

## DCBA Membership Luncheon Minutes

August 3, 2007

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Tiffany Haertling**

### **2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

- a. Michelle Jones introduced her new associate: Josh Westrom
- b. Bill Woods introduced a familiar face: George Hopkins
- c. Grace Weatherly introduced her neighbor: Jack Peace (Amie's son)

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Tiffany Haertling**

- a. Next meeting will be held at WinStar Casinos for our DCBA Kick Off party. We will be leaving from the Denton County Court house. Departure time is currently 11 am, but that may change to 10 am or 10:30 am to accommodate the golf game. Please RSVP with Michelle and sign up for golf or poker if you are interested in participating in either of those activities. Please make sure you join us on the bus b/c that is where Bob Eames will be conducting his CLE. The topic is "Ethics." In addition, he will be covering the new Supreme Court orders on IOLTA eligible cases and non-refundable retainers. This will be an important CLE and we don't want you to miss it!
- b. The DCAP Sign Up party is on Friday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> at Lantana Golf Club from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Please send in your RSVP to Michelle by Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Bar Leader's Conference was very good. Tiffany came back with several ideas that she would like DCBA to become involved in. The primary focus will be on pro bono activities.
- d. Kinship Fair – At the Bar Leader's Conference, GDCYLA was awarded FIRST PLACE for the "Single Service Project to the Public."
  - 1. Tiffany showed the award
  - 2. Amie Peace informed the bar what the project was and how they could be involved next time, which will be held at TWU on October 27<sup>th</sup> (Make A Difference Day,.)

3. John Rentz is requesting donations for this upcoming event. They raised \$1,500 last year. This year, they are trying to raise \$5,000. The Kinship Fair participants have already grown from 60 people last year to 140 this year!

e. Legal Aid of Northwest Texas

1. Jennifer Ramos and Grace Weatherly informed the bar that the Legal Aid of NW TX turns away 10 cases a week of qualified candidates due to lack of attorney participation. Tiffany wants every one to take at least 1 to 2 cases this year. She will be calling you soon to get you on board.
2. In addition, Legal Aid of NW TX has a clinic the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every month at the CCA. If you could donate a few hours of your time here, this would help tremendously.
3. They have brought 10 cases with them today. Please stop by and see Glenda to pick one up. These cases consist of divorce, custody, and probate.

**4. SECRETARY'S REPORT/TREASURER'S REPORT: Tiffany Haertling**

- a. Treasurer, Don White was absent due to a work conflict
- b. Currently our checking account balance is at approximately \$20,000.00. If you would like to review the balance sheet, come see Tiffany after the meeting.

**5. SPEAKER: introduced by Ted Ogilvie**

1. Speaker: Michelle Jones, ESQ.
2. Topic: "Imminent Domain"

**6. MEETING ADJOURNED: Tiffany Haertling**