

Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association

President: Wanda Clapp
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April 2006 Edition

Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Where: Two Trees (across from the new courthouse?)

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

RSVP via email to Marty Lester at OWBA@cox.net

JUDICIAL RECEPTION

ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

Our April meeting will feature elections for next year's OWBA officers. Currently nominated are the following:

Ashley Smith Herndon – President

Martin W. Lester – Vice President

Coy Browning – Secretary

Jennifer Copus – Treasurer

This is an open election, and nominations from the floor are welcome. You should run. No, really, you should. But first help me whitewash my fence. ☺

FACDL MEETING

The next meeting of the Okaloosa-Walton Chapter of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (FACDL) will be on April 20, 2006 at 5:30 or thereabouts in the Shalimar Cheers Pub. Our own Ashley Smith Herndon will speak about forfeitures, and Marty Lester will provide a legislative update of the status of bills recently passed or currently under consideration which will affect criminal practice. All local criminal defense attorneys, FACDL members or not, are invited to attend.

For those of you who just can't get enough of our fine local judiciary, please remember the annual Judicial Reception on May 11, 2006. As before, this year's gala will be held at Aunt Martha's Bed & Breakfast and will be catered by Staff's. Entertainment will be provided by the Jazz Mackerels, led by our own Glenn "I haven't quit my day job" Swiatek. Come out and spend even more time with the judges you know and love. Cost TBA at the April 11th meeting.

LAW DAY

Our annual Law Day Luncheon will be held on May 12, at the Emerald Coast Convention Center (a/k/a the "White Elephant"). Our speaker will be the Hon. Robert T. Benton of the First District Court of Appeal. Cost TBA at the April 11th meeting. The Law Day Luncheon will also feature the annual Liberty Bell award, recognizing a non-lawyer who has made a substantial contribution to the justice system over the past year.

I know who the recipient is, but I'm not telling. You'll just have to come to the luncheon.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Murphy & Clapp, P.A., has an opening for a legal assistant. Experience preferred. Please contact Tom Murphy or Wanda Clapp at 651-2606.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“I have lived my life,
and I have fought my battles,
not against the weak and the poor . . .
but against power, against oppression,
and I have asked no odds from them,
and I never shall.”

-- *Clarence Darrow*

***We are only as strong as our weakest link...please support your local
Bar Association.***