



ALA Today

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President's Notes

My time as president of the American Lawyers Auxiliary has seemed both short and long. The time seemed to move at warp speed while at other times it seemed that time stood still. But doesn't that also describe the past year of the pandemic? But regardless of the pace I am approaching a milestone for ALA. A year that has been like no other with meetings

held remotely and committees functioning with resolve to accomplish their mandates under a whole new set of circumstances.

There is no way to fully express my gratitude for those who have continued to stay involved and active over the past months. These women are reminders that even when events happen that are beyond our control, we have choices about how we react and respond. We have learned a lot.

My outlook is hopeful, and I'm excited for what the rest of the year has in store when it is safe to resume aspects of our normal lives. It is time to begin planning for our Annual Meeting on August 12, 2021 which will hopefully be the last of ALA's virtual meetings. We will have to save catching up with old friends face-to-face until the Mid-Year Meeting in April of 2022.

I hope you were able to join the ALA Zoom Mid-Year Meeting on April 22nd. If you did, you saw that a major portion of the meeting was dedicated to presenting the ALA Auxiliary Support Awards. Evelyn Albright, Mary Ellen Borgelt and Jennifer Benesh presented certificates and checks to seven auxiliaries that were recognized for their outstanding programs. You can read more about these programs in this newsletter . (President's notes continue on next page)



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The highlight of the meeting was announcing that Evelyn Albright is ALA's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year and Stephanie Whitehurst is receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. You can read more about these women's accomplishments in this newsletter also. Congratulations to these two fabulous women.

Thanks you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to be in the company of so many talented women who give of their time and talents to improve their communities by furthering the understanding of the law in our society. Without their hard work we would not have achieved ALA's goals. Rita Thompson



2021 Auxiliary Support Program grants were awarded at the Mid-year Virtual Meeting to the following auxiliaries:

Columbus Bar Association Alliance \$500 for support to Community Mediation Services of Central Ohio.

Grand Rapids Lawyers Alliance \$400 for support for Michigan Center for Civic Education "We The People" program

Indian River County Lawyer Auxiliary \$600 for the Indian River County Lawyers Auxiliary Scholarship

Ingham County Bar Auxiliary \$500 for support programs for youth whose families are part of the Probate Court system

Kalamazoo Lawyers Alliance \$600 to purchase cooking equipment for the Junior Chef Program at the Juvenile Home

National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary \$900 for the Law Day Essay Program

Saginaw County Lawyers Auxiliary \$500 for SCLA Scholarship Program

We urge all auxiliaries to apply for support from ALA next year.

Thanks to Guy Harrison for WRITING AND RECITING this poem for our Midyear virtual meeting to celebrate our Volunteer of the Year (Evelyn Albright) and Lifetime Achievement (Stephanie Whitehurst) award winners. There are pictures, descriptions and interviews with Evelyn and Stephanie on the following pages. The next time ALA gets together in person in 2022 in San Antonio, there will be a chance to give them a hug and thank them in person.

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When asked of God

About the state of the world

And when, and what God would do

Unprepared was his heart

For the question God asked,

“And just what is it you will do?”

Will you stand for another,

Will you stand in their need,

Will their cause be where your journey starts?

Would you be their refuge

For that is the key.

That is the true servant’s heart.

Will your heart and your mind

Be fed by your deeds

Reflecting the best of your goals?

Will you be the flame

Of the candle of hope?

Will you bring hope to their souls?

When the question is made

“Just what will you do?”

For all that you hold dear.

May you answer it thus

I will stand and will serve,

For I am a Volunteer!

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Evelyn Albright

has been selected as the ALA 2021 Volunteer of the Year. She's been so active in the National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary for many years and joined ALA in the 1970's and has been recording secretary and is now Second Vice President. More details on next pages.

National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary



NCLA Law Day Essays



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Tributes for Evelyn Albright, ALA 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award

Evelyn's volunteer activities ALA: In the 1970's I joined the organization that is now known as the American Lawyers Alliance and served as Recording Secretary. I was a Director 2015-2017 and 2018-2020 and 2nd Vice President 2017-2018. I have served as Co-Chair of the ALA Auxiliary Support Program from 2016-Present. It is a privilege to learn about the many civic, community out-reach programs throughout the U.S.A. that our auxiliaries are supporting to bring an understanding and appreciation of the American legal system, the Rule of Law, to students in our country. National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary (NCLA): In the 1970's I participated as a Tour Leader and as Coordinator for NCLA members to give District of Columbia (D.C.) public school students tours of the D.C. Superior Court. The tours included sitting in the courtroom listening to carefully selected cases. I have served as Newsletter Editor and currently continue to serve as Co-Chair of NCLA's annual Law Day Essay Contest for D.C. 5th/6th grade public school students. The annual Award Ceremony is held at the U.S. Supreme Court. I have been given the honor to serve as NCLA's Co-President from 2009-2011 and from 2013-Present. This year we launched a new program, the Wellness Program, focusing on Nutrition, Sleep and Stress Management. The first presentation on March 10, 2021 will be on nutrition.

Janet Bullinger: Evelyn Albright has been the mainstay of NCLA for some years now. If it were not for Evelyn and her co-president (some who have taken a less active role in NCLA) there would not be an NCLA. She knows the forward and backwards working of this organization and although she has said she would not participate she has always stepped up and led the organization. I truly mean it when I say that the group would not exist without her. Some of us were involved but there are time constraints and people did their parts but gently left their positions but Evelyn has had a hand in all parts of the organization. She has contacted and guided those persons doing our Annual Luncheon for the Supreme Court Justices Spouses, participated in the Law Day Contest at the U.S. Supreme Court and contacted people to take on positions of responsibility for the good of our group. I sincerely believe that she deserves this award because no one had done more than Evelyn for the National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary.

Kitty O'Reilley: Evelyn Albright has been a member of the National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary for many years. She became more active after retiring from the government. She has held the position of Co-President for several terms. When NCLA was going through some difficult times, Evelyn stepped up and along with other women, became co-president. She has continued in that role for several terms. Several years ago, she took on the co-chairmanship of the Law Day Essay Contest and has hosted several ALA presidents as her guest at the Kenwood Country Club and during the ceremony at the Supreme Court of the United States. As co-president, she has planned and organized for NCLA members to attend Holiday Happenings, Spring Flings and other events around the city. She is very organized and gives a lot of her time to the organization. As far as ALA is concerned, she has co-chaired the Auxiliary Support Awards for several years and has attended many of the ALA mid-year and annual meetings.

Anne Santorelli: Evelyn has been the consummate volunteer. From the moment she joined the National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary (NCLA), she involved herself wholeheartedly in anything she was asked to do. Her main focus has been on the Law Day Essay contest and awards ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court for Fifth Graders in the District of Columbia public schools. This is a nine-month a year job. She has also been co-president and co-commissioner of NCLA for many years, keeping the organization ticking when it was going through some difficult times. She has been the mainstay for making arrangements for the annual luncheon for the spouses of the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, which is why it is such a beautiful event year after year. In the American Lawyers Alliance (ALA) she has been mainstay of the Auxiliary Support Awards, and always has the facts and figures on who has received funds, etc. at her finger tips! She is quiet, knowledgeable and hard working, even through treatment for breast cancer a few years ago. If you ask Evelyn to do something you will know that it will be done in an efficient, quiet and excellent way. This award is much deserved.

Alice Gordon: It is truly an honor to celebrate Evelyn as ALA Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award winner. Evelyn's dedication to her local auxiliary is impressive. As a new member of her alliance in Washington D.C., I have seen first hand how she takes her responsibilities seriously. She gives 100%. She leads quietly, but with thoroughness to details in any program or projects she serves. As President of her Capital Lawyers Auxiliary, I attended her alliance and as a guest Evelyn was a most gracious hostess and marvelous hospitality in providing me comfort and lodging during my stay in Washington DC. It was most memorable and greatly appreciated. When Evelyn, as a member of the American Lawyers Alliance, served on the Auxiliary Support program committee, her dedication shone through. I truly appreciate what our local alliance has been able to do as a result of these grants including helping our juvenile home and their library, or creating opportunities to learn job skills like the Young Chef's program and others. Finally, Evelyn's adaptability during this Covid 19 epidemic to continue to provide interesting programs for her local alliance through virtual meetings including a Bingo game with winners and her most recent program featuring a nutritionist was remarkable and an example of what can be done.

Mary Ellen Borgelt interviewed Evelyn Albright, the 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award winner:

Evelyn, we all admire you in American Lawyers Alliance. You are always smiling and undertaking every task with such a thorough, fair manner—not to mention with such energy, and a positive outlook. I imagine you were a good student in your earlier years. Can you share a little bit about your educational and early background? I look back to my early years with many fond memories of my family, my friends and other significant people and experiences. I am very fortunate to have had as role models and leaders, persons, especially my parents, who taught me respect for my country and respect and acceptance of others. My parents embraced civics and reaching out to others as a natural part of our lives. Reaching back to my time as an elementary school student, a warm and special memory is my weekly visits to the Washington Home, then known as the Home for the Incurables, in Washington, D.C. I was asked to read to an interesting and frail bedridden lady. During my visits we talked about many subjects, I read to her from her favorite books, and over time, we bonded and developed a close relationship each week looking forward to the next visit and to reading the next chapter in her chosen book.

And you and George live in the beautiful Washington, D.C. area, such an important and vibrant part of our country. What do you enjoy most about living in this area? I grew up in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. I have special memories of enjoying and learning from the many and diverse cultural opportunities offered by the D.C. area. These include attending performances at the National Theatre, Wolf Trap, Signature Theatre, Arena Stage, the National Symphony, the national Zoo, Dumbarton Oakes, the National Gallery, the Smithsonian to name but a very few. George and I love our time at home together and with our family and, until the Pandemic, would take several vacations throughout the year together and as a family. We look forward once again to being able to travel safely with plans to visit two of our favorite places—Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, and Amelia Island, Florida.

When did you join the National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary? And what have been the highlights of your involvement in this very outstanding organization? The organization now known as the National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary (NCLA) was founded January 26, 1961. NCLA is indeed an “outstanding organization” of exceptional, talented and dedicated members. I was asked to join the organization in the 1970’s. My membership in NCLA is significant in my life. Some of the programs in which I participated were: NCLA’s program to give D.C. Public School students tours of the D.C. Superior Court. The tours included sitting in the courtroom listening to carefully selected cases. In addition to setting up the tours, I also was one of the NCLA tour guides. I have served as NCLA Newsletter Editor, and am Co-Chair of NCLA’s 45-year-strong Annual Law Day Essay Contest for D.C. 5th and 6th grade public school students. The annual Award Ceremony for this civics outreach program is, by tradition, held at the United States Supreme Court. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s program had to be modified. I was Co-Chair of NCLA’s Annual Luncheon in honor of The Spouses of the United States Supreme Court Justices. I have been given the honor to serve as NCLA’s Commissioner/Co-President from 2009-2011 and from 2013-Present. This year NCLA launched a new program, the Wellness Program, focusing on Nutrition, Sleep management, Stress Management and Movement. The first presentation on March 10, 2021 featured nutrition with a zoom presentation by Caroline Prieskorn, registered and licensed Dietitian Nutritionist at MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

So, involvement in your local auxiliary, as is true for most of us, led to an interest in American Lawyers Alliance? When did you first join the ALA Board of Directors? And how would you describe your first impressions and what specific involvement you have had in ALA? In the 1970’s I joined the organization that is now known as the American Lawyers Alliance. I have held several Board positions including Recording Secretary and am currently 2nd Vice President. Since 2016, I have served as Co-Chair of the ALA Auxiliary Support Awards. It is a privilege to learn about the many civics, community out-reach programs throughout the U.S.A. that our auxiliaries are supporting, which is spreading a greater understanding and appreciation of the American legal system and the Rule of Law. I am grateful and appreciative to all the many wonderful people, old friends and new, with whom I have shared so many special times and from whom I have learned a lot. Thank you, American Lawyers Auxiliary for bestowing the honor of being selected 2021 Volunteer of the Year. I look forward to many, many more years supporting the missions of the National Capital Lawyers Auxiliary and the American Lawyers Alliance.

Stephanie Whitehurst

has been awarded the 2021 ALA Lifetime Achievement . She has served in the Austin Lawyers' Auxiliary, Texas Lawyers and ALA for many years and continues her involvement in these organizations. See the following page for more details about her volunteer work and an interview with her.

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Texas Lawyers Auxiliary



Austin Lawyers' Auxiliary



Tributes for Stephanie Whitehurst ALA 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award winner:

Stephanie's volunteer activities Law Related Local, State and National Leadership : Austin Lawyers Auxiliary President 1988-89 and various offices and committee chairmanships. Texas Lawyers Auxiliary President 1993-1994 and was Vice President Convention, Vice President Communications and Law Related Education Chair. American Lawyers Alliance President 1997-98, Law Related Education Chair, National Teacher of the Year Chair and Corresponding Secretary. Local Civic and Cultural Involvement: Assistance League of Austin President 1990-91, various offices and committee chairmanships, Co-Chair 2005 of \$3.1 M Capital Campaign. University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy Financial Aid Committee currently serving. University of Texas College of Education Advisory Council former Board Member. Ballet Austin Foundation Advisory Board member-currently serving. Ballet Austin Guild Member and named one of the 2005 Austin's "Women on their Toes" honorees. Austin Opera Guild Member Co Chair of Opera Ball 1988 and Silent Auction Co-Chair. First Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX Elder Class 2003-2005 and Moderator Historical Preservation Society currently serving. University of Texas School of Law Whitehurst Public Interest Law Fellowships sponsored six Public Interest Law Student Summer Fellowships annually.

Mary Anne Welch: Stephanie is the forever member of ALA. She is loyal, faithful, true and answers any and all calls. Besides that she is fun and generous. I know... I have admired her from day one.

Fran Dunn: I have been unable to participate in ALA for a very long time, but applaud Stephanie Whitehurst as Lifetime Achievement Award winner. She has done everything in Austin, Texas, Texas Lawyers Auxiliaries and American Lawyers Auxiliary for many years. Anything she does is done with excellent results. She is indeed worthy of this award.

Janet Bullinger: I cannot comment very much on Stephanie Whitehurst except to say that she is a lovely person and I met her through ALA several years ago. I believe that she was more active prior to my becoming involved in ALA. She and I enjoyed each others company in Forth Worth a few years back and that is how I learned what a competent and outgoing person she is.

Cathy Bomberger: Stephanie was active when I began attending ALA meetings. in the early-mid 1990s. That's a long time. I have loved her wonderful support, with Bill, and all the leadership roles she has accepted. My thanks to her for being part of the backbone of this organization for so long.

Cathy Levinson: Thanks for thinking of honoring Stephanie Whitehurst with the Lifetime Achievement Award! Stephanie was an excellent and active ALA president. I often think about the wonderful weekend that she and Bill hosted for us in Austin. While ALA officers had their meetings, Bill took the spouses out to see and do and have a wonderful lunch. We all saw and did so much: tour of the LBJ Presidential Library, delicious restaurant meals, evening drive down the music venues street, tour of the Texas Governor's Mansion, tour of the Capitol Building, and especially our magical day in the Hill Country with stops at LBJ's boyhood home, the Texas White House where we saw Lady Bird return from an outing, and the family graves under a large oak tree. Dinner was in a German restaurant in Fredericksburg. We heard about Bill & Stephanie's attendance at Willie Nelson's annual Fourth of July picnic. Stephanie and Bill have continued to be active with ALA and other legal groups.

Patricia Adams: I have known Stephanie and Bill for decades and they have always been active in such a profound way. No matter what is asked of Stephanie, she steps right up to the task. And of course, always with a smile and a welcoming spirit. She has her hands on the pulse of what needs to be done and never backs away from a challenge. I think she loves a challenge so she is the right person for this group.

Elouise Williams: Cathy's memory of the '97-'98 year was excellent. I, too, was appreciative of the Whitehursts' warm-hearted hospitality with their impressive plans and tours for the Austin event. Cathy's list of activities brought memories of seeing the colorful Texas wild flowers, Bill's legal office with several antiques, LBJ's first small school room, and riding by the Johnson home where an airplane landing had been constructed near the back of the home. A motion was passed by the ALA Board of Directors to increase the annual sum budgeted for the president from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to partially cover her travel expenses visiting affiliate auxiliaries. Cathy Izumi presented a beautiful Hawaiian lei to President Whitehurst and asked those present to sign a petition to the ABA Board of Governors to have the 2006 annual meeting in Hawaii. The following quotation was used to increase ALA membership: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead. Join us now! Together we can make a difference.

Mary Ellen Borgelt interviewed 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Stephanie Whitehurst:

It's almost overwhelming to find myself interviewing you, Stephanie, as the name Whitehurst is about as reputable and respected as any name is in the Texas legal world, and in national legal circles, not to mention all that it means in our community. What brought you to Austin and when? Thank you, Mary Ellen, for such a warm, gracious and overwhelming introduction! Let me start by saying how honored I am to receive the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Lawyers Alliance. You asked what brought me to Austin: My family moved to Austin in the early 1950's when my father returned to graduate school to obtain a PhD in History from the University of Texas. We moved from a small rural community of 600 people where I had attended second grade, to the big city of Austin with a population of 150,000. I have certainly seen changes in Austin over the last 60 + years! **With your law firm and with your family, you've all built quite a legacy. One senses a great partnership between you and Bill. How did you meet each other? When did you realize you would marry into a life in the law? And what have been the joys of this life?** During the fourth year of the five-year B.S. degree in Pharmacy at the University of Texas, I was selected to attend a pharmacy student conference hosted by the University of Oklahoma on their Norman, Oklahoma campus. Bill was a fourth year pharmacy student at OU and chaired the host committee. Needless to say, he was a perfect host! When I returned to Austin, we 'long distance' dated through our final year of pharmacy school and married the summer after graduation. He had applied to law schools that final year and showed his smarts by deciding to move to the Lone Star State. I continued to work as a pharmacist while he attended law school and thus the journey began. **Service to others, individually and as a firm, stretches from the Austin community to the State Bar of Texas to The University of Texas School of Law. Can you share some of the highlights of your deep and wide commitment to helping others, especially those less fortunate?** I think being associated with the medical community can make one more conscious and sympathetic to the suffering and plight of those around us. As a plaintiff's attorney for the last 50 years, Bill has been able to use both his medical knowledge from pharmacy and his law degree to help families and clients who had been injured. We are also very committed to Legal Aid and Legal Services for the Poor. Each summer we fund 6 law school students' summer internships to work in Public Interest Law venues throughout the United States. These students continue to be an inspiration to us as they work to provide legal assistance to those most in need. The law has been an extremely rewarding career for BOTH of us. **Family. You and Bill are justifiably proud of and dedicated to your wonderful family. Can you tell us a bit about them, including their educations and how you've followed them in their pursuits?** We have two daughters, Emilee Dawn Whitehurst and Rebecca Danielle Whitehurst who are now in their 40's. Emilee was born in Okinawa, Japan, where we were assigned while Bill was on active duty as a JAG Officer in the Air Force. Although she was not born in Texas, we got her here as soon as we could! She attended Stanford University undergraduate then received a Masters of Divinity from Harvard University. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister and currently is the President and CEO of the Houston Area Women's Center, a non-profit center providing services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. However, her most important job is being the mother of our two granddaughters, Vivian and Tabitha. Our younger daughter, Rebecca, was born in Austin and is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Theater at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. She also attended Stanford undergraduate and subsequently received an MFA in Acting from Harvard University/Moscow Arts Theater. This was followed by an academic year teaching and studying at the Moscow Arts Theater in Russia as a Fulbright Scholar. She is an equity actor and interdisciplinary teaching-artist. We are fortunate to have been able to actively follow their careers and pursuits throughout the years — from their first grade school play or gymnastic meet to watching the next generation follow in their footsteps. **You are a well known volunteer in our community, Stephanie. In addition to the lawyers' auxiliaries, which causes have captivated your interest and involvement?** I have been very active in Assistance League, a national volunteer service organization, and served as its Austin President in the early 1990's. My most challenging task was co-chairing a \$3.1M capital campaign in 2003 that enabled the organization to purchase a building which houses our service projects and a fundraising Thrift House resale store. It was a 5 year project and was a learning experience for sure! The camaraderie, friendships, and pride of accomplishment I gained will stay with me forever. Austin is fortunate to have an active cultural arts scene. I have served on the Board of Ballet Austin and am currently an advisor on its Foundation Board. Again, having been a part of and having seen the arts community grow throughout the years has been extremely rewarding. Of course the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas has a special place in my heart, and I enjoy serving on its Student Financial Aid Committee which meets annually to award scholarships to pharmacy students. The impact of the global pandemic has been devastating to students and their families so this need is especially heartfelt. Again, it is the resilience and persistence of those most negatively impacted that inspires and motivates each of us to give back. **You've been integral to the success and mutual enjoyment of volunteerism in Austin Lawyers' Auxiliary, Texas Lawyers Auxiliary and the American Lawyers Alliance. Each is indebted to you for your legacy of accomplishments! You've served as President and as a Board Member of long-standing within each organization. When did you become involved in each auxiliary, and what has this involvement and leadership meant to you?** When we returned to the states from Japan in 1975, Bill began practicing law in Austin. Very soon thereafter we became involved in 'young lawyer' activities and realized that one could have fun and 'do good' at the same time. In fact, doing good for others WAS fun! Bill then became president of the State Bar of Texas and later president of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. His association with the Texas Bar and subsequent involvement with the American Bar Association led me to auxiliary work in both organizations. I became aware of the American Lawyers Auxiliary in 1991 when Dorothy Bates from Waco, Texas, was President and asked me to participate on the Teacher of the Year Committee. Being involved in such a worthy project and having the opportunity to work with such dynamic and committed women was a true gift. These legal organizations have all provided many meaningful experiences and wonderful friendships over the years. Each step of involvement along the way has rewarded us with a treasure of wonderful memories. Although no longer in the 'young lawyer' category, we still see ourselves in the enthusiasm and dedication of the new generation of attorneys... and the rest is history! **It seems you can barely "pack it all in" — with time with grandchildren, with enjoyment of your country home in Fredericksburg, and in Colorado. I know you've had some very special trips and travels, and that you and Bill keep up with a wide circle of friends. What's planned on the horizon?** Bill and I love travel and are anxious to 'get back out there'. The last several years we have been fortunate to have acquired a wonderful circle of friends in the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. We are hoping to have the international green light for a trip to Berlin with that group in 2022, and also a trip to Italy (which has been postponed twice) with a professor of WWII history to visit Allied Italian campaign sites. And, of course, we will be looking forward to the American Lawyers Alliance Spring 2022 trip to San Antonio. Nothing could be better than spring in the Texas Hill Country! Thank you again for this incredible honor.



We are so sad to lose one of our ALA family. Below is part of his obituary. He was an amazing man and will be missed.

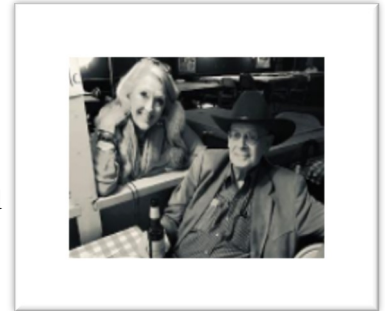
John Harmon Bennett, Jr., 73, died peacefully after an eighteen-month battle with ALS, December 27th, 2020. John was born on June 25th, 1947 in Waltham, Massachusetts to Ruth Griffin Bennett and John Harmon Bennett, Sr. Always a Texan at heart, he grew up as an "Air Force Brat" and lived all over, including some time abroad in Japan and England.

After his father retired from the Air Force, he moved home to Big Spring, TX where he attended middle and high school. He graduated from The University of Texas in 1969 where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and finished his B.A. (with highest honors). He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Sue Nell Burns in 1968. In 1972, he graduated top of his class from the University of Texas Law School where he served on Law Review. A job at Fulbright and Jaworski brought him and Sue to live in Houston where they raised their family.

After Fulbright, he helped found a law firm. Over time it evolved into other firms and he rounded his career out as a solo practitioner. His career was concentrated on general civil litigation and

international business transactions. For 37 years he was an

involved member of the International Lawyers Group (ILG), where he served as secretary and then President. His time with the ILG provided a lifetime of world travel with his wife and later his children. He had an intensely curious mind and a lifelong passion for learning. He was widely known for being a creative attorney who was sought after as a mentor.



His life was rich. He was a Baptist who attended Chapelwood UMC. He was an avid reader and loved traveling. To his grandchildren he was known as "Pappy". His deep voice and fantastic memory for details led to his reputation as a great storyteller. He was proud of both mar-

athons he completed, one alongside his daughter. He loved Country music. He was a strongly principled man who was well loved and respected by all. He made it a point to let friends and family understand their value to him. He was most proud of his kids and grand children.

Since our last edition of the newsletter we've received the following memorials and contributions:

In memory of John Bennett: Evelyn and George Albright, Jennifer and Stephen Benesh, Mary Ellen and Roger Borgelt, Janet Bullinger, Sharon and Steve Chapplear, Lucy and Guy Harrison, Linda and Bob Jarvis, Sue and Rich Patterson, Kitty and Patrick O'Reilley, Barbara and Allen Smallwood, Jeanne and Bob Skilton, Andrea Stone, Rita and Robert Thompson, Stephanie and Bill Whitehurst.

New Life Member: Devra Ivy Jarvis

Individual dues: Natalie Aran, Robert Aran, Diane Harmon, Majorie Rhead, Virginia Van Cleave

Sustaining Life Member: Kitty O'Reilley, Stephanie Whitehurst and Elouise Williams

Local Auxiliaries: Kalamazoo Lawyers Alliance and Saginaw County Lawyers Alliance

Donations: Kitty O'Reilley (for TOY Awards), Barbara Smallwood (in honor of Devra Ivy Jarvis), Stephanie Whitehurst.

Ann Catchick, President of Indian River Co. Lawyers Auxiliary posted this on face book:

“Just delivered 574 books to grades K-2 at Glendale Elementary School on behalf of the IRC Lawyers Auxiliary. Almost all science related. Space, sharks, coral reefs, dinosaurs, reptiles and amphibians, from tadpole to frog, and Magic Tree House #2 The Knight at Dawn. Principal Adam Faust met me at the car for another no contact delivery. “



Happy MAY Birthdays to Pauline Krieger (4), Cathy Bomberger (4), Jeanne Skilton (7), Gary Reger (11), Cheryl Lantz (12), Bob Thompson (20), Tim Eagle (21), Elouise Williams (24).

Happy MAY Anniversaries to Patricia Adams and Tom Granger (20), Nancy and Jesse Butler (29), Sue and John Bennett (31).

Happy JUNE Birthdays to Mary Ann Farris (6), Margaret Hampton (16), Lucy Harrison (17), Linda Eagle (24).

Happy JUNE Anniversaries to Jeanne and Bob Skilton (6), Sharon and Steve Chapelear (8), Linda and Bob Jarvis (11),

Cathy and Pete Bomberger (22).

Happy JULY Birthdays to Linda Jarvis (1), Tom Granger (14), Ann Catchick (26) and Janet Bullinger (31)

Happy JULY Anniversaries to Lucy and Guy Harrison (5), and Lois and Gene Jameson (19)

Happy August birthday: Larry Pettiette 14.

Happy August Anniversaries: Marsha and Gary Orloff 2, Patricia Adams and Tom Granger 6, Judy and Mort Weldy 7, Kitty and Patrick O'Reilley 15, Cheryl and Rick Lantz 31.



**Nomination Report: Officers and Directors for the 2021-2022 year
to be voted on at the Annual Meeting**

President Noel Roberts

President-Elect Lisa Sharp

First Vice President Andrea Stone

2nd Vice President Evelyn Albright

Secretary Anne Santorelli

Treasurer Sharon Chappellear

Immediate Past President Rita Thompson



Directors 2021-2023:

Deggy Lussier

Marilyn McDowell

Sue Patterson

Nancy Butler

Mary Anne Welch



The 2019-22 Directors were voted on last Annual Meeting and will be listed, but not voted on at the next Annual Meeting: Jennifer Benesh, Janet Bullinger, Linda Jarvis, Pauli Krieger, and Cheryl Lantz

Nomination:

Sue Bennett

Linda Eagle

(The other three Nomination Committee members are appointed by the President. One of appointed ones will be Rita Thompson as Immediate Past President.)

**Submitted by Sue Patterson,
2020-21 Nomination Chair**

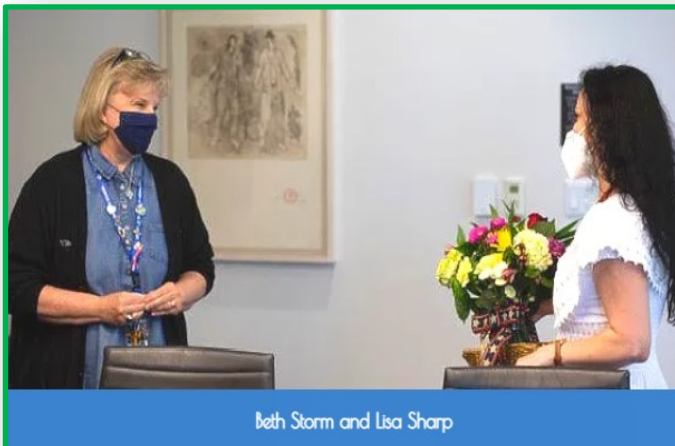


Note from the editor: I asked ALA Past President, Cathy Levinson, what she's been doing since being President.

“Being ALA President in 1996-97 was a wonderful experience filled with happy adventures and memories with very special friends. After my husband, Francis Izumi, died in March 1999, my mind and time was filled with closing down his law office and corporation. In February 2000, Justice Antonin Scalia was at the University of Hawaii Law School and I had promised the Dean that I would show Mrs. Scalia around Honolulu while he was busy during the day. I finally agreed to attend the Thursday black tie dinner honoring them. A friend of ours, Steve Levinson, was also recently widowed and we spoke for about five minutes. About a month later, Steve called me to join him for dinner before a musical play. It was the date that never ended. We sold our houses, married in June 2001, and moved into our own house. I was heavily involved in preparing for the ABA's 2006 annual meeting in Honolulu and loved hosting and being with ALA friends. I continued to be active in the Hawaii Legal Auxiliary until it became obvious that Hawaii Women Lawyers had taken over the roles and HLA wasn't needed or alive any more. The treasurer and I closed down our bank account and donated our remaining money to a charitable organization.

I had started taking a painting class to heal myself and one day after lunch in the Honolulu Museum of Art, a classmate dragged two of us down to sign up for the next docent training class. It was an exhilarating two-year in-depth training program. We started giving tours to students and later to adults. Being an active docent became a new niche, passion and identity.

Steve and I recently moved into Kahala Nui retirement community where my mother was one of the first residents in February 2005. It was a lot of work to prepare our house to sell, determine what we were taking with us and exactly where it would go in our new apartment and then giving away the rest. We love our new home, life, and visiting with interesting neighbors.”



Beth Storm and Lisa Sharp

The Texas Lawyers Auxiliary, a statewide organization and a Law Related Education partner of the State Bar of Texas, has named Bishop Lynch High School teacher, Elizabeth Storm, the 2020 Law Related Education Teacher of the Year. Selection of the Law Related Education Teacher of the Year is held annually through a competitive application process judged by a three person panel. The framed certificate and statewide recognition is accompanied by a \$1,000 stipend for use by the teacher. Lis Sharp, TLA President, is shown presenting Elizabeth with the award.