



Palm Beach County Chapter

PALM BEACH COUNTY ALA CHAPTER MONTHLY FOCUS May 2011

Pampering with a Purpose!

Join Mary Aguiar this Sunday for a day of pampering at Obsessions Hair Salon. This is a fundraising event to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year campaign. Mary is hoping to raise enough funds to bring this illustrious title home with her. Select from hair \$40 (shampoo & blow dry), makeup \$40 (featuring Trish McEvoy Cosmetics with makeup artists), manicure \$20, pedicure \$30, or a 30-minute massage \$50 – or select three (3) treatments for only \$100! Space is limited. Please RSVP to Gloria at geh@FLAppellateLaw.com or (561) 308-0621.

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.

Community Challenge

The CCW committee and the Board have decided to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Palm Beach and Martin Counties this year. Marilyn Fong's message to the members last year was to set aside money from your budgets early in the year for this event. It worked, because they sold out all but 6 lanes. Our goal this year is to sell out all the lanes. We know this is possible and ask that you once again reserve funds in your budget for this event or donate a silent auction gift. Our event will be held again at the Greenacres Lanes on Friday, October 14, 2011.

Annual Conference & Exposition is Soon Approaching

Our Annual ALA Conference & Exposition will be held in Orlando from May 22 – May 25, 2011. Please let Dawn Tasca know if you are planning on attending. Dawn will produce a master list of all our chapter members attending so that you can get in touch with each other while you are at the Conference.

CLM Examination

The next CLM examination date will be May 2011 in Orlando. We currently have one member, Gloria Hernandez, who will be taking the CLM exam in Orlando. All of the classes that you need to take the CLM will be offered in Orlando at the Annual Conference. The classes are good for two years, so if

you have an interest in becoming a CLM you should go to the classes in Orlando. Please contact Jim Menendez, CLM at jwm@crarybuchanan.com before the Orlando conference and he will assist you with scheduling the sessions.

New Members

Please welcome our newest members, Terry Imai, Office Manager for the Ellis Law Group, P.L. and Sandra Borriello, Legal/Office Administrator. Sandra's firm is currently in transition.

Mentors Needed

Do you remember when you were a new member? It is always nice for someone to take you under their wing and introduce you to other members. The Membership Committee is in dire need of Mentors for our new members. The Mentor also helps the new member to understand our organization and where to get support for specific areas of interest. If you have a little time and can offer your services, please contact Michele Parcels at mparcels@nasonyeager.com.

ALA Management EncyclopediaSM Becomes Members-Only Benefit in 2011

Have you wanted to subscribe to the ALA Management EncyclopediaSM, but were deterred by the \$395 price tag? We have good news. In January 2011, your ALA membership will include access to this valuable resource, at no additional charge. The [Encyclopedia](#), with over 100 substantive articles written by subject-matter experts, turns theory into practical information and provides suggestions you can put into place to solve your everyday problems. Many articles include functional spreadsheets, forms, checklists or other features you can use right away. The [Encyclopedia](#) provides the knowledge you need, when you need it! [Learn more](#). (Reprinted from ALA website)

Committee Reports:

Business Partners: We would like to thank Segue Search for joining us at our membership meeting on May 10, 2011. Segue Legal Search is part of a national publicly held full service professional placement organization. The legal department is comprised of a team of experienced recruiters who understand the importance of listening to the needs of our clients and identifying the right candidate to meet those needs. If you have any recruiting needs, please call Leslie Rosenberg or Romy Krasner at 954-727-0486 or see their website at www.seguesearch.com.

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

CLM Study Group: Jim will be coordinating the start up a new study group after the ALA Conference in Orlando. Any interested members who would like to join the group, please contact Jim Menendez, CLM at jwm@crarybuchanan.com

Community Challenge: Marilyn will be announcing their first meeting some time in July. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Marilyn Fong at MFong@gunster.com

Education Committee: The Committee is in the process of conducting interviews for the education scholarship. They will announce their selection at the June Luncheon. 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 has 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: 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: 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.



May Birthdays:

Annemarie Robbins, Vanessa Fuerte and Anna Federman

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Upcoming Events

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, June 14, 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: Dr. Steve Sobel

Topic: “Playing the Game of Life - Lessons for an Extraordinary Future”

Contact: Debbie Giordano dag@mccarthysummers.com