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## HARVEST PARTY AND SCHOLARSHIPS GO HAND-IN-HAND

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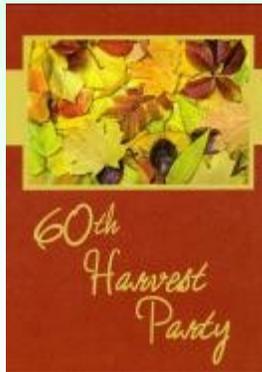
Billy Murphy-2005

Lilia Rhode-2006

Jennifer Engdale-2007

Payal Jethva-2007

Ivy B. Grey-2007



Bianca Castillo-2008

Stephanie Lindsay-2008

Alexander Morningstar-2008

Ryan Hargrave-2009

Arnold Colunga-2009

Benjamin James-2009

These are the students from South Texas, Texas Southern, and University of Houston Schools of Law who have benefited from scholarships given since 2002 by the HBAA Charitable Fund, Inc.

To raise money for the scholarships donated goods or services are grouped together, tickets sold, and a drawing held at the Harvest Party. The packages this year include

“GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!” : a visit to Trellis Spa for pampering, a make up and hair session, and ready to step out in style with a beautiful aquamarine necklace!

“THE SPORTS FAN PACKAGE”: 4 tickets to a Rockets game, 4 tickets to an Astros game, \$100 dining certificate, and sessions with certified athletic trainer Patrick Lucas of “Beyond the Sport.”

“THE TASTE OF TEXAS”: Dinner at Tony Mandola’s Seafood Kitchen, Mardi Gras Grill, Carrabba’s, Ouisies, Fernando’s, Bistro Don Camillo, and more. Also several bottles of wine.

“The DESTINATION WEEKEND”: an incredible designer-decorated Hill Country home on the Blanco River plus an authentic semi-antique oriental rug donated by designer and HBAA member Nancy Nation.

Individual tickets are \$10. Buy today by sending a check payable to the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary Charitable Fund Scholarship to Phyllis Dent, 1200 Pine Chase, Houston, TX 77055. Tickets will be available at the Harvest Party.

*See you at the Harvest Party, Monday, November 16, River Oaks Country Club!*

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## President's Update



Dear HBAA members,

*It is hard to believe fall is here. Things are certainly underway with the Auxiliary. After having our first board meeting this past spring at the home of Jane Larkin, our year was off to a great start. We have had our second board meeting. Many thanks to Fulbright & Jaworski for letting us use the Jaworski Conference Center for our meeting. It was great to see everyone and to hear all of the reports from our committee members.*

*Everyone is hard at work in HBAA. Deanna Leonard, Kippie Curcio, and Wendy Nicholas have been working on our membership drive. Phyllis Dent had the directories published. Sherryl Durkee, Jane Larkin, Phyllis Dent, Lynn Gagnon, and Kathy Redden were on hand for the dedication of Habitat for Humanity's new home. Carolann Moore, chair of Courtesy and Condolences, and her team are busy writing notes. Hazel Donato is keeping our website updated.*

*Annette Duggan and Carmela Frels are busy planning our fall coffee to be held on Thursday, October 8, 2009. Diane Lee is planning to distribute the Now You Are 18 booklets on Tuesday, October 20 at 10 a.m. at Bayou City Express. If you are interested in helping, please contact Diane Lee at 713.664.4248. Carolyn Matthews is hard at work getting our newsletter published.*

*The Harvest Party is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This lovely event will be held on Monday, November 16, 2009 at River Oaks Country Club from 7-10 p.m. The Charitable Fund Scholarship Drawing items are "The Best of Texas Packages". There are some fabulous items this year - you will want to be sure and get your tickets! Many thanks to Phyllis Dent and Betty Griffin for these drawing items.*

*Marsha Orloff and Kathy Redden are busy with the Jaworski Award Committee. The Selection Committee has been chosen and they are to meet in November to select the 2010 Jaworski recipient.*

*This brings us to the New Year - 2010. The Auxiliary will have its next Board meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at the home of Wendy Dawson. An e-vite will follow. With the New Year also comes HBAA's famous Cooking Classes. Betty Griffin, Phyllis Dent, Jamie Alford and Lil Newman are busy putting together these classes. Sue Bennett is working on "Do The Write Thing". Linda Parrish is in charge of the Children's Egg Hunt. Sandy Wotiz will be heading up the Eikenburg Fun Run. Last, but not least, will be our Spring Luncheon. The chairs are Anne Boss, Bonnie Holman, and Nancy Nation. The speaker will be Becky Lanier, and the topic will be "Party Planning". This will be an event not to be missed! June Cowan and Linda Dumesnil are our Historians this year. If you have pictures from any events, please forward them to June or Linda.*

*Thanks to everyone for making this a great year! Sandy*

## Auxiliary Fall Coffee

October 8, 2009

How lucky can we be to have a party on the only day it did not rain during the week of the Coffee! Annette's home was beautifully decorated to receive our guests. The food was delicious, and many recipes were requested as the fabulous Coffee committee had prepared the menu themselves. Both prospective and long standing members attended, and many people enjoyed reconnecting with old friends whom they had not seen for a while. Everyone got a new Directory from Phyllis Dent; Jill Clements had pumpkin nametags ready; some guests bought raffle tickets; and many reviewed recent scrapbooks.



Lee Duggan and Kelly Frels assist Kay Sims at Fall Coffee

### *18 Handbags and \$215 Benefits Dress for Success*

Thank you for the generous donations you brought for Houston Bar Association projects. Eighteen handbags and \$215 dollars went to Dress for Success, whose goal is to provide 600 job seekers with a handbag. Several dozen books for our veterans are now at the Midtown library. You graciously made that happen.



Sandy Norris, Sue Bennett, Mary Ellen Borgelt, TLA Pres., Kathy Redden

Mary Ellen Borgelt, President of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary, drove in from Austin for the day. Spouses Lee Duggan and Kelly Frels anticipated parking problems, so they voluntarily sprang into action, working two hours guiding everyone to a parking spot and escorting ladies to the door. Thanks, guys; and thank you to all who came to enjoy the day.

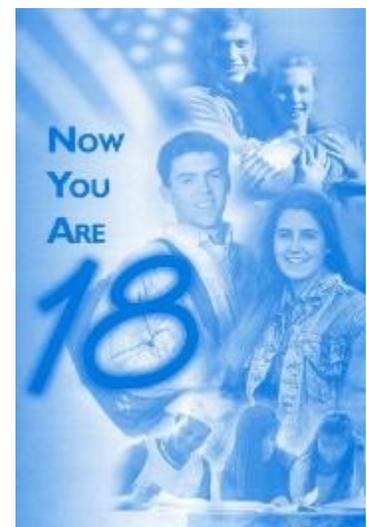
Annette Duggan and Carmela Frels

Coffee Co-chairs

## Now You Are 18

Over 42,000 Now You Are 18 booklets will be distributed in October to area High Schools throughout Harris county. The booklets are a project of the Texas Lawyers Auxiliary, generously funded by the Houston Bar Foundation, and distributed by HBAA. For more information please contact Diane Lee at

713-664-4248, or LeeDLL59@aol.com.



## Habitat House Dedication

The HBAA assists in the dedication ceremony of the Habitat House that the HBA builds each year by providing refreshments for the family, friends, and all of those present for this wonderful occasion. This year we did this on Saturday morning, September 26. Phyllis Dent, Jane Larkin, Lynn Gagnon, Kathy Redden and Sherryl Durkee provided the refreshments and took part in the dedication ceremony.

“Houston Habitat for Humanity works by faith to change lives and empower families by building homes in partnership with God and people from all walks of life” is the mission statement for Habitat. This year the home was awarded to The Ellis Family and they will reside at 4826 Brisbane Dr. Mr. Ellis is a veteran of the Viet Nam War.

Each recipient is required to perform a certain number of community service hours and they also help with the construction of the house.

It is always a very rewarding experience for us and we look forward to this every year. Thank you to all who helped.

Sherryl Durkee



## Jaworski Award Update

The Selection Committee for the Leon Jaworski Award is:

1. Dave Daniels, Chairman, Corporate Development Director for Habitat For Humanity International
2. Dr. David Peterson, Senior Pastor of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
3. Mrs. Jane Lee
4. Mr. Scott McClelland, President of HEB Grocery Company Houston and Central market Division
5. Ms. Roseann Rogers, Regional sales/Marketing Manager of KTBH Houston's 55
6. Mr. Barrett Reasoner, President of the Houston Bar Association
7. Mrs. Sandy Norris, President of the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary

Our speaker for the March 2, 2010 luncheon at the Houston Club is Cynthia Briggs, the Executive Director of Communities In Schools Houston, Inc. Ms Briggs has previously served on the Leon Jaworski Awards Selection committee as well! I urge all HBAA members to attend this luncheon which honors a Houston lawyer not for his professional achievements but for a lifetime commitment to volunteer community service.



## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Jill Clement has been named a "Houston Rodeo Trailblazer", an award recognizing significant contributions to the Rodeo. Jill served on the Carnival Committee before becoming Chair. She set a record this past year by raising \$3.4 million. Over a period of two years, she topped the previous top figure by over a million dollars. She will be honored in February at a luncheon.



Jane Larkin is being honored on October 29 at the Interface-Samaritan Counseling Centers Seasons of Caring Luncheon. She is one of two individuals being honored with the Samaritan for All Seasons Award. The award recognizes and celebrates individuals whose personal and professional lives exemplify compassion for others. It states in the invitation letter that "Jane Larkin and Mark Wallace, President and CEO of Texas Children's Hospital, have demonstrated a strong sense of community, civic responsibility and are shining examples of what it is to be a Good Samaritan: always generous of spirit to those most in need."



## COOKING CLASSES 2010

Plans are under way for a spectacular new season of Cooking Classes. Leading off the 2010 Series on January 25<sup>th</sup> will be the ever popular Charles Clark of Ibiza fame at the wonderful home of Wendy and Alistair Dawson. Creative Chef Mike Potowski from the trendy Benjy's restaurant on Washington Avenue is excited to be joining our series. Jean-Philippe Guy from Houston's first family of French, will loan Executive Chef Hildebrand of Bistro Provence/Don Camillo fame to us for one of the February classes in the beautiful gourmet kitchen of Becky and Grayson Davis.

The "Tastes of the Town" series will include more high profile Chefs from Houston's top restaurants cooking for you in the incredible homes of Karen and Scott Rozell and Nancy and Chip Babcock. Following the busy holidays it will be time to invite your friends for a fun evening of wonderful dining and let someone else do the cooking! We will again offer Cooking Class gift certificates, a perfect solution to holiday shopping. More surprises are in store and will be detailed in the invitation expected to reach you right after the holidays. So watch your mail and make your reservations early as the classes are expected to fill quickly. For information on the classes or gift certificates contact Betty Griffin (713.880.3106), Lil Newman (713.252.6653), or Jamie Alford (713.824.5501).



Chef Mark Holley with hosts Melissa O'Toole-Smith and Paul Smith.



L-r, Patricia Pettitt, Rhett Buck, Joe Indelicato, Chef Monica Pope, Barbara Buck, Nina Indelicato, at cooking class in 2008-09.

## “Do the Write Thing” Essay Reading

HBAA members are again participating in the “Do The Write Thing” Challenge sponsored by The National Campaign to Stop Violence. We support this program by reading essays written by area seventh and eighth graders. This program is under the auspices of Judge Emmett and his office. We read these student’s essays to see if they answer the question of how violence begins, how violence affected the students and suggested solutions to end violence. Our job is to read the essay’s and select one boy and girl winner from each school.

Reading of the essays will take place at the following dates and locations:

Home of Sandy Norris, 213 Warrenton Drive, 77024

**Wednesday, January 13, 2010 9:00-3:00 pm**

Home of Gina Rebman, #1 J-Star Court, 77024

**Thursday, January 14, 2010 9:00-3:00 pm**

Home of Sue Bennett 11326 Piney Point Circle, 77024

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010 9:00-3:00 pm**

Home of Sue Bennett 11326 Piney Pine Circle, 20024

**Thursday, January 21, 2010 9:00-3:00 pm**

Please help us read the essays. We welcome you anytime during these days to drop by and participate. Even if you can stay only a short time, we encourage you to come for as long as your schedule permits. A light lunch and snacks are provided each reading day. Don’t miss this opportunity to get to share with other HBAA members while providing a service to the county. You can call Sue Bennett at 713 266-8951 or email [sbennett@JohnHBennettjr.com](mailto:sbennett@JohnHBennettjr.com) if you can help with the reading of the essays. If you have already signed up to read, you do not need to contact Sue Bennett.

### Upcoming Events

60th Annual HBA Harvest Party, **Monday, November 16, 2009**, River Oaks Country Club, 7-10 p.m.

HBAA’s next Board meeting, **Tuesday, January 12, 2010** at the home of Wendy Dawson, 11518 Shadow Way, Houston 77024. The Charitable Fund will meet at 9:30 a.m. with Board meeting to follow at 10:30 a.m. You will receive an e-vite for this meeting.

Cooking Classes will begin February 2010: look for your invitation.

Leon Jaworski Award Luncheon, Houston Club—Texas Room, Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 11:30 am—1 pm.

Eikenburg Fun Run, Sam Houston Park, March 27, 2010.

Annual Children’s Egg Hunt, ground of Mithoff Residence, 2930 Lazy Lane, March 27, 2010.

Spring President’s Luncheon and Announcement of HBAA Charitable Fund, Inc. Scholarship Recipients, April 2001.

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