

## **DCBA Membership Luncheon Minutes**

September 5, 2008

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Darcy Loveless (Hugh is out of town)
2. **GUESTS:**
  - a. Don White, Jr. introduced their new intern, Eli Huffman.
  - b. Duane Coker introduced his new associate – and DCBA member, Jackie Cannon
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
  - a. Tiffany Haertling – Denton Adoption Day Chair
    1. Reminder – Denton Adoption Day is Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Denton County Courthouse. The theme is “Cruisin’ Home.” We will be turning the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor into a cruise ship with several ports / activities for these families to participate in.
    2. Thank you to the 41 attorneys who attended the adoption training this morning. We have another 19 who signed up, so we have enough attorneys to be assigned per child. If you are still interested in participating, there are several committees that you can help with. Please contact Michelle Houston at [mhouston@dentonbar.com](mailto:mhouston@dentonbar.com).
    3. In addition, we are collecting books and teddy bears. Please bring any new book and/or teddy bear to any upcoming DCBA meetings/functions or to the DCBA office.
  - b. Tricia Perry – GDCYLA Rep:
    1. Happy Hour is next Thursday, 9/11, at II Charlies from 5pm – 7pm. It is sponsored by McMurray Law Firm.
    2. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> is a BBQ at Tackett & Peugh. This event is a chance for you to meet and mentor some UNT pre-law fraternity students.
    3. Kinship Fair is October 25<sup>th</sup>. We need to raise money to give these families things they need like diapers, clothes, etc. This year they have about 80 kids. The goal is to raise \$50 per child. These funds do not include what is needed financially to put on the fair. This is your chance to sponsor a child for \$50. If you sponsor 5+ children, you will be put on the back of the event t-shirts.
    4. Denton ISD would like to partner up with some local attorneys to put on a mock trial. They need to know how to set it up, coaching, and tryouts.

They have 20 kids interested. If you would like to help, please contact Tricia Perry at [tkperry@aol.com](mailto:tkperry@aol.com).

- c. Darcy Loveless – DCAP Board Rep:
  - 1. DCAP Sign Up Party is Friday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 10pm. This year's event will include a 5-piece Jazz band, plated dinner, gifts for all volunteering mediators, door prizes including a \$500 Southwest airlines gift certificate, and much much more! Remember to bring your calendars and RSVP with Michelle.
- d. Duane Coker – DCBA/DCAP Board Member
  - 1. You and your staff are invited to the Duane L. Coker & Associates, PC and Content Solutions OKTOBERTFEST CELEBRATION party on October 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm at their office located at: 1413 East McKinney St (across from the court's building.)
- e. Gina Hill – DCBA Board Member
  - 1. Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Southlakes Park in Denton is the Kure for Kat 5k mile run / 1 mile walk. We gather at this event in honor of Kathryn Dickens to raise money for Mitochondrial disease research. Kathryn is the daughter of Michael Dickens, and Assistant D.A. for Denton County. His Wife, Maggie, is the coordinator of this event. You can register on line at [www.umdf.org/kureforkat](http://www.umdf.org/kureforkat).
- f. Elena Kareneva – DCBA Member
  - 1. In the December meeting, we will be discussing Internation Abduction issues.
- 4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Dena Reecer
  - a. Checking account is currently at \$26,100.67 total assets at \$96,491.07.
- 5. **CLE SPEAKER:** introduced by Joe Zellmer
  - a. CLE Speaker: Dena Reecer
  - b. Topic: Succession Planning For Your Law Firm
- 6. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Hugh Coleman