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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's that time of year again! At our general membership meeting on March 20th we will be taking nominations for officers for next year. A nomination form is being sent with this newsletter. You can bring it to the meeting, email it back to the yahoo address, or mail it to the post office box, whichever is most convenient for you. The main thing is that we want everyone to fill out a nomination form. Don't be shy – if you would like to be an officer, please feel free to nominate yourself. You do not have to give any reasons why you want to nominate a person for office; however, if you nominate someone other than yourself, please check with that person first to see if they would accept the nomination and be willing to hold that office if the membership were to vote that person into office. I do know for sure that we will need a secretary for this coming year. Elections will be held at our April meeting, and the new officers will be installed at the Law Day Banquet on May 8. Our new term will start June 1. Also, please be sure to send in your nominations for Paralegal of the Year. I am including the form for that also. The boards of the Bell County Bar Association, Young Lawyers, and Paralegals will be voting on the nominations, so please do include on the form your reasons for nominating that person. Deadline to get your nominations in for Paralegal of the Year is Friday, April 4, 5:00 p.m.

Don't forget – R.A.K.!

Kathy

**BCBA PARALEGALS
'07-'08 OFFICERS**

- PRESIDENT – Kathy Taylor**
- VICE PRESIDENT – Sherry Gonzalez**
- SECRETARY – Eleanor Bosl**
- TREASURER – Rene Murray**
- PARLIAMENTARIAN – Pat Simecek**
- COMMITTEE LIAISON – Brenda Colvin**
- HISTORIAN - Pat Simecek**

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BOARD MEETINGS are held at the offices of Baird, Crews, Schiller & Whitaker in Temple from noon to 1:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS:

MARCH 13

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS are held in Judge Mischtian's courtroom from noon to 1:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MARCH 20 –

*No guest speaker this month.
Lunch provided by Baby Cakes (includes chicken salad on croissant, chips and a cookie for \$5.00).*

Remember to bring your donations for Families in Crisis!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SUE HAIRE – 8TH
ESTHER STONEBURNER – 10TH
MARCY BROWN – 11TH
TIFFINY ELMAN – 12TH
TINA BECKER – 16TH
GENITA ELLIS – 18TH
RENE' MURRAY – 24TH
CYNTHIA CHAMPION – 29TH



Have immediate need for an experienced legal assistant / office manager for solo practice. Applicants must have some family law experience. Pay up to \$16.00/hour. If interested, please respond by emailing resume to harrelllaw@yahoo.com, or by faxing to 254.526.2151.



Full time Legal Assistant/Paralegal needed for well-established local law firm with diverse areas of practice. Experience in civil litigation, real estate, and/or probate/estate planning is preferred. Applicants should be proficient typists. Experience with an office calendaring system and document management system is a definite plus. Applicants must have the ability to work independently and be able to work as a team player. Good written and oral communication skills are required, and bilingual in Spanish is a plus but not required. For more information, please contact Mary Jane Serna at 254-690-5688.



John Guinn, solo practitioner attorney in Copperas Cove, is seeking paralegal / legal secretary with knowledge of ProDoc and some experience in Texas family law. Knowledge of Bankruptcy Pro software would be desirable but not required. Good organizational skills a plus. Job will be approximately 35 hours per week. Please email resume to bell_co_law@yahoo.com.



Dan Corbin's office has an immediate need for a paralegal with experience in Probate, Guardianship, Wills, POA, Real Estate, Landlord/Tenant, and Civil Litigation. Knowledgeable of ProDoc and must have good organizational skills. To apply, please send resume to Genita Ellis at genita@dancorbin.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

LAW DAY BANQUET

2008 Law Day Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at Cyclone BBQ. Invitations are forthcoming with more details.

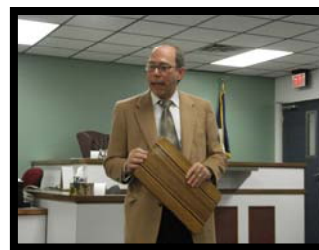


SPRING BENCH BAR CONFERENCE "The Ethics of Managing a Law practice"

Bell County Bar Association and Bell County Young Lawyers Association is sponsoring this year's conference to be held on Thursday, April 3, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Bell County District Courts Building, 146th Judicial District Courtroom. 3 hours of ethics CLE credit – free to BCBAP members – lunch provided. For more information or to register contact Jina Boydston at jina@secrestlawfirm.com.

TAPA

April 4-5, 2008 in Fort Worth



Dr. Silverblatt – Guest speaker at last month's meeting.
Thank you for your words of wisdom

Show your support by wearing your new BCBAP lapel pin. You can get yours at this month's meeting for only \$5.00. Please contact Kathy Taylor at 254.774.8333 ext. 214 or at kathytaylor@bcswlaw.com for more information.

LIFE IS NOT A RACE – BUT A JOURNEY

Do not undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Do not set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

Do not take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

Do not let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past nor for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live all of the days of your life.

Do not give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. It is a fragile thread that binds us to each other.

Do not be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Do not shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give love. The fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly. In addition, the best way to keep love is to give it wings

Do not dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope. To be without hope is to be without purpose.

Do not run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been, but also where you are going.

Did you hear about the new sushi bar that caters exclusively to lawyers?

It's called, Sosumi.

What type of apparel is the most popular with lawyers?

Law-suits.

What did the lawyer name his daughter?

Sue.



THE EASTER BUNNY

A man was blissfully driving along, when he saw the Easter Bunny hopping across the middle of the road. He swerved to avoid hitting the Bunny, but unfortunately the rabbit jumped in front of his car and was hit. The basket of eggs went flying all over the place. The driver, being a sensitive man as well as an animal lover, pulled over to the side of the road, and got out to see what had become of the Bunny carrying the basket. Much to his dismay, the Bunny was dead.

The driver felt guilty and began to cry. A woman driving down the same road saw the man crying and pulled over. She stepped out of her car and asked the man what was wrong. "I feel terrible," he explained. "I accidentally hit the Easter Bunny and killed it. There may not be an Easter because of me. What should I do?"

The woman told the man not to worry. She knew exactly what to do. She went to her car trunk and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead Bunny, and prayed the entire contents of the can onto the little furry animal.

Miraculously the Easter Bunny came back to life, jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at the two humans and hopped on down the road. 50 yards away the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped on down the road another 50 yards, then turned, waved, hopped another 50 yards and waved again!!

The man was astonished. He said to the woman, "What was it that you sprayed on the Easter Bunny?" The woman turned the can around so that the man could read the label. It said:

Hair Spray - Restores life to dead hair. Adds permanent wave...



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