

**Members Helping Others:
Annual Fundraiser for San Diego's Homeless – the Red Boudreau Dinner**

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With the upcoming Red Boudreau Trial Lawyers Dinner right around the corner - **June 16, 2007** - it's a good time to let our members how this celebration started "back in the day". This annual dinner celebration was first held in 1985, two years after the death of Red (Maurice) Boudreau. Red Boudreau was a distinguished trial lawyer in San Diego and was very active in our organization, serving as President in 1979. He was also a founding board member of St. Vincent de Paul Village. The originators of the annual dinner were friends of Red Boudreau who were also members of Consumer Attorneys of San Diego [at that time known as "San Diego Trial Lawyers Association("SDTLA")].

As Dan Krinsky recalls, the affiliation with Father Joe began around the same time, back when Father Joe was new in town and Dan was President of our organization. Father Joe came to a regular CASD Board meeting to pitch an idea that he had -- that our group of lawyers put together a dinner, or some other event, to help raise money for the newly founded St. Vincent de Paul Village.

Initially, everyone agreed upon a "roast" type of dinner event and the first San Diegans to get roasted were Bill Kollender and John Duffy. The first dinner covered expenses and the small left-over was, of course, donated to Father Joe's Village. Since then, the event has grown in leaps and bounds and other local attorney organizations including the San Diego chapter of ABOTA and the San Diego Defense Lawyers Association, as well as the Association of Business Trial Lawyers have all become sponsors of the event.

After the untimely death of Dan Broderick, a medical malpractice attorney who was very active in CASD, his friends also wanted to commemorate his passing by organizing an annual "Daniel T. Broderick III Award". This award recognizes a local trial lawyer for his or her demonstration of the highest standards of civility, integrity and professionalism in matters before the court, as well as their body of trial experience, usually in civil matters. In 1990, the Friends of Dan Broderick approached the organizers of the Red Boudreau Dinner and asked if the award could be presented at their dinner. Of course, we all agreed and so the annual Broderick award was established and the first award recipient was Thomas Sharkey in 1990, also a former President of CASD.

Over the years, the annual honoree has been selected by a committee comprised of one representative from CASD, ABOTA, SDDL, ABTL-SD, the past three recipients of the award, and Steven M. Boudreau. The last three honorees have been selected with input from a non-voting SDCBA representative as well.

The sole beneficiary of this annual Boudreau Dinner remains St. Vincent de Paul Villages and since the inception of the event (at the CASD board meeting so many years ago), it is estimated that more than \$700,000 has been donated. CASD remains a lead sponsoring organization of the event and has continued to work closely with St. Vincent de Paul Village and Father Joe for the event. Dan

Krinsky has also continued his annual “Good Time Charlie’s” fundraiser each year which collects thousands of dollars more for Father Joe’s St. Vincent de Paul Village.

This year, the 2007 Daniel T. Broderick III Award Honoree is fellow CASD member and Past President, **Cynthia Chihak, who will be recognized on June 16, 2007 at the U.S. Grant Hotel.** Cynthia Chihak is a prominent trial lawyer who primarily handles medical malpractice cases. She is a loyal and dedicated CASD member and served as a President of the organization for two years – 1992 and 1993.

We encourage our fellow CASD members to participate in this very worthwhile fundraising event with roots in our own organization, and to come out and honor this year’s very deserving recipient for her outstanding work for CASD and our legal community.

Should you have any questions regarding the event, please contact CASD Chairperson of this event, Rebecca Lack Mowbray (619-531-0111) or co-chair, George de La Flor (619-698-2926), or CASD directly at: 619-696-1166.