

Arizona Women Lawyers Association

Southern Arizona Chapter

January 2006

Hon. Margaret Houghton Honored at Holiday Luncheon

The 2006 AWLA Holiday Luncheon featured the presentation of the Alice Truman Leadership award to the **Honorable Margaret (Peggy) M. Houghton**. The award is presented each year to an AWLA member who is a role model for women lawyers and demonstrates outstanding leadership in her career and the community. Throughout her career, Peggy has been a tireless advocate for women and children and has been a loyal and active member of AWLA.



New Chapter President Merle Turchik
and Alice Truman Award Winner
Hon. Peggy Houghton



Barbara Atwood introduces
Hon. Peggy Houghton

Professor Barbara Atwood shared introductory remarks about Peggy's life and career, including memories of their days during law school at the University of Arizona. She compared their experience as law students with that of female students now, including her reflection upon the one women's restroom that existed at the law school at the time. She also told attendees of Peggy's influence in founding the Law Women's Association at the U of A as a law student and going on to become a founding member of AWLA after her graduation in 1976.

Following Barbara's touching words, **Lisa Ilka Abrams** also shared personal (and humorous) stories about Peggy's life. She recalled Peggy taking her to AWLA meetings and introducing her to other

judges. She also shared Peggy's heartfelt ability to make light of difficult clients or situations. Ms. Abrams entertained guests with several tidbits of advice Peggy provided her while she served as a law clerk for Judge Brown, including the fact that "Sometimes the



Barbara Atwood, Peggy Houghton and Lisa
Ilka Abrams at the Holiday Luncheon

best thing about your case is your new suit." Ms. Abrams described Peggy as "breaking glass ceilings with grace, laughter and dignity."

Peggy was then presented with the Alice Truman Leadership Award – a framed original print by Dine' (Navajo) artist Gloria Tacheenie-Campoy.

Peggy thanked AWLA members for their generosity and support. She also shared two of her most memorable photographs that she called "hugs": one featured Peggy being hugged by Alice Truman after Peggy was appointed to the Pima County Superior Court bench in 1984, and one showed Peggy and her late husband Barker embraced in a hug.

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In addition to the presentation of the Truman Award, **Outgoing Chapter President Terri Roberts** thanked the 2005 officers and Steering Committee members. **New Chapter President Merle Turchik** thanked Terri for her work as AWLA Southern Arizona Chapter's President and announced that, in lieu of a gift, Terri had requested a donation be made to the Margaret Houghton Scholarship. Merle then introduced the 2006 officers and Steering Committee members. (Please see page 9 for a complete list of officers, Steering Committee members and contact information.)



Hon. Peggy Houghton shows luncheon attendees a favorite photograph

A Note of Thanks

Dear AWLA friends and colleagues,

Thank you for honoring me with the Alice Truman Leadership Award at the holiday luncheon. As I said that day, AWLA has held an important place in my personal and professional life since its founding. We have formed the association of strong professional women that Alice Truman foresaw when she brought the idea of AWLA to the founding mothers.

This difficult past year, AWLA members have given me a great deal of comfort and support as I experienced the illness and death of my beloved husband Barker. He loved women attorneys for their energy, good ideas, and great conversation, and greatly enjoyed coming to monthly luncheons.

I appreciate your respect for my efforts, and your thoughtfulness in my personal life.

*Sincerely,
Peggy Houghton*



to our 2006 Sustaining Members!

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A Message from the Incoming Chapter President

by Merle Turchik

In his poem "On My Birthday," the late Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai wrote, "Thirty-two times I have put on the world and still it doesn't fit me." Those words made a lasting impression on me when I first read them more than 25 years ago. I think that most of us spend our lives trying to find the world that "fits" us.

Some jobs fit us from the start and we never look elsewhere. Others don't fit us and never will, no matter what we do. Still others, the majority in my view, fit us when we start them, but gradually lose their fit over time either because we've outgrown them, they've lost their appeal, or we've evolved to the point of deciding it's time to try on something different.

My own evolution as a lawyer has taken me from being an associate in a large law firm, to holding a federal judicial clerkship in Chicago, to serving as a municipal lawyer, and now most recently, to co-founding Ryan Turchik, P.C., a small employment law firm.

Whether you are just embarking on a legal career or nearing retirement, in public practice or private, working for a large firm or as a sole practitioner, AWLA is here to support all women lawyers, wherever you are in your own legal journey, and whatever your ultimate aspiration.

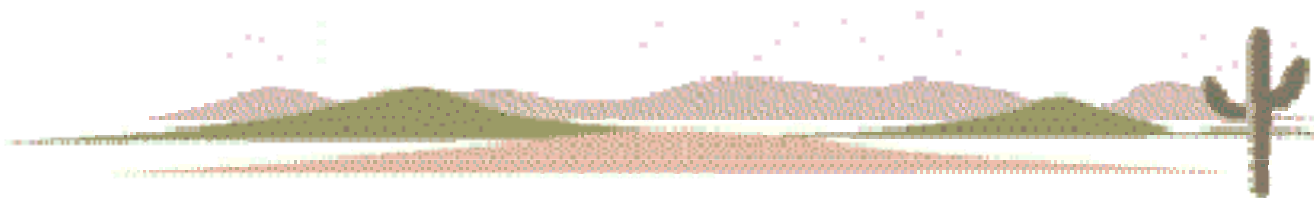
Our Steering Committee will be holding its annual retreat in early January. My next column will focus on what we identified as the needs of our membership and the planned activities of the various committees for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas of how AWLA can be more supportive of you or other women lawyers, please let me or someone else on the Steering Committee know. AWLA is here to support you.

P.S. You can now renew your AWLA membership by using PayPal to pay online with a credit card.



JANUARY LUNCHEON

- DATE:** Monday, January 23, 2006
- TIME:** 12:00 pm
- PLACE:** The Manning House, 450 W. Paseo Redondo
- COST:** \$15 Members / \$20 Non-Members / \$8 Students
- RSVP:** No later than Tuesday, January 17, 2006. Early reservations are required due to the Manning House's 5-day minimum guarantee policy. All members on AWLA's electronic list-serve will receive a separate email notice to RSVP for the luncheon. Please use this automated system to make your RSVP. If you are not on AWLA's email list-serve, make your reservation by contacting Linda Peterson at lpeterson@thebigt.net or 744-1994. No shows and cancellations made after the reservation date will be billed. Please pay at the door. Checks prepared in advance are appreciated. We look forward to seeing you!
- MENU:** The Manning House offers a delicious buffet with both standard and vegetarian fare. The January menu features spinach salad; Sonoran pork loin; Enchiladas baked in flour tortillas and filled with marinated chicken, sour cream and green chiles; Spanish rice; seasonal vegetables and assorted cookies and brownies.
- TOPIC:** Dr. Yolanda Broyles-Gonzalez of the Women's Studies Department at the University of Arizona will present this month's luncheon presentation: "What is Going on at the Women's Studies Department, and What Does it Have to Do with Me?" Over the last 30 years, the Women's Studies Department has grown into a full-fledged department offering both undergraduate and graduate degrees. The Department will welcome its first Ph.D. students in Fall 2007. Dr. Broyles-Gonzalez has helped blaze trails for women both academically and in the women's right arena. In 1996, she made national news by successfully legally challenging the unequal payment of women and minority professors within the University of California system. President Clinton honored her in 1998 at a White House ceremony marking women's struggles for equal pay. Dr. Broyles-Gonzalez will be joined by Women's Studies M.A./J.D. Joint Program students Jamie Wyman and Emily Schmit, who have completed the first year of the Women's Studies masters program and are currently 1Ls.





AWLA NEWS

January 23 January Luncheon at the Manning House, 12:00 pm
 February 2 Supreme Court Judicial Reception at Doubletree Hotel, 5:30 pm
 March 3 First Friday Happy Hour, Location TBA



Sally Simmons was appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano to the vacant seat on the Pima County Superior Court.

Kris Page-Iverson and husband Jim have a new son, Eric, born on November 14, 2005.

Mimi Klaiman was recently selected to have her article discussing the reform of the autopsy statutes entitled, "Will All of Him Be At the Funeral?" published in the November-December 2005 edition of *The Humanist*.

Congratulations everybody!



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Just \$10 each while supplies last! Proceeds will support AWLA programs and member services.

For more information, contact Merle Turchik at merle@ryanturchik.com or (520) 882-7070, or Kim Demarchi at kdemarchi@lrlaw.com or (602) 262-5728.





Job Announcements



CITY COURT – CITY OF TUCSON SPECIAL MAGISTRATE: Several positions available for terms from March 2006 to March 2010. Applicants must be of good moral character, a resident of Arizona for one year immediately preceding recommendation, and admitted to the practice of law in Arizona for five years immediately preceding recommendation. Applicants should be familiar with Supreme Court of Arizona Administrative Orders. Applicants are required to furnish a full set of fingerprints to the City. “QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE” may be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office, 9th Floor, City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, 791-4213. Send questionnaire to the City Magistrate Merit Selection Commission, c/o City Clerk, P.O. Box 27210, Tucson, Arizona, 85726-7210. Questionnaires will not be accepted after 5 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2006. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER: The La Paz County Public Defender is now hiring a Deputy Public Defender. Starting salary DOE. Must be a member of the Arizona State Bar. Send resume to: 1400 Kofa Avenue, Parker, Arizona, 85344 or fax to (928) 699-2015.

PIMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT: The Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments is accepting applications for a vacancy in the new Division 30 of the Pima County Superior Court. Applicants must be at least 30 years old, admitted to practice law in and a resident of Arizona for the past five years, and a resident of Pima County for the past year. Applications may be obtained from the Administrative Office of the Courts, Human Resources Division (address below); by calling (602) 542-9311; by sending an e-mail request to jnc@courts.az.gov; or at the Judicial Department website: <http://supreme.state.az.us/hr/judicialvacancies.htm>. Applicants for the recent Division 29 vacancy will be considered for Division 30 and do not need to re-apply. The original completed application and 16 copies must be returned to the Administrative Office of the Courts, Human Resources Division, 1501 W. Washington, Suite 227, Phoenix, AZ 85007, by 3 p.m. on January 30, 2006. The Commission may, at its discretion, use the applications filed for this vacancy to nominate candidates for any additional vacancies known to the Commission before the screening meeting for this vacancy is held. The new judge will be paid \$120,750 annually.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: The Arizona Attorney General’s Community Services Program provides outreach and educational programs that focus on consumer fraud and protection of civil and victims’ rights for community groups interested in learning more about those topics. Program staff focus on Arizona’s most vulnerable populations, including seniors, minorities and recent immigrants. A corps of volunteers generously donates their time at a variety of satellite offices to enable these services to be offered in communities throughout Arizona. The Program seeks additional volunteers to give four hours per month to staff satellite offices, make educational presentations, distribute educational materials at community events and assist individuals in filing complaints. Volunteers are professionally trained by lawyers in areas such as Civil Rights, Consumer Law, Victims’ Rights, and filing a complaint with the Attorney General’s Office. For more information, please contact (in Tucson) Wendy Cevallos, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (520) 628-6682 or wendy.cevallos@azag.gov, or (in Phoenix) Arizona Attorney General’s Office, Community Services Program, Public Advocacy Division, 1275 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007; (602) 542-2123 or (886) 358-6661 (outside Maricopa County); communityservices@azag.gov. Website: www.azag.gov.



The Arizona Women Lawyers Association cordially invites you
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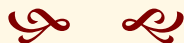
The Honorable Ruth V. McGregor, as Chief Justice
and
The Honorable Rebecca White Berch, as Vice Chief Justice
of the Arizona Supreme Court



Remarks by Special Guests

The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, Justice of the United States Supreme Court

The Honorable Charles E. Jones, Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court (retired)



Thursday, February 2, 2006, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park
445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, Arizona



Notice: * For security reasons, all attendees must have prior reservations. *****

No tickets will be mailed. Prepayment is required.

(Attendance is limited, so early R.S.V.P. and payment is suggested.)

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY JANUARY 25, 2006 using the form below, or at

<http://www.awla-southernaz.org/rsvp.asp?Act=Menu>

For further information, contact Becky Papp at 602.218.5273 or admin@awla-state.org

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\$50 (Public Attorney or Private Attorney earning < \$50,000/yr)
\$75 (Private Attorney earning > \$50,000/yr)
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It is the policy of the Southern Chapter of AWLA to publish in our newsletter articles and announcements submitted that are about our members or that concern events and issues of general interest to our membership. We reserve the right to limit publications due to space or editorial discretion. We also remain adamant that our sole mission is advancement of women in our profession: our publication of items submitted that may be perceived by some as supporting a mission other than this should not be considered an endorsement by our chapter. We simply hope to inform, educate, or perhaps even entertain some or all of you.

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