

President's Message
by Lynn Duryee

It has been a privilege to serve as president of the bar association this year, and I thank you for making the year an enjoyable and rewarding one for me. On behalf of the entire bar association, I would like to give special recognition to these terrific people for their hard work this year:

Lynn Pfeifer and I spent the year being confused with one another, but just so you know, she is the fun-loving and unbelievably hard-working Lynn. She typically speaks with lawyers all day long on the phone, attends a few meetings, organizes future events, manages hundreds of details, and is still full of good will and good ideas. She even talks her husband, Fred, into attending our functions and helping out. We are fortunate to have you, Lynn.

I was well-advised by past president Victor Obninsky, who cooked up a storm at the summer barbecue, and president-elect David Hellman, who attended a meeting for me with ten minutes' notice when I went into labor. What a guy; I know he will do a great job as president in 1992. You've never seen anyone read a financial report with so much enthusiasm.

The Public Information Committee, under the excellent leadership of Mike Samuels, responded quickly and meaningfully to some of the year's most newsworthy events: Mike organized many volunteer lawyers to assist service men and women and their families with Operation Desert Storm. After the East Bay fires, Mike put together an insurance seminar with Neil Moran and Rita Gilmore, who taught us how to handle an insurance claim.

Marta Osterloh has kept us laughing with her *Anonymous Informants* column...Wanden Traenor has been the inspirational leader of Marin Women Lawyers, and she also helped put together the second MCBA video with Judge Vernon Smith on the basics of small claims court and debt collection...Nicole Hanson organized a successful, publicized Law Day event with many volunteers from our bar...Julie Garfield, as program chair, organized the interesting, well-attended membership meetings this year.

Bob McCreddie and his Administration of Justice Committee were busy reviewing proposed changes to local rules, and they gave the Bar and the Court valuable input on the proposed changes.

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Commissioner Goldfine as extensive experience in the practice of civil and criminal law prior to his appointment to this position, both as a sole practitioner in Marin County, and as a trial attorney in the San Francisco Public Defenders Office from 1972 to 1980.

Commissioner Goldfine resides in San Rafael with his wife, Catalina, and their two children, Max and Maya, ages 4 and 2. He is a graduate of Villa Nova University and was awarded a Juris Doctor Degree with honors from Hastings College of Law in 1971. Commissioner Goldfine will be sworn-in January, 1992.

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...Ken Drexler, in addition his duties organizing the Marin delegates at the State Bar Convention, has worked diligently with the courts on the new fast track rules...And what would this bar association do without Bob Corlett, who seemingly effortlessly handles the smooth, efficient client relations committee, along with his cast of 30 dedicated volunteer attorneys. Jean Lewis and her tiny-but-effective membership committee came up with some great membership benefits and ideas to recruit new attorneys to our organization and our meetings...Steve Duditch and his LRS committee worked closely with Shirley Hernandez to effectively manage the Lawyer Referral Service. Thank you, thank you.

Our judges were generous with their time in attending and promoting bar functions; they graced us with their presence at many meetings and prepared speeches to edify us: Judge Stephens shared the secrets of summary judgments with us; Judge Breiner entertained us at the elegant Legal Aid reception; Judge Thomas brought the wisdom of his Uncle Carl in explaining fast track to us; Judge Savitt and Judge Graham served us tirelessly as presiding judges, reporting on their efforts at the November meeting. And the retirement dinner of Hon. Peter Allen Smith was one of the all-time most enjoyable events ever.

I look forward to concluding this year by celebrating the progress of our organization and the highlights of our profession at our December meeting, where we will honor Ann Diamond and Leonard Bjorklund. Please join me at this meeting, if you are looking for a role model, or inspiration, or just an enjoyable lunch.

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please make _____ reservations for the Annual Lawyer of the Year Luncheon at the Embassy Suites on Thursday, December 19 at noon.

I enclose my check in the amount of _____ @\$16 per person.

Name _____ Phone _____

Please make check payable to MCBA. Send reservation and check to MCBA, 1010 B St., Ste. 419, San Rafael, CA 94901

District Court Hosts Bankruptcy Training

United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District will present "A Further Seminar in Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure" on Monday January 27, 1992, at 4 p.m.

Jury Room, Santa Rosa Bankruptcy Court

Topics include the role of the attorney in the bankruptcy process; minimum post-law school education; minimum library requirements; getting and keeping clients; counseling clients; representing married clients jointly, and other areas involving conflicts of interest; dealing with creditors attorneys and trustees.

This seminar has been approved for MCLE credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of two hours. The United States Bankruptcy Court certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education.

Attendance at this seminar is limited to ten attorneys. In addition, only attorneys who have handled less than 20 bankruptcy cases are eligible.

There is no charge for enrollment or materials, but a \$50 check is required to reserve a space; the check will be returned to those who attend the seminar.

For reservations of further information inquire at the clerk's office, 1450 Guerneville Road, Building G, Santa Rosa, CA 95403 (707) 525-8539

Barristers Lunch

Noted criminal defense attorney Tony Serra will speak to the Barrister's Club of the Bar Association.

The luncheon meeting will be held at Dominic's Restaurant in San Rafael on Tuesday, December 17, at noon. All members of the Bar and their guests are welcome.

Reservations are requested by December 13. Please contact Bonnie Hough at 492-9230, or Dotty LeMieux at 927-3503 for more information and reservations.