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L. A. Convention

BHBA Plays Major Role at ABA Meet

Commencing with a luncheon honoring ABA President L. Stanley Chauvin, Jr., members of the Beverly Hills Bar Association were very active in programs presented by the American Bar Association and its affiliated organizations at its mid-year meeting held at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles in early February.

Sixty BHBA members attended a meeting with Mr. Chauvin at the Beverly Hills Hotel. The ABA president spoke about this programs which included substance abuse and an effort to increase funding for drug prevention programs rather than spending a "disproportionate amount for incarceration and prisons". He urged a greater focus on education. He also expressed a need for increased funding for the judicial system. Kathryn A. Ballsun presented Mr. Chauvin with a BHBA baseball cap as a memento of the occasion.

At the meeting of the National Association of Bar Executives, Louis B. Fox, BHBA executive director, moderated a luncheon entitled "Innovative Programming - California Style". The program featured six speakers including Bert Z. Tigerman, the BHBA delegate to the ABA House of Delegates. The 250 attendees received a pamphlet with articles prepared by Mr. Tigerman, Mr. Fox and Gregory T. Victoroff, chairperson of the BHBA Barristers Committee for the Arts.

BHBA President Kathryn A. Ballsun and Mr. Tigerman participated in meetings held by the National Conference of Bar Presidents. Following up on a resolutions co-sponsored by the BHBA, the ABA organized a task force on outreach to the public. Sessions were held on Saturday and Sunday detailing what can be done to reach out to the public and enhance the profession generally. Mr. Tigerman chaired a session on reaching out to non-legal groups. Ms. Ballsun reviewed the BHBA Citizens Law School as part of an adult education program break-out session.

A book, called "Creating Partnerships" was distributed to attendees of the National Conference on the Profession and Outreach to the Public. This loose-leaf book contained model outreach programs sponsored by various bar associations nationwide.

The BHBA co-hosted a cocktail party for 550 delegates to the ABA at the Vertigo disco at which the BHBA distributed mementos of specially bottled wine with a BHBA label.



Frederick M. Nicholas

Nicholas to be Honored by Public Counsel on Feb. 21

Frederick M. Nicholas, the first president of Public Counsel, the public interest law firm co-sponsored by the BHBA and the Los Angeles County Bar Association, will receive the Founders Award at its annual William O. Douglas dinner to be held on Thursday evening, March 21 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Fred Friendly, a former president of CBS News, will be the recipient of the William O. Douglas Award, given annually to the person who best exemplifies the principles for which Mr. Douglas stood.

Mr. Nicholas has been a very active BHBA member and for many years has been the honorary chairperson of the annual luncheon honoring the California Supreme Court. He is chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art and the chairperson of the Walt Disney Concert Hall Committee of the Music Center which plans to build a new building diagonally across from the downtown courthouse.

The proceeds of this annual dinner provide Public Counsel with a substantial portion of its annual budget. Purchasers of tables of ten are listed in the program as dinner sponsors. Tickets are available at \$300.00 each and \$3,000 for a table of ten. For further information, please call Events Unlimited at (213) 658-5765.

Final Dues Notice

Members who have not paid their dues have received a fourth and final dues notice. The notice was accompanied by a letter from President Kathryn A. Ballsun, asking the recipients to continue their membership in the "finest local voluntary bar association in the nation." Members who do not pay their dues by March 15 will be deleted from the membership, in accordance with the by-laws of the Association.

Major Change

New Look and Editors For the BHBA Journal

The Beverly Hills Bar Association quarterly publication, the JOURNAL, which commenced publication in 1967, will be revamped into a larger size book with a new editorial staff, commencing with Volume XXIV, which will be published in about two months.

The law review type publication has been restyled with new typography and graphics, designed by Hesperheide Designs. The new editorial board will be headed by David E. Lich as editor in chief. Joni S. Ackenman will become the managing editor; C. Brent Parker, the articles editor; Max Goodman, the symposium editor; the associate editors will include Robert C. Aronoff, Laila C. Fernea, Charles S. Grobe, Edward J. Pallotta, David N. Shacter, Dee Miller Siegel and Norman Zafman.

When the JOURNAL commenced publication in 1967, Daniel Weber was the president of the Association and I. H. Prinzmetal its first editor. At the time, many local bar associations published similar publications. Today, the BHBA is probably the only local voluntary bar association publishing a law review type quarterly.

The JOURNAL is mailed to the entire membership and to about 125 law library subscribers throughout the country. With the new format, an effort will be made to solicit more subscribers as well as more advertisers in order to reduce the overall costs of publication.

Members are encouraged to submit articles ranging in length from 1,500 words to 10,000 words and to submit them to the Articles Editor C. Brent Parker at Robert C. Aronoff & Associates, 11355 W. Olympic Blvd., 6th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Members interested in joining the JOURNAL editorial board may, call David E. Lich at (213) 828-0500. The last issue in the old format is an index of all articles published from Volume I in 1967 to date. Members will receive their copies in March.

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