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January 19th: Women’s Self-Defense Class



Please join us Tuesday, January 19th at 5:30 p.m. at FAST Nevada for a women’s self-defense class. This class will give participants the opportunity learn and practice basic self-defense techniques with Officers Jerry Hallert and Byron Cragg of the Reno Police Department. Mr. Hallert is a self-dense expert and is the founder of LEO Defense Systems, which provides defense training for law enforcement, security, and military personnel. Mr. Cragg is a mixed martial arts fighter and is the head instructor at LEO Defense Systems. We encourage you to bring your daughters and female friends to this event. BFF Café will provide light snacks following the class. FAST Nevada is located at 1351 Corporate Blvd., Reno.

The cost of the class is \$15 and proceeds will benefit the Safe Embrace women’s shelter. Please visit NNWLA.com for registration and payment. To pay by check, please RSVP to nnwla.rsvp@gmail.com and send the payment to Anjali Webster, c/o Dickinson Wright, 100 W. Liberty St., ste. 940, Reno, NV 89501.

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Please Welcome the 2016 NNWLA Board

During our December meeting and annual holiday party, the NNWLA membership elected the new 2016 slate of officers: President Lauren D. Berkich, Vice President Laury M. Macauley, Secretary Marilee Breternitz, Treasurer Anjali D. Webster, Communications and Newsletter Chair Katie Hoffman, and Events Coordinator Tara C. Zimmerman.

President Lauren D. Berkich served in 2015 as Vice President and is an associate and Woodburn & Wedge practicing family law.

Vice President Laury M. Macauley served as the 2015 Secretary. Laury is the founding partner of Macauley Law Group, P.C. and practices in the areas of estate planning, elder law, and business litigation.

Secretary Marilee Breternitz was the NNWLA’s 2015 Communications and Newsletter Chair. She is an associate at Robertson, Johnson, Miller & Williamson where she practices business and civil litigation.

Anjali Webster will serve a second term in 2016



L-R: Katie Brady, Marilee Breternitz, Laury Macauley, Lauren Berkich, Katie Hoffman, Diana Zuccarini and Kendra Bertschy. Not pictured: Anjali Webster and Tara Zimmerman.

as our treasurer. Anjali is an associate at Dicken-son Wright practicing commercial litigation and appeals. (Continued on p. 2)





A Word From Our President



By Lauren Berkich

Happy New Year from NNWLA! 2015 was a big year for NNWLA. In March 2015 we hosted the Outstanding Women Lawyer dinner in honor of Judge Deborah Schumacher. This event was a huge success, with over 200 people in attendance. Also in

2015, NNWLA held CLE courses on a variety of subjects, including sex trafficking, international law, parenting and reproductive law, and estate planning. Additionally, we hosted two informative panels, including a panel of female general counsel. For our other panel, NNWLA was fortunate enough to host all three judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals. 2015 came to a close with two events in December. We had a beautiful holiday party at Judge Lynne Simons' house (did you see that Christmas tree?) and NNWLA raised enough money to shop for 58 children from Veterans Memorial Elementary at JC Penney. Thank you to Jacey Prupas, Pat Leverty, and Devon Ahearn who stayed late at JC Penney to make sure all of our children had a shopping companion! We want to thank our members

for supporting NNWLA and want to especially thank our 2015 president Kimberly Goodnight for her leadership and dedication to NNWLA.

Your 2016 NNWLA board is hard at work planning events for 2016. Our first event is a women's self-defense class, which will be held January 19, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at FAST Nevada. The class will be taught by two local self-defense experts Jerry Hallert and Byron Cragg who are also both officers with the Reno Police Department. The class is \$15 per person with all proceeds being donated to Safe Embrace. Safe Embrace is a local women's shelter. It is also the only women's shelter in Northern Nevada that allows women to bring their pets to the shelter as well. Please invite your daughters, nieces, and girlfriends to this event – it should be a great event for women of all ages and we are hoping to raise lots of money for Safe Embrace! I want to thank our event host FAST Nevada as well as BFF Café, which will be providing light snacks for our participants to enjoy.

2016 Board Continued...

Communications and Newsletter Chair Katie Hoffman previously served as the 2015 Events Coordinator. She is an associate at Fennemore Craig practicing regulatory and administrative law.

Tara Zimmerman served on the Newsletter Committee last year and has also been the Communications and Newsletter Chair. Tara practices commercial litigation at Kaempfer Crowell.

The 2016 NNWLA Board also welcomes the Newsletter Committee Members: Kendra Bertschy, Katie Brady, Kaitlyn Miller and Diana Zuccarini. Kendra is a child advocate attorney for Washoe Legal Services. Katie is counsel for the Transportation Division of the Nevada Attorney General's Office. Kaitlyn is the principal attorney at Kaitlyn Miller Law. Diana is judicial assistant to Judge Frances Doherty. The 2016 board looks forward to another great year!

It's Membership Renewal Time

As we welcome the start of a new year, it's also time to renew your NNWLA membership for 2016 and submit the membership dues. Dues will remain at last year's levels.

Please complete the attached Membership Registration Form (last page) and return it to the Treasurer at the address listed. 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. We also ask that you let us know whether you prefer lunch or dinner events. Thank you for taking the time to provide this feedback!





Thank You Veterans Memorial Shoppers and Donors!



Thanks to the incredible generosity of our membership, their families, and law firms, NNWLA was able to spread holiday cheer this season to 58 deserving children from Veterans Memorial Elementary School.

Prupas; Kaelin Ragsdale; Jennifer Rains; Chandeni & Brandon Sendall; Casey Strong; Amy Tirre; and Diana Zuccarini.

Thank you also to our generous donors:

Gold Donors: Davis Graham and Stubbs; Gundersen Law Firm; Kathi Jackson & the Parker Family; Carrier Parker; Ryan Sullivan; and Woodburn & Wedge.

Silver Donors: Sally Basset; Elizabeth Basset; Marilee Breternitz; Jamie Burke; Ellen Chilton; Judge Valerie Cooke; Dale Davis; Diana Dickinson; Jessica Diss; Mary Dugan; Stephanie Funk; Lemons Grundy Eisenberg; Judge Patricia Lynch; Chelsea Mazza; Alice Campos Mercado; Victoria Mendoza; Kathleen Noneman; Deborah R. O’Gorman; Kaelin Ragsdale; Emily Reed; Schroeder Law Offices, P.C.; Therese Shanks; Jonathan Shipman; Christine Smith; Judge Connie Steinheimer; Amy Tirre; and Diana Zuccarini.

Bronze Donors: Devon Ahearn; Katie Brady; Elizabeth Brackett; Carol Cooke; Nancy Ghush; Kimberly Goodnight; Emily Gust; Liz High; Katie Hoffman; Nancyann Leeder; Laury McCauley; Courtney Miller O’Mara; Jacey Prupas; and Jennifer Rains.

This event would not have been possible without the wonderful shoppers who showed up bright and early at JC Penney. Some of these shoppers stayed late to help additional students and many of them even provided their students with additional shopping money the day of the event. These shoppers included: Devon Ahearn; Sara Almo; Sally Bassett; Lauren & Garret Berkich; Beth Blakenship; Marilee Breternitz; Tammy Caravajal; Veronica Chavez; Janet Chubb; Dale Davis; Alan Dixon; Stephanie & John Funk and their guest; Kim & Joe Goodnight; Dixie Grossman & family; Jennifer Gustafson; Kathi & Ed Jackson; Kelly Langley; Pat & Gene Leverty; Judge Patricia Lynch & her guest; Chelsea Mazza; Alice Mercado; Patrick Milsap; Marydee Nyquist; Deb O’Gorman; Carrie, Chad, & Kaitlyn Parker, Holly Parker & her guest; Jacey

2015 Sustaining Members

NNWLA would like to thank all of its 2015 sustaining members:

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| Janet Chubb | Hon. Cynthia Lu |
| Carol Cooke | Karen Peterson |
| Hon. Valerie Cooke | Hon. Lynne Simons |
| Dawn Ellerbrock | Marilyn Skender |
| Kendra Follett | Jennifer Stern |
| Patricia Hastead | Hon. Connie Steinheimer |
| Elizabeth High | Sandra O. Wilson |
| Gayle Kern | Joan Wright |
| Cecilia Lee | |

We greatly appreciate your support of NNWLA!

February Save-the-Date



Please join us on Tuesday, February 16th at 5:30 for a happy hour social event. Additional details and the event location will be provided in our February newsletter. We look forward to seeing you!

Stay Connected with NNWLA



Stay connected with the latest news from NNWLA by liking us on Facebook and visiting our website at www.nnwla.com.



NNWLA Membership Meeting

December 15, 2015

The meeting of the membership was called to order at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Elections

The following slate was presented to the membership for election:

President – Lauren Berkich

Vice President – Laury Macauley

Secretary – Marilee Breternitz

Treasurer – Anjali Webster

Newsletter –Katie Hoffman

Special Events Coordinator-Tara Zimmerman

The Newsletter Committee members for 2016 will be: Kendra Bertschy, Katie Brady, Kaitlyn Miller, and Diana Zuccarini.

Per these elections, any past board members need to be removed from the NNWLA bank account.

In addition, Lauren Berkich, Laury Macauley, and Anjali Webster need to remain in place on the account.



Veterans Memorial Elementary STEM Academy

Home of the Eagles!

1200 Locust Street, Reno, NV 89502
Phone (775) 333-5090 Fax (775) 333-5092



December 21, 2015

To all the amazing people who are involved with the NNWLA,

Whether you were at JC Penny on Saturday December 19th or not, I hope you will realize what your contribution meant to us! Each year your group organizes this amazing event, and you bring smiles to the faces of our students and their parents. Many of you give the gift of money, and some of you add the gift of your time. No matter which group you belong to, please know that we appreciate you more than our words can express!

In my past thank you letters sent to your organization, I have mentioned how many of our parents struggle to make ends meet. I won't belabor this point, because you already know these are tough times! What you don't get to hear, however, is the grateful comments of our parents or the huge smiles I see when our students hear they are going to JC Penny to shop!

"I really don't have to have money?" "What did I do to deserve this?" "This is the best day of my life!" These are some of the things I hear when I talk to our students about this event.

If you were at JC Penny on Saturday, you got to feel the impact of your gift. If you were not, take a moment to imagine a bright ray of sunshine that brings you warmth and happiness, or a cup of hot cocoa that heats you from the inside and helps you feel cozy!

Thank you so much for helping to bring these feelings to our students and their families! You are an amazing group, and you make the world a better place!

With The Greatest Appreciation,
Sussan Bowser

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sussan Bowser". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

School Counselor
Veterans Memorial STEM Academy



Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association

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FAST Nevada

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We also welcome your daughters and female friends to attend this important event.

Cost: \$15 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Safe Embrace women's shelter.

RSVP: Advance payments may be made at NNWLA.com. To pay by check, please send it to Anjali Webster, c/o Dickinson Wright 100 W. Liberty St., ste. 940, Reno, NV 89501.

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2016 Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association Membership Registration

(Personal information will not be published or provided to third parties)

Name: _____ Telephone (work): _____

Mailing Address: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

State(s) and Years (s) admitted to practice:
_____ Nevada _____ Others: _____

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):

- _____ 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

My practice areas include:

What subjects/activities would you like to see as topics for the monthly lunch meetings?

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| _____ 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: _____