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COLLIER COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: *Jeanne L. Seewald*

As many of our neighbors try to rebuild in the aftermath of Hurricane Charley, our thoughts are with everyone affected by the storm. The Florida Bar is working with local bar organizations to provide free legal advice to hurricane victims. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with this effort, please contact Austin Newberry at The Florida Bar (anewberry@flabar.org). Also, the Collier County Bar Association (CCBA) is collecting items for children affected by the storm. For more information, contact Courtney Courtello (ccba@earthlink.net). We are considering other ways in which our organization can assist with victim relief.

Summer is almost over and we have a busy fall planned for the members of CCWBA. On September 29th, we will hold our Third Annual Joint Fall Reception of the CCWBA and the Lee County Association of Women Lawyers (LCAWL). The event will be held again this year at Northern Trust Bank in Bonita Springs. We appreciate the support of Northern Trust in allowing us to use its beautiful facility for this event. The Joint Fall Reception will be sponsored by LexisNexis for the second year. We appreciate the support of LexisNexis in defraying all costs of the event so that our members and the members of LCAWL may attend without charge.

In October, we will be joining with CCBA to host Kelly Overstreet Johnson as speaker at our October lunch meeting. As the new President of The Florida Bar, her schedule is very busy and we are very fortunate to have Kelly in Southwest Florida. We are excited about this joint event with the Collier County Bar. Mark your calendars to attend on October 27th.

Seating will be limited to the first 80 registrants and payment for lunch will be required in advance in order to register for this event, so send in your registration early.

In December, we will be hosting our annual Holiday Party on December 8th. The Woman Lawyer of the Year will be announced at that time. We hope everyone will be there for this year-end social event.

As you know, the terms of our officers and directors run for two years. Due to the resignation from the board of Judith McCaffrey, who is having fun in New York attending culinary school, we have appointed a new board member, Carol DiMento. Also, Rebecca Zung Clough stepped down as vice president due to her commitments to her teaching position at The Community School. Jacqueline Buyze was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy in this position. We appreciate the willingness of both Carol and Jacqueline to serve our organization.

We will be offering limited opportunities on a first come, first serve basis for advertising in *The Justitia*. If you are interested, please see page 3 for current advertising rates. Thank you to Karen Caco for being our first advertiser.

Jacqueline Buyze and Sharon Hanlon recently attended the FAWL Retreat. For highlights of this event, see page 3.

We hope to see you all at the Fall Reception.

COLLIER COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION 2004 - 2005 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

The Collier County Women's Bar Association is proud to announce its Officers and Directors for the 2004-2005 membership year.

Jeanne L. Seewald, President. Ms. Seewald is a shareholder with the law firm of Fowler White Boggs Banker P.A. She practices in the areas of corporate transactions and intellectual property. She currently is Vice-Chair of the Intellectual Property Committee of The Florida Bar and a member of the Executive Council the Business Law Section of The Florida Bar.

Jacqueline J. Buyze, Vice-President. Jacqueline Buyze is a member of the litigation department of Grant Fridkin Pearson Athan & Crown P.A., and is presently working to build her general civil practice with an emphasis in commercial, construction and real estate matters.

Ms. Buyze is a graduate of Stetson University College of Law, where she was a member of Stetson's prestigious Trial Team and assisted in teaching trial advocacy.

Wendy Huffstetler Girardin, Secretary. Ms. Girardin is an attorney practicing as a private investigator with her corporation Girardin Associates. Her firm specializes in background investigations, litigation support, domestic and corporate surveillance, pre-investment due diligence and executive protection.

Arlene F. Austin, Treasurer. Ms. Austin is an attorney with Arlene F. Austin, P.A. Ms. Austin focuses her practice in the areas of probate, estate planning, guardianship and business law.

She is the immediate past president and Treasurer of the Collier County Women's Bar Association and serves as pro bono legal counsel to the TRIAD/S.A.L.T. of Collier County, Inc. and NAMI of Collier of County.

Carolyn C. Coukos, Chapter Representative to the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. Ms. Coukos is Vice President of Northern Trust Bank and manager of the Estate Settlement Department.

The following persons will serve on the Board of Directors:

**Rebecca Zung Clough
Robin H. Doxey
Jeanette Martinez Lombardi
Deborah J. Schwartz
Carol DiMento**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 29** Third Annual Fall Reception and Joint Meeting with Lee County Association of Women Lawyers
- October 27** Kelly Overstreet Johnson President-Elect of the Florida Bar "Update on the Florida Bar"
- November** No Meeting
- December 8** Holiday Reception

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jennifer Nogalski (formerly Jamison) of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur was married to Mark Nogalski on May 15th in Austin, Texas. Mark will be taking the bar exam this summer and will be working for the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Nogalski!
- If you have an interest in joining FAWL's judicial nomination committee, please contact Sherri Johnson, Committee Chair, at 941-952-1070 or Ellen Malasky, Vice Chair, at 561-842-3000.

WORKING WARDROBE PROJECT UPDATE

CCWBA members generously donated over 450 pieces of career apparel at the May 26th Working Wardrobe clothing drive.

On behalf of the Board and Working Wardrobe, we wish to extend our sincerest gratitude to our members for their generosity. Thanks to your efforts, you have all helped provide a woman in need a head start!

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2004-2005 FAWL RETREAT & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By: Jacqueline J. Buyze

I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the highlights of the 2004-2005 FAWL Retreat and membership meeting, which Sharon Hanlon and I attended recently in Coral Gables. Attendees were asked to serve on one of five committees and to create a strategic plan for a related project. Sharon and I opted to serve on the program/public service committee, the goal of which is to organize and implement two statewide charitable projects: The Breakfast and Books Mentoring Program and The Florida Kinship Legal Assistance Summit.

The Breakfast and Books Mentoring Program. The "Breakfast and Books"

program, currently operating at the PACE Center for Girls in West Palm Beach, provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through literacy and improved self-esteem. Our goal is to support PACE centers throughout the state by organizing and training FAWL member-volunteers to act as mentors, and by obtaining and providing books for the student mentees.

The Florida Kinship Legal Assistance Summit. The Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers began this program in partnership with the University of South Florida's Kinship Center to

provide relative caregivers with information on custodial options, sources of financial assistance, support services available, and assistance in determining eligibility for financial assistance and services. Our goal is to identify and train qualified FAWL member-volunteers to provide these services as needed throughout the state.

Each of these programs received a \$5,000 grant from the Florida Bar Foundation's Voluntary Bar Association Community Service Grant Program. Additional information about these programs will be provided during our joint meeting in September or you may contact Jacqueline Buyze directly at jbuyze@gfpac.com.

SHOWCASE YOUR FIRM IN *THE JUSTITIA*

Opportunities for advertising are now available in *The Justitia*! Space is limited, therefore, submissions will be accepted on a "first-come-first-serve" basis.

The following rate schedule has been established for the 2004-2005 membership period:

Business Card:	\$25/per newsletter
1/4 Page:	\$45/per newsletter
1/2 Page:	\$75/per newsletter

Submissions and/or questions should be directed to Emily Mayne at emayne@fowlerwhite.com.



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