

MEMBERS SECTION

A True Community Event – the Red Boudreau Trial Lawyers Dinner

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On March 20, the San Diego legal community will hold its annual fundraiser for San Diego's homeless at the **26th annual Red Boudreau Trial Lawyers Dinner**. Red (Maurice) Boudreau was president of CASD in 1979 and a much loved and respected trial lawyer-- the beloved father of CASD's own Steve Boudreau, also a past president of CASD. CASD as well as the San Diego chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates, the San Diego Defense Lawyers Association and the Association of Business Trial Lawyers co-sponsor the event to raise funds for the various programs at St. Vincent de Paul Villages.

The Red Boudreau Trial Lawyers Dinner was first held in 1985, two years after the death of Red (Maurice) Boudreau. Red Boudreau was a founding board member of St. Vincent de Paul Village and Father Joe Carroll suggested to members of the CASD Board that a good way to honor Red Boudreau would be to hold a fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul projects for the homeless. Over the years, other legal organizations have joined with us in sponsoring this event; however, the sole beneficiary remains Father Joe's Villages and since the inception of the event more than \$1,000,000 has been donated to the project. Literally, thousands of homeless people have been helped by our efforts.

After the untimely death of Dan Broderick, a medical malpractice attorney who was very active in CASD, his friends also wanted to commemorate his life 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. Thus began the presentation of the annual Broderick award at the Red Boudreau Trial Lawyers Dinner. The first award recipient was Thomas Sharkey in 1990, also a former President of CASD.

Over the years, the annual Broderick award 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. Recipients of this award represent the best in our community. They include Tom Sharkey, Gerald McMahon, Peter Hughes, Gerald Davee, Bonnie Reading, Robert Steiner, Denny Schoville, Sidney Stutz, Virginia Nelson, Charles Grebing, Mike Thorsnes, Ed Chapin, David Monahan, Charles Dick, Jr., Dave Casey, Jr., Dave Noonan and Vince Bartolotta, Jr., Cynthia Chihak, Michael Neil, Robert Brewer, Jr., and this year's recipient -- fellow CASD member Mickey McGuire, a prominent trial lawyer at the Thorsnes Bartolotta and McGuire law firm.

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 his outstanding work for CASD and our legal community. Let's join together to support him and

at the same time, to support a wonderful cause – Father Joe’s St. Vincent de Paul Villages which does so much for the homeless in San Diego.

The Red Boudreau dinner is a fabulous event! The bar is hosted, the food is plentiful, the company can’t be beat and there will be a super dance band. It is a wonderful opportunity to join our friends in the legal community while helping those less fortunate get back on their feet.

For reservations, contributions or purchasing ads in the program, please contact Kelly Berger at 619-446-2193 or kelly.berger@neighborhood.org.