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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM YOUR CCBA STAFF

Important Dates

Bold indicates seminar or new entry on the calendar

December

"Adopt a Family" Holiday Project ends and food and other donated items distributed to "adopted" families;

- 6 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- 13 — CCYLA Holiday Party, B & J's**
- 20 — Criminal Defense Holiday Party, Katz 21**

- 24 — Holiday, Office Closed
- 25 — Holiday, Office Closed
- 31 — Holiday, Office Closed

January 2008

- 1 — Holiday, Office Closed
- 3 — CCYLA Board Meeting**
- 9 — Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center

- 14 — Video Replay "Building Blocks of Wills, Estates & Probate 2008" SBOT CLE, Tower II**

- 16 — Criminal Defense Luncheon 12:00 p.m., Katz 21

- 17 — Reception Honoring CCYLA for National Award, TYLA Board Invited**

- 18 & 19 — TYLA Board Meeting Here**

- 21 — Holiday, Office Closed
- 22 — Board of Directors Meeting**
- 25 — Appellate Law Seminar**

February 2008

- Mock Trial
- 7 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- 15 — Joint Luncheon with CPA's**
- 19 — Board of Directors Meeting
- 20 — Criminal Defense Luncheon 12:00 p.m., Katz 21

- 23 — Peoples' Law School, TAMU-CC**
- 29 — Bankruptcy Seminar**

March 2008

- Nominating Committee, Docket Call;
- 17 — 21 CCISD Spring Break,
- 21 — Good Friday, 23 — Easter
- 6 — CCYLA Board Meeting

- 13 — Ethics Seminar**
- 19 — Criminal Defense Luncheon 12:00 p.m., Katz 21

- 25 — Board of Directors Meeting
- CBWLA Reception**

- 26 — CBWLA Luncheon**

April 2008

- Election of New Board,
- 19 — Passover Begins
- 3 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- 9 — Annual Meeting Luncheon 12:00 p.m., Ortiz Center, Speaker Gib Walton, SBOT President**
- 11 — Advanced Civil Trial Seminar**
- 15 — Board of Directors Meeting
- 16 — Criminal Defense Luncheon 12:00 p.m., Katz 21

May 2008

- Law Day Reception, Law Day Luncheon,
- 1 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- 20 — Board of Directors Meeting
- 21 — Criminal Defense Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Katz 21

- 23 — Criminal Law Seminar**
- 26 — Holiday, Office Closed

June 2008

- Docket Call
- 5 — CCYLA Board Meeting
- Baseball with the Bench**
- 17 — Board of Directors Joint Meeting
- 18 — Criminal Defense Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Katz 21
- 26 — 28 — State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting**

July 2008

- 18 & 19 — SBOT Bar Leaders Conference at The Woodlands**

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Third Annual Judges' Fish Fry's Redux A Success

As with previous two (2), "Let's do it again" was the refrain of attendees as they left the 2007 Judges' Fish Fry. Friday, November 30th was the date this year. 90 members and guests spent a relaxed Friday evening enjoying the view from Doug Allison's Corpus Christi Bay-front home and eating John Sixta's su-



John Sixta prepares the fish

perb fried fish, sipping their favorite beverage, and communing with judges and



Brenda Baker serves Judges Mike Westergren and James Klager

each other. The warm and clear December evening weather rounded out an event to remember (a direct result of President Rebecca Kieschnick's surpassing the weather prognostication skill of past President Pat Wolter who set the date of the first redux in 2005 two months in advance — she set it six (6) months in advance).

Those responsible for making the event such a success were as follows:

John Sixta (prepared and cooked all of the fish, baked beans, cole Slaw, pea salad, and tartar source)



Judges Sandra Watts and Janis Graham Jack

Les Cassidy (supplied the beer and wine)



Doug Allison and Chris Dorsey in the serving line



The Honorable Carl Lewis on harmonica with David Bright (first from left) on guitar

Doug Allison (opened his beautifully decorated home and bay-front view patio to us)



Jim Wray, Lorraine Stevenson, and Danny Tower

The Honorable Carl Lewis and the Deadbeats (live music)



Reagan Sahadi, Lisa Godwin, and Jason Jett serving the food

Baker & Baker (cash)

Chaves, Resendez & Rivero, L.L.P. (cash)



Stephanie Martinez, Judge John Martinez, Judge B. Janice Ellington, and Audrey Vicknair

Donnell, Abernethy & Kieschnick (cash)

Dunn, Weathered, Coffey, Rivera, Kasperitis & Rodriguez, P.C. (cash)



Judge Hayden Head, Ronald A. Simank, and W.C. "Trey" Book, III

Hartline, Dacus, Barger, Dreyer & Kern, L.L.P. (cash)

Hermansen, McKibben, Woolsey & Villarreal, L.L.P. (cash)

Porter, Rogers, Dahlman & Gordon, P.C. (cash)

Snapka, Turman & Waterhouse, L.L.P. (cash)

Watts Law Firm, L.L.P. (cash)

Webb, Cason & Covich, P.C. (cash)

Wood, Boykin & Wolter, P.C. (cash)

Reagan Sahadi (organized crews for set-up and serving and helped with both)

Christine Cone, Joy Stewart, Eric Stewart,(set up)

Chris Dorsey, Jason Jett, Brian C. Miller, Lisa Godwin, Doug Mann (serving)

And last but not least, Brenda Baker (organizing, fund raising, serving) and **Rebecca Kieschnick** (fund raising, set-up).

NEW CCBA Member

We welcome the following new members:

Kenneth Botary, phone 884-3774

Paola Muraira. Law Offices of Robert Bujanos, phone 882-8080

DeeAnn Torres, Bonilla and Chapa, P.C., phone 881-1000

William A. Whittle, phone 887-6993

Courthouse Security Passes Expire January 14th

All **Courthouse Security Passes** will **EXPIRE** Monday, **JANUARY 14TH**. The Nueces County Commissioners Court requests that you please go by the Nueces County Judge's Office to obtain your 2008 Attorney ID Card between now and January 14th so you do not find yourself waiting in line behind 100 other lawyers on January 14th or 15th to obtain your Security Pass or in line behind 200 oth-

ers waiting to go through the security check-point on the first floor (They will **NOT** waive you through). There is a cost of \$25.00 for the security card.

The Sheriff's Department has asked us to remind you that your card allows you and **no one else** access into the Courthouse Tower. Allowing your client into the Courthouse Tower through the 2nd and 3rd floor doors is **prohibited**. If you are found to have allowed someone else into the Courthouse Tower on the second or third floor (allowing them to avoid going through the security check-point on the first floor), your security pass will be revoked; and renewal of your security pass will be subject to the discretion of the Nueces County Judge.

The Nueces County Commissioners Court thanks you for your cooperation.

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Personal Injury Seminar Praised

Over 60 lawyers attended the annual Advanced Personal Injury Seminar on Friday, November 2nd at the Ortiz Center. The seminar provided 6.75 hours of Continuing Legal Education including 1.25 hours of Ethics. It also provide specialization credit for Personal Injury Trial Law, Civil Trial Law, and Civil Appellate Law. Those attending evaluated the seminar 4.6 on a 5.0 scale. **Steve Schiweitz is thanked for a job well done.**

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CCBA to Sponsor SBOT Video CLE: "Building Blocks of Wills, Estates, & Probate 2008" January 14th

Testing a new way to bring CLE to you, we are partnering with the State Bar of Texas in bringing video CLE to you. On Monday, January 14th, we shall present a video replay of the SBOT CLE "9th Annual Building Blocks of Wills. It will be in Community Room B of Tower II, 555 North Carancahua. Registration will commence at 8:00 a.m. The video replay will start at 8:30 a.m. There will be a break for lunch on your own at 11:45 a.m. The CLE will restart at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:15 p.m. 6.75 hours of CLE including 3.5 hours of ethics will be available. The subjects covered will include Basic Estate Planning, Elder Law Planning and Issue Spotting, Office Technology and Administration: Kicking and Screaming into the 21st Century, Probate Procedures and Alternatives, and Administration Issues. All of the materials provided at the original video broadcast will be provided to those attending our video replay. The cost will be \$150.00 for Members and \$160.00 for non-members. Please let us know if you will be attending by e-mail to sgonzales@corpusbar.com or calling 883-4022. If you have questions, please call us at 883-4022.

New Lawyer Welcoming Activities Include Reception

New lawyer activities began per tradition with the Honorable Rogelio Valdez, Chief Justice Thirteenth Court of Appeals,



Chief Justice Rogelio Valdez swearing in new lawyers

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swearing new lawyers in. That was followed by the new lawyers being the guests of CCBA at the November Luncheon where they were provided free copies of the Pictorial Directory and the latest newsletter. The welcoming activities ended with the Corpus Christi Young Lawyers Reception in honor of the new lawyers and members of the judiciary at The Havana Club that was attended by over 40.



New lawyers DeeAnn Torres, Paola Muraira, and Jesse Guerra at the CCYLA reception



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