



Tri-County Tribune

Fall 2007

What we've been up to:

Since chartering the Tri-County Legal Support Professionals Association, we have been busy. We held our first annual bowl-a-thon to raise funds for our Fall Scholarship Program and were successful in raising enough funds to provide this worthwhile project. Our sponsors were: Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC (Jackson), Capitol Copy & Imaging (Jackson), A B and C Court Reporters (Pearl), Edwards Court Reporting (Jackson), Anita Campbell, PP, PLS, and The Gulf Coast Association of Legal Support Professionals.

Membership Meetings

We have been meeting on a monthly basis at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Rankin County where we enjoy fellowship, dinner and a speaker. To date our speakers have been:

Katherine Nester, Esq. from the National Public Defenders Office. Ms. Nester spoke on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Betty Daugherty, Director of the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program of the Mississippi State Bar. Ms. Daugherty's topic was "Is Your Boss Driving You Crazy?" which encompassed information on addiction and how to recognize its symptoms and how to get help for the person in need.

Honorable Robert Gibbs, former Circuit Judge and presently a Partner with the law firm of Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC. Judge Gibbs spoke on the differences in how women were treated in the court system.

Perry "Jack" Page, RN, BSN, a nurse paralegal at Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC. Mr. Page discussed "Reviewing and Understanding Medical Records."

Ms. Malouf, with Malouf and Malouf Law Firm. Ms. Malouf discussed Alienation of Affection.

We offer CLE and CEU for legal assistants, court reporters and attorneys at most of our monthly meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007, and we will announce our location and speaker later in the month. We invite all legal support professionals and attorneys to attend our meetings and benefit from the CLE/CEU and networking offered there.

If you are an attorney in need of some serious CLE, contact Reba Peden, PP, PLS, to find out how to get a chunk of CLE hours just for speaking at one of our sessions.

Bowl-A-Thon

We had a great time at the Bowl-A-Thon held at Paradise Lanes in South Jackson on April 21, 2007. We had a good turn out and raised enough funds to fund our Fall Scholarship Program. A B and C Court Reporters took home the trophy for high score team; Dawn Dillard, CSR won high score female; and Todd Stubblefield won high score male.

Scholarships

TCLSPA is offering two scholarships during its inaugural year. The first will go to a high school senior during our Court Observance activities, which are talked about more later, and the second will be offered to local college students in the Spring.

Court Observance Activities

We will be holding a reception at the Pearl Community Center in Pearl, Mississippi, on Thursday, October 25, 2007 from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. Our speaker for this event will be The Honorable Thomas Broome, County and Youth Court Judge for Rankin County. Tickets to this event are \$15 and can be purchased from any TCLSPA member.

Our 50/50 fund-raiser drawing will be held during the Court Observance Reception. Tickets are available for the 50/50 drawing from any TCLSPA member at a cost of \$1 for 1, \$5 for 10, or \$10 for 25 tickets.

Adopt-A-Soldier Program

The members of TCLSPA have adopted six soldiers from Fort Lewis. We are writing letters and sending care packages to show our support of these young men who are bravely serving our country. Our soldiers are:

SPC Brenner, Nicholas	SGT Florido, Albert
PFC Davis, Enock	SGT Gaud, Daniel
SPC Dees, Kenneth	SSG Hietpas, Charles
PV2 Dietterich, Bryan	PV2 Jones, Marcus
SGT Donnelly, Robert	

We salute these men and other men and women who are serving our country. It cannot be easy being that far away from home, family, and friends. Anything we can do to make it better we should do.

Secondary Members

TCLSPA is happy to announce that we have five secondary members. They are:

Vernelle J. Collins, PP, PLS – Detroit, Michigan
Betty Wells, PP, PLS, TSC-RE – Austin, Texas
Julie Abernathy, PP, PLS – Austin, Texas
Helene Wood, PP, PLS, TSC-RE – Houston, Texas
Donice Alford, PP, PLS – Nashville, TN

Leadership Retreat

TCLSPA held its first Leadership Retreat on June 9, 2007, at Maynor Creek Park in Waynesboro, Mississippi. Speakers included:

Sue Allmon, PLS
Lisa Roberts, PLS
Karen Shearer
Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS
Bonnie Parkison