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### February 18th Happy Hour at 1864 Tavern



Join us Thursday, February 18th at 5:30 p.m. at 1864 Tavern, 290 California Avenue, for a mixer and networking event (please note the date change). NNWLA will provide light appetizers. 1864 Tavern is known for its fresh fruit cocktails so stop by and reconnect with old friends and meet some new ones!

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## **Reno Citizens Institute Accepting Applications**



Have you ever wanted to learn more about the City of Reno and how City departments work together to keep Reno a safe and thriving community? The Reno Citizens Institute (RCI) is a great opportunity to gain valuable insight into our local government and to get to know City staff and

community leaders.

RCI is a free eight-week class offered by the City. The class meets each Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. beginning March 10, 2016. Various City Departments are featured each week and participants meet with elected officials, department directors, and City staff to gain an understanding of the City's structure, processes and services through hands on exercises and presentations.

Highlights of RCI programs from past years include tours and demonstrations at a fire station, visiting the 911 dispatch center, watching a K-9 police dog demonstration, participating in a mock Planning Commission meeting, and working with fellow participants to design a public park within a budget.

Alumni of this program include many City officials and local business leaders. In describing RCI, past participants have commented:

"This was a valuable program for any citizen to attend. I was very impressed by the enthusiasm from the participants."

"This is an exceptional program that the City of Reno should be proud of."

Applications for the spring session of RCI are due March 3, 2016. Please <u>visit http://www.reno.gov/get-involved/reno-citizens-institute</u> for applications and to learn more about this informative and exciting program.

#### **Stay Connected with NNWLA**



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#### A Word From Our President



By Lauren Berkich

Thank you to all our members and guests who joined us for our women's self defense class in January. The event was fun for all and we actually learned a few moves! I heard feedback from some of

the women who successfully practiced their moves on their significant others after class – apparently the significant others were quite impressed! In addition, the class raised \$400 for the Safe Embrace women's shelter. Thanks again to Jerry Hallert and Byron Cragg of LEO Defense Systems for the fun, useful, and informative class.

On February 18th, we're hosting a social event at 1864 Tavern, located at 290 California Avenue, in downtown Reno. NNWLA will provide light appetizers. 1864 Tavern has a creative cocktail menu and great bartenders. NNWLA is also looking ahead to March, which is Women's History Month. Please save the

date March 16th for a dinner event featuring several prominent Northern Nevada women attorneys. This panel of distinguished women will discuss their careers and their diverse areas of practice. The dinner will be held on March 16, 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The dinner venue will be announced as the date draws closer.



Our women's self defense class participants and instructors Jerry Hallert and Byron Cragg.

### **NNWLA Upcoming Events**

Please save the dates for some of our upcoming NNWLA events:

- March 16th: On March 16th at 5:30 p.m. we will host a dinner CLE event. We will hear from a panel of distinguished local women attorneys as they discuss the unique challenges and opportunities in their diverse practice areas.
- April 13th: On April 13th at 5:30 p.m. we will host NNWLA's own Lawyer in the Library program at the courthouse library. We're looking for volunteer attorneys who can advise in a variety of areas including family law, estate planning, contracts, criminal law, and records sealing.

## It's Membership Renewal Time

Have you renewed your NNWLA membership yet? If not, please complete the attached Membership Registration Form (last page) and return it to our treasurer, Anjali Webster, at the address listed. Dues will remain at last year's levels. This year, we have included a place on the form for our members to indicate what days of the weeks (and weeks of the month) are most convenient for attending NNWLA events. Thank you for taking the time to provide this feedback!







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## NNWLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY. 6, 2016 at 5:30

Present: Lauren Berkich, Laury Macauley, Marilee Breternitz, Katie Hoffman, Kendra Bertschy, Katie Brady, and Diana Zuccarini.

Bank Balance: \$1,436.05

Description/Discussion of Duties for each Board Member and attendance requirements at Board meetings and events.

Discussion of Upcoming Events:

January 19 Event (self-defense class) at FAST at 5:30 p.m.

February 16<sup>th</sup> Social/Happy Hour (discussion of location and food).

Planning for other events in 2016:

Discussion of Women's History Month Event for March, possible speakers, and logistics (Proposed date: March 15<sup>th</sup> at Atlantis)

April: Lawyer in the Library Event

May: Military Law CLE

June: Social (possibly a painting/wine social)

Next Newsletter Deadline: January 26, 2016



#### 2016 Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association Membership Registration

(Personal information will not be published or provided to third parties) Telephone (work): Mailing Address: Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail: State(s) and Years (s) admitted to practice: \_ Others: \_\_\_\_\_ Nevada Membership Type/Annual Dues: Fewer than two years of practice in Nevada: \$50.00 Government attorneys (regardless of years of practice): \$50.00 Retired attorneys (regardless of years of practice): \$50.00 More than two years of practice in Nevada: \$75.00 Sustaining member: \$125.00 Please make checks payable to "Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association" or NNWLA and remit to: **Anjali Webster** c/o Dickinson Wright 100 W. Liberty Street, Suite 940 Reno, Nevada 89501 More information about you (check all that apply): My practice areas include: Solo practitioner Fewer than 5 attorneys in firm 5-10 attorneys in firm \_\_\_\_ More than 10 attorneys in firm Contract Attorney Employed by Government Agency/Court Judicial Law Clerk Not currently practicing Seeking employment What subjects/activities would you like to see as topics for the monthly lunch meetings? political/legislative issues \_\_\_\_ mentoring family law issues stress management career options CLE credit local legal community issues issues particular to women practicing law other (please specify)\_\_\_\_ Do you have any suggestions as to activities and/or events that you would like NNWLA to sponsor or participate in during 2016? If our meetings were moved from the third Tuesday of the month, what day(s) each month would be best for you? Please also specify days for luncheons and dinner events if they differ.

Other comments: