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Letter From The President

Dear Members:

It has been my distinct honor and absolute pleasure to serve as the President of the South Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers ("SPBC FAWL") during 2013-2014, the Chapter's 10th Anniversary Year. I wanted to take this opportunity to look back over an extremely successful year for our organization and to give thanks and recognize some of the people who made it happen.

In addition to our normal events being successful and well attended, our Chapter enjoyed tremendous growth this year. An additional thirty (30) members joined our ranks this year, bringing our total paid members to ninety-nine (99). Many of those new members became active immediately, with two of them joining the board for the 2014-2015 year (**Isabel del Cid Castillo** and **Megan Hodson**), and one of them (**Pamela Higer Polani**) working with **Taryn Sinatra** to come up with a great modification for the Chapter's award-winning public service project *Educating Tomorrow's Adults*, by turning the format of the presentation into a game called Legal Jeopardy.

Many of our members have had their own successes this year which should be recognized. **Denise Rappaport Isaacs** is our Chapter's nominee for State FAWL's Leaders in the Law Award. **Stacy Beaulieu-Fawcett** was appointed to the Florida Bar Prepaid Legal Services Committee. **Sophia Lopez** was appointed to the Florida Bar Leadership Academy. **Robin Bresky** will be the incoming President of State FAWL for the 2014-2015 year. **Carol Gart**, **Sharon Anson**, and **Pamela Polani** became the first recipients of a new SPBC FAWL award known as the Outstanding Member Award for their tremendous contributions to the



*Laurie A. Thompson,
President of SPBC FAWL*

Chapter this year. Finally, after spending most of her career in public service, a long-time member of FAWL, but one of this Chapter's new members, **Samantha Schosberg Feuer**, ran unopposed for an opening for Circuit Court Judge in the 15th Judicial Circuit.

Our Chapter also increased its profile in the community by raising money for non-profit organizations such as Healthy Mothers Health Babies, Aid for Victims of Domestic Violence, and Boca Helping Hands, as well as our usual support for The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County and the Lynne Cancer Institute.

Finally, I want to publicly thank each member of the 2013-2014 Board of Directors: **Leorah Greenman, Angelina Namia, Taryn Sinatra, Melissa Melzer, Merryl Haber, Lisa Paige Glass, Tammy Saltzman, Denise Rappaport Isaacs, Andrea Reid, Diana Hileman, and Lisa Lullove**. Each one of them made invaluable contributions to ensure that this, our 10th Anniversary Year, was so successful.

Sincerely,

Laurie A. Thompson
Outgoing President
SPBC FAWL

Another Successful Judicial Reception!

On February 20, 2014, SPBC FAWL hosted its Annual Judicial Reception at the Sundry House in Delray Beach. Members of the judiciary from the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit and the Fourth District Court of Appeal were recognized and honored for their public service. SPBC FAWL made a donation on behalf of the judiciary to the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County.



Calling All Mentors and Mentees!



SPBCBA/SPBC FAWL ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE JOINT FORMATION OF “LEARN”–

Lawyers’ Education And Resource Network

The South Palm Beach County Bar Association and the South Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers are joining forces to create LEARN, a mentorship program for lawyers in the South Palm Beach County area. We will be matching experienced professionals with attorneys who are either new to the practice of law, who are seeking to expand their fields of practice or who simply seek to excel in the practice of law.

By completing the application below, you can become part of the LEARN movement today!

Choose one: ☐ Mentor ☐ Mentee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Please describe your relevant background/experience: _____

In which areas of the law can you mentor or are you seeking mentorship? _____

SPBCBA and SPBC FAWL do not endorse or claim responsibility for the content or accuracy of the information provided by the Mentor to the Mentee. Each Mentor/Mentee relationship is strictly between the two parties.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Leibovitch, Coordinator of LEARN, at eml@assoulineberlowe.com, Tel: (561) 948-2479, Fax: (561) 361-6566,. After you complete this form, please return it to Ellen by email or fax. Ellen will thereafter notify you of your placement with a Mentor or Mentee. Thank you for your participation!

A Visual Cultural Arts Center

POBA: WHERE THE ARTS LIVE

by **Rochelle Kerner**

Past President, 2005-2006

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My news is personal only to the extent that the POBA website (<https://poba.org>) has been developed by my client, Songmasters--with, of course, my input for some technical rights clearance issues/items. Songmasters (<http://www.songmasters.org>), “where doing good is good for business,” is a branding company that is not only supportive of the arts but that also creates marketing strategies for its clients that include and incorporate music. Songmasters created the POBA website at the behest of the James Kirk Bernard Foundation (<http://jameskirkbernard.org>), a 501(c)(3) corporation founded to honor the life of Jamie Bernard, a prolific artist who passed away too young.

According to the POBA website, the word “POBA is the pronounced form of *phowa*, a Hindi phrase that describes the transformation of consciousness at death. It captures the essence of this site: the enduring and transcendent power of the arts to transform the experience and consciousness of all who contact great works, whether by creating them or by meeting them over time.”

I just love what Songmasters has created--a home for our shared cultural patrimony. By maintaining a website devoted to a variety of art forms created by now-deceased artists, it is a repository for their families and, if those families so choose, for the edification and enjoyment of the general community. It is a resource for both, insofar as it also envisions a concierge function to provide links to reputable archivists, valuation professionals, and others. It can be a simple way to centralize collections for study or for enjoyment, and, for the general public, it functions as a virtual cultural arts center.



As described in POBA’s recent press release: “The first-ever fully digital online arts community born for lovers of the arts and of exceptional artists whose talents or creative legacies were not fully recognized during their lifetime, POBA has a simple mission: POBA aims to keep their creative works alive, and through them to inspire, provoke, intrigue, entertain, and enliven us all. Artists shown on POBA range from the famous to the unknown. Their works collectively cover all fields of creative endeavor: from painting to music; from literature to dance; from spoken word to multimedia creations, and more. Their collections come to POBA through the decision of their loved ones, agents, or representatives to participate. Anyone who is responsible for a deceased artist’s legacy may also participate in POBA by becoming a member. The rest of us get

to enjoy these remarkable works free of charge.” Among the wonderful artists featured on the POBA website are:



Norman Mailer (1923-2007) lived a life larger than the literary characters he created and for which he became [in]famous. A man of wide ranging and provocative inclinations in his literary, political, and personal life, he was largely unknown as an artist even though he was personally quite proud of his drawings. Here they are widely displayed for the first time at POBA.

Louis Nardo (1946-2009) possessed an artist's soul, a painter's vision, and a craftsman's hands. He was exceptionally skilled at painting, woodworking, ceramics, graphics and 3D animation, and most powerfully in his photography. Nardo's images show reverence for the thing itself ("eo ipso")--the simple day-to-day objects that through his camera's eye are captured with astonishing brilliance, relief, and vividness.



Clark Tippet (1955-1992) was one of the most acclaimed dancers and most promising choreographers of ballet in modern American dance. As Principal Dancer for the American Ballet Theatre (1976-1990), he danced in and with some of the greatest talents of his day including Baryshnikov, Tharp, and Parsons, and created numerous works for ABT and other dance companies.

Please take a look at the POBA website. Did you know that Norman Mailer believed he could draw? Would you like to see Clark Tippet dance? This site is at its inception, and I believe it worthy of your support. I have become more and more concerned that we Americans are inattentive to our own history(ies). This site may not be civics, but it does show where some of us have been! (AND PLEASE "Like" POBA on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/POBAWhereTheArtsLive>.)



Tomorrow's Adults are in Legal Jeopardy!

EDUCATING TOMORROW'S ADULTS IS A SUCCESS THREE YEARS IN A ROW

by Taryn Sinatra

Program Chair for Educating Tomorrow's Adults
& Secretary for SPBC FAWL, 2013-2014

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Spearheaded three years ago by Past President Ellen Leibovitch, *Educating Tomorrow's Adults* has become one of South Palm Beach County FAWL's most talked-about philanthropic programs--so much so

that, in 2013, our Chapter was given the award for Outstanding Public Service from State FAWL.

Educating Tomorrow's Adults is based on the program created by the Florida Bar, "Now You Are an Adult". The course is intended to inform high-schoolers who have or will soon reach the age of 18 of certain legal rights, obligations, and issues with which they should be familiar.

With the help of our generous members who have given their time, our Chapter of FAWL has been able to reach out to various South Palm Beach County high schools and present our version of "Now You Are an Adult" as part of our program, *Educating Tomorrow's Adults*, to hundreds of high school students. For the 2013-2014 school year, we revamped the program in both form and content. With

the help of one of our newest members, Pam Polani, the program was turned into a Legal Jeopardy format, which proved to be especially enjoyable, beneficial, and rewarding for the presenters and students alike.

Legal Jeopardy--Now You Are an Adult is presented using a Power Point presentation in Jeopardy format, except that questions are given to the students and they must provide the answer (versus answering the question in true Jeopardy style). Students are given the chance to choose from the category and number of points they wish, and are presented with the question. The student is given the chance to answer the question, which is then followed by discussion between the presenter and the entire class.

NOW THAT YOU ARE AN ADULT, YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT...			
CARS and DRIVING	CRIMINAL LAW	MONEY MONEY MONEY	MARRIAGE...AND MORE
200	200	200	200
400	400	400	400
600	600	600	600
800	800	800	800
1000	1000	1000	1000

New Legal Jeopardy format for SPBC FAWL's signature philanthropic program, *Educating Tomorrow's Adults*.

The feedback received from this first year of the Legal Jeopardy format was nothing but positive from teachers, students, and presenters. A game format appeals to the students more and keeps them more engaged, versus having a presenter just read or

talk at them with content. And, when the students are more engaged and actually participating, our volunteer members can feel even more rewarded by what they are doing for the students.

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Continuing our Commitment to Promoting Women's Leadership Roles within the Legal Profession!



Member News



Cynthia M. Pyfrom, Esq.

is proud to announce the opening of her own law firm, **Cynthia M. Pyfrom, P.A.** The firm serves Martin, Palm Beach, and Broward Counties and handles a wide variety of family law matters, including but not limited to dissolution of marriage, modification, child support, paternity, alimony, enforcement and contempt actions, and adoptions. Cynthia can also serve as a guardian ad litem in divorce proceedings. Cynthia has been employed in the legal field since 1997 and began working in matrimonial and family law in early 2005. She decided to pursue her law degree in 2009, at which time she began attending Nova Southeastern University while maintaining full-time employment. Cynthia graduated with her J.D. from Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, in December 2012 and became a licensed attorney on April 16, 2013. You may contact Cynthia M. Pyfrom, P.A. at (561) 203-5940 or by email at Cynthia@pyfrompa.com. Her firm's website can be found at www.pyfrompa.com.



The law firm of **Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith** proudly announces the addition of attorney **Nicole Hunt Jackson, Esq.** An avid advocate for children in her professional and personal life, Jackson started her legal career in Miami Protective Services

fighting for the rights of abused, abandoned and neglected children. She later served as a

Guardian ad Litem attorney and Assistant Attorney General, handling interstate child support matters and custodial cases. Previously managing her own private practice, Jackson took on cases in Florida and New York. Although she will focus on personal injury, motor vehicle cases, and related cases at Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, her passion for protecting children will find plenty of fulfilling channels. Already in accord with the culture of community service that Gary Lesser encourages at the firm, Jackson serves others in a variety of fashions. In addition to working as an adjunct professor at Palm Beach State College where she provides legal training to police officers pursuing certifications, she serves on several boards of directors and committees. She chairs the Public Relations Committee for the F. Malcom Cunningham Bar Association, and she is on the board of directors for Sisters with a Goal, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, and Florida Association of Women Lawyers of Palm Beach County.



Lisa Paige Glass, Esq. is proud to announce the opening of her law firm, **Glass Law Office, P.A.**

She plans to focus on adoption, surrogacy, and reproductive law. Lisa is also proud to announce that she has become of counsel to **The Law**

Offices of Robin Bresky, where she will focus on appellate law and litigation support. Additionally, Lisa is excited to be appearing as a guest lecturer this summer at **Yale University's Interdisciplinary Center for**

Bioethics. Lisa will be speaking on the topic of ethics and natural disaster law. Contact Lisa at lglass@glasslawofficepa.com or lglass@breskyappellate.com, and visit her on the web at www.glasslawofficepa.com and www.breskyappellate.com.



Guy Fronstin of the **Law Offices of Guy Fronstin** is pleased to announce that he was selected for the Florida Super Lawyers list for 2014, and the law firm was selected for the 2014 Best Business Award for West Palm Beach in the Criminal Law Category.

Barry Paul has recently become of counsel to the Law Offices of Guy Fronstin. Barry comes to the law firm with 20 years of experience.



Miriam Richter of **Miriam Richter, Attorney at Law, P.L.** just returned from Washington, D.C., where she was very honored and privileged to participate in the First Day of Issue ceremony for the Harvey Milk postage

stamp, which took place at the White House on May 22, 2014. This stamp represents the culmination of a three-year project with United States Post Office in Miriam's capacity as *pro bono* Intellectual Property Counsel to the Harvey Milk Foundation.

Patricia Alexander of the **Law Offices of Patricia Alexander, P.A.** is happy to announce that she was just sworn in as treasurer of the Board of Directors of the South Palm Beach County Bar Association, 2014-2015, at the Installation Gala on May 31, 2014.



Merry S. Haber is pleased to announce she has joined The Law Offices of Michael Carroll as House Counsel for Progressive Insurance Company. Merry works out of the Ft. Lauderdale office and handles cases from Miami-Dade County

to Indian River County. She may be contacted at mshaberesq@gmail.com or (954) 233-9110.



Susan J. Brotman of **Susan J. Brotman, P.A.** is thrilled to announce that she is the Grandmother of 10 Labradoodle puppies!!

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Do you have any news to share with SPBC FAWL? Our newsletter is *your* platform for sharing your successes, good news, future plans, or anything else! Let our members know what's going on with your business or your life! Educate members on your area of expertise! Did you receive an award? Did you give a lecture or presentation? What is your specialty? Would you like to contribute an article? **Let's support one another. Let us in on your news!** Please contact SPBC FAWL's newsletter editor Lisa Paige Glass at lglass@glasslawofficepa.com or lglass@breskyappellate.com to submit your story for SPBC FAWL's next newsletter.

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SPBC FAWL Fit Commitment

YOGA CHANGED MY LIFE

by **Tammy Saltzman**

Chapter Liaison, 2013-2014

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Back in 2013, SPBC FAWL decided to offer an alternative event on a weekend. The Board members decided they would offer a yoga and brunch event hoping to attract some of our members who found it difficult getting to one of our regular monthly lunch events or our quarterly happy hour events. Intrigued, I offered to sponsor the event through my mediation company, Choice Mediations, LLC. Little did I know at the time that this event would dramatically change my life!!

As we all gathered for yoga, I was mesmerized by the movements of our yoga instructor, Lauren Zeigler. She was beyond patient with all of us beginners and was able to move her body from correct position to incorrect position and then back again to correct position with the grace of a swan and the strength of a gymnast. The class was challenging and fun and we even got to meditate at the end. I was now totally intrigued with yoga and made a decision to learn more.

The following week, I attended an American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Conference, where I had the pleasure of meeting Craig Richman, who just happened to be a financial planner and a yoga instructor. We scheduled a date for lunch and, as they say, "The rest is history." Craig invited me to a yoga class and I have been committed to practicing yoga 3 to 4 times per week. Yoga has provided me with a spiritual balance that was missing from my life. It has given me an inner strength that goes beyond a physical strength. It has made my body lean and mean without losing any weight. I am even reading a book on Buddhism. Who would have thought??

I have learned in life that being open to new experiences and new people can make your world a better place. The joy I have found in my practice is contagious to those around me. It has given me more inner strength and balance in my everyday life, in my business, and with my children. Yoga has taught me to stay present in the moment and to fully breathe in the joy of every experience. Life is a journey, and yoga is now part of mine. I can't wait to get back on the mat. Namaste.

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Please join or renew your membership with SPBC FAWL! You can join or renew your membership at any of our events or online at www.spbcfawl.org. SPBC FAWL's objectives are (1) to advance the professional status of women lawyers, (2) to promote the rights of women generally, (3) to enhance the visibility of women within the legal profession and within their communities, and (4) to create and maintain supportive networks among women in the legal and other professions. Membership is available to female and male lawyers, the judiciary, and law students. For any questions regarding membership, please contact Denise Rappaport Isaacs at Denise@DeniseIsaacsLaw.com.

Join Us for the Next FAWL Fit Event!

South Palm Beach County FAWL's

FAWL FIT SERIES

Please join us for our next great yoga & brunch event!

Sunday, August 17, 2014, 10:45 A.M. to 1:45 P.M.

Yoga Journey at the Wyndham Hotel

1950 Glades Road, 5th Floor, Boca Raton, Florida 33431

A one-hour yoga class followed by brunch catered by **Farmer's Table**.

Please bring your own yoga mats. Members \$25 / Guests \$30

Please RSVP directly on our website: www.spbcfawl.org.

**Thank you to Choice Mediations, LLC
for generously sponsoring this wonderful event!**

SPBC FAWL-GRAMS!

A special thanks goes out to **Laurie Thompson**, the **current Board, Past Presidents, and the incoming Board of SPBC FAWL**. Thank you for all your guidance, love, and support. Thank you for believing in me always. Sincerely, this is a group made of amazing, talented, strong, bright, professional women, and you are all so very special to me. Thank you.

~Leorah G. Greenman

Special love and congratulations go out to **Tanya McConnell** and **Taryn Sinatra** for the upcoming arrivals of their new little ones! Special love and best wishes for a long, happy, and healthy life to **Melissa Melzer** and **Adam Feingold** on their recent nuptials!

~Leorah G. Greenman

Congratulations to **Laurie Thompson** on a wonderful, successful year as President of SPBC FAWL! Your capable, dedicated leadership, along with your constant support and guidance, made it a pleasure to serve on the Board with you. Congratulations to **Leorah Greenman** on being installed as the next President of SPBC FAWL! I'm looking forward to working with you next year. Congratulations to **Robin Bresky** on being installed as the next President of State FAWL!

~Lisa Paige Glass

Send an SPBC FAWL-GRAM! Send your best wishes, thanks, and congratulations to your SPBC FAWL sisters! Please contact SPBC FAWL's newsletter editor Lisa Paige Glass at lglass@glasslawofficepa.com or lglass@breskyappellate.com to submit your personalized SPBC FAWL-GRAM for the next Newsletter. Cost is only \$10 per message.

Message from the President Elect

Dear Friends:

I am very proud, and it is with great honor, that I become the President of SPBC FAWL for the 2014-2015 year. I have been a member of SPBC FAWL since 2005 when I moved to Florida, five years out as a lawyer, new to the community. It was with open, friendly, courteous, professional, helpful arms that SPBC FAWL's Board and membership reached out to me to welcome me, help me, mentor me, and shape me into the professional I am today. SPBC FAWL is my sisterhood and I am grateful for the benefits of my membership in our organization.



*Leorah G. Greenman
President Elect of SPBC FAWL*

Our Board has been working hard behind the scenes to continue our wonderful familiar favorites, such as our monthly membership lunches, and to include CLEs and more networking opportunities to further our mission of promoting women in the law. We will also be having our fun, social, and charitable fundraising Happy Hours this coming year at some of our favorite venues. Please also remember to join us at our signature events such as our Membership Reception, FAWL THINKS PINK, the Annual Judicial Reception, and our Holiday Party.

Be sure to check our website (www.spbcfawl.org) frequently, pay attention to our emails, and calendar the below schedule of events so you will not miss the opportunities available to benefit and participate in your membership with SPBC FAWL. We can plan all the events, but we need your "reach back" to us by being an active and involved member of our organization.

DID YOU KNOW...?

By being a member, you are automatically a member of State FAWL which has its own amazing benefits, such as having access to over 30 on-line CLEs--you are able to fulfill ALL your required CLEs from the State FAWL website! Your membership entitles you to free entrance to our Membership Reception, Happy Hours, Holiday Party, and invitations to so much more.

WE HAVE MORE IN STORE...

We will continue and expand our SPBC FAWL Fit commitment, which was well received last year at our Yoga & Brunch Event. We will be modifying some of our lunch programs slightly to allow for furthering our mission of promoting women in the law by getting to know our members and their practice areas better. You need not look any further than our Membership Directory for referrals to your clients. We will be updating our website to include our photo galleries, our historical data about our organization, and expanding the awareness of our

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We Appreciate Your Sponsorship!

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A comprehensive financial plan serves as a framework for organizing the pieces of your financial picture. With a financial plan in place, you'll be better able to focus on your goals and understand what it will take to reach them. One of the main benefits of having a financial plan is that it can help you balance competing financial priorities. A financial plan will clearly show you how your financial goals are related--for example, how saving for your children's college education might impact your ability to save for retirement. Then you can use the information you've gleaned to decide how to prioritize



*Nancy H. Weingard
and Robert P. Weingard*

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your goals, implement specific strategies, and choose suitable products or services. Best of all, you'll know that your financial life is headed in the right direction.

A financial professional can give you objective information and help you weigh your alternatives, saving you time and ensuring that all angles of your financial picture are covered. Although the financial planning process can involve a team of professionals, including financial planners, accountants, tax and estate planning attorneys, insurance professionals, and investment advisors, the most important member of the team is you. Your needs and objectives drive the team, and once you've carefully considered any recommendations, all decisions lie in your hands.

The financial planning process doesn't end once your initial plan has been created. Your plan should generally be reviewed at least once a year to make sure that it's up-to-date. It's also possible that you'll need to modify your plan due to changes in your personal circumstances or the economy. Don't wait until you're in the midst of a financial crisis before beginning the planning process. The sooner you start, the more options you may have. For more information, please contact us at (561) 997-9100, visit our website at www.weingardwealthmanagement.com, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/weingardwealthmanagementofraymondjames, and connect with us on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/in/nancyweingard and www.linkedin.com/in/robertweingard.



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Gary Lesser



A Licensed Real Estate Broker and a Licensed Mortgage Broker, **Laurie Dubow** is the founder and owner of **Paradise Realty International, LLC**. With over 30 years of experience, Laurie brings a unique perspective to the current real estate market. Known as a "Real Estate Concierge", Laurie's mission is to coordinate each transaction in order to reduce the stress for her clients and make the process as easy as possible. She is a trained CDPE (Certified Distressed Property Expert), as well as a (REOS) Real Estate Owned Specialist. Laurie

has extensive experience testifying in court as an expert witness regarding the value of homes and circumstances surrounding the sale of homes. She is a published author of more than 15 articles on a variety of current real estate and mortgage topics. Specializing in working with couples going through divorce, Laurie is referred to as the “Real Estate and Mortgage Expert” and has been a speaker at a monthly workshop for 4 years entitled “Second Saturday--What Women Need to Know About Divorce”. Along with her Real Estate and Mortgage expertise, she has a 20-year background in counseling, with a Masters Degree in Psychotherapy and a Post-Masters in Business Administration. Laurie is uniquely qualified to help your clients understand and analyze their options and achieve their goals through real estate and mortgage restructuring, and follow through with a plan that best suits their individual needs and circumstances. For more information, call (561) 948-1070 or visit www.MyParadiseRealty.com.



Laurie Dubow

Become a sponsor of SPBC FAWL! Becoming a sponsor of SPBC FAWL is a wonderful way to meet our members and educate them about your business while at the same time supporting the advancement of women in the legal profession and enabling this organization to thrive. SPBC FAWL welcomes annual sponsors at all levels as well as sponsors for specific events. For more information about sponsorship opportunities and the many benefits of being a sponsor of SPBC FAWL, contact Leorah Greenman at LGreenman@fwblaw.net.

Educating Tomorrow's Adults, Continued from page 6

Needless to say, we will once again be using Legal Jeopardy in the upcoming years and look forward to even more improvement with the content of questions and answers. Based on the success of this Chapter's program, other FAWL Chapters are now looking to add *Educating Tomorrow's Adults* to their lineup for next year. This year we had approximately twenty volunteers and presented to four schools, with most volunteers giving two presentations each. We hope to have even more volunteers in upcoming years and gain even more buzz about this feel-good program. Please contact Taryn Sinatra at taryn@sinatralegal.com if you are interested in participating in *Educating Tomorrow's Adults*.

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organization through magazine coverage and social media. Please LIKE our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SPBCFAWL>). We will be having joint events with other voluntary bar organizations. We wish to grow our membership and membership involvement to new levels!

Please renew your membership with SPBC FAWL and encourage your lawyer/law student colleagues and friends to join, both male and female. Think of and let me know of any companies or businesses that could potentially benefit from being a sponsor. Please get involved. We need and want you! I hope to personally see and chat with each and every one of you at some or all of our events.

Looking forward to a great year,

Leorah G. Greenman

Schedule of Events for 2014-2015

July 2014

- **Annual Summer Retreat for Board of Directors and Past Presidents**, Saturday, July 19th, 2014, from 12 P.M. to 2 P.M., location TBD.

August 2014

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, August 6, 2014 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **FAWL Fit Yoga & Brunch Event**, Sunday, August 17, 2014 from 10:45 A.M. to 1:45 P.M. at Yoga Journey at the Wyndham Hotel, 1950 Glades Road, 5th Floor, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

September 2014

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, September 3, 2014 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Reception**, Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., location TBD.

October 2014

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, October 1, 2014 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **FAWL THINKS PINK Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, October 16, 2014 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M., location TBD, speaker TBD.

November 2014

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, November 5, 2014 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership CLE Seminar & Brunch**, Thursday, November 13, 2014, time TBD, at iPic in Mizner Park, 301 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432. Speaker is **Andrea Reid on Domestic Violence Training**.

December 2014

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, December 3, 2014 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Holiday Party**, Thursday, December 11, 2014 from 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., location TBD.

January 2015

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, January 7, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday January 15, 2015, time TBD, location TBD, speaker TBD.

February 2015

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, February 4, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, February 12, 2015, from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M., location TBD, speaker TBD.
- **Judicial Reception**, date TBD, time TBD, location TBD.

March 2015

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, March 4, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M., location TBD, speaker TBD.

April 2015

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, April 1, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M., location TBD, speaker TBD.

May 2015

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Membership Luncheon**, Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1 P.M., location TBD, speaker TBD.
- **Presidents' Dinner**, date TBD, time TBD, location TBD. In honor of SPBC FAWL's 10th Anniversary, the Past Presidents of this organization will be hosting the Presidents' Dinner. It will be an evening celebrating not only the accomplishments of the past 10 years but also the bright future of SPBC FAWL.

June 2015

- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday, June 3, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Frank Weinberg & Black, P.L., Lynn Financial Center, 1875 NW Corporate Blvd., Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33431.
- **Installation Luncheon**, Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 12 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Mariposa at Neiman Marcus, 5860 Glades Road, Town Center at Boca Raton, Boca Raton, FL 33431.

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