putting on a fabulous 2011 Legal Expo last week. They have set the date for next year's event for March 13, 2012. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Lynn Duckett lduckett@powersmcnalis.com

Membership: Our Chapter Social with our Business Partners was held on March 24th at Cabo Flats. It was well attended and everyone had a good time. Information on our Chapter was passed out at the Expo to potential new members. Membership renewal information and payments were sent to the Treasurer. If anyone is interested in joining the Membership committee or volunteering to mentor new members, please contact Michele Parcels at mparcels@nasonyeager.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: The website has been upgraded with software to make the site easier to post items and photos. Make sure that you check in at least monthly www.pbcala.org to see all the important

information being posted. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Jay Montgomery at jmontgomery@blesmlaw.com.



April Birthdays:

Roxanne Nelson, Sandra Gronek, Kim June,
May Tucholski and John Levey

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Upcoming Events

April 14, 2011 – Cocktails & Desserts at Grandview Gardens Bed & Breakfast

Contact: Mary Aguiar – maguiar@cdhanley.com

April 23, 2011 – Go the Extra Yard! Sale!! Mary Aguiar's home

Contact: Sherry Zabriskie – sherry@floridalegalsearch.com

April 20, 2011 - ALA Webinar – Lockstep to Levels After the Dust Settled: Unlocked, Unloaded, Successful?

April 28, 2011 - Night of Laughter

Place: The Improv at City Place benefitting The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Woman of the Year Campaign.

Contact: Mary Aguiar maguiar@cdhanley.com

May 18, 2011 – ALA Webinar – Leasing: The Fine Print Financial Implications

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

June 15, 2011 – ALA Webinar – Communicating Benefits to Reach and Engage Employees

June 17, 2011 – Chapter Summer Social - PB County Chapter and the South Florida Chapter

Place: Seminal Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

Contact: Marilyn Fong, mfong@gunster.com

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

Next Meeting/Speaker/Program

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 p.m.

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

Speaker: Steve Ng, Principal at Woodland Investment Consultant

Topic: 401k's

Contact: Debbie Giordano dag@mccarthysummers.com