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## President's Message

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2015 and what I hope will be the best year yet for the Bexar County Women's Bar! I am so excited about what this year holds for our organization and for our members. The promise of a new year and a clean slate is intoxicating—an opportunity to start fresh, erase bad behaviors, and aspire to be better in the coming months.

For our organization, one of the things on our resolution list is to add more substantive content to our monthly news-

letter. Our newly-elected director Suzanne Patrick has taken on the task of Content Editor for the Equal Times, and she has great ideas to take us to the next level! Be on the lookout for more education (legal and otherwise), more insight into our members and our judiciary, and more fun with restaurant and book reviews! Also this year, Treasurer-Elect Hella Scheuerman will be heading up our efforts to establish a partnership with the Young Women's Leadership Academy, helping



them with their mock trial program and introducing them to the Law Day contest and luncheon. Immediate Past President Tiffanie Clausewitz will continue development efforts on a member-focused leadership academy. (con'd on last page)

## January Luncheon: Fourth Court of Appeals Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion

Please join us at noon on January 27th at the St. Mary's School of Law to welcome Chief Justice Sandee Bryan Marion of the Fourth Court of Appeals. Chief Justice Marion will discuss her career since graduating from St. Mary's School of Law, as well as providing an overview of how the Fourth Court of Appeals operates and an update on recent, impactful court decisions. CLE accreditation is pending.

**When:** Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2015

**Time:** Noon to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** St. Mary's School of Law Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Alumni Room

**Cost:** \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, payable at the door

**RSVP:** by Jan.23, 2015, to [Events@bexarcountrywomensbar.org](mailto:Events@bexarcountrywomensbar.org). Include any dietary restrictions in your RSVP. We

understand schedules change, but we cannot guarantee a spot to individuals who do not RSVP by the date above.

For more information, contact Lindsay Riley ([lriley@coxsmith.com](mailto:lriley@coxsmith.com)) or Rachel Skinner ([rskinner@coxsmith.com](mailto:rskinner@coxsmith.com)). We hope to see you there!

# Fitness Column



By Lindsay Scaief Riley

Hit the Ground Running in 2015!

**Natural Bridge Caverns 5K Trail Run, 10K Trail Run and Half Marathon**

**When:** Feb. 8, 2015

**Where:** Natural Bridge Caverns, 26495 Natural Bridge Caverns Rd., San Antonio, TX 78258

**Details:** 7:30 a.m. start. Each race begins in the cave and then makes its way on to the Texas Hill Country Trails on the Natural Bridge Caverns property. I participated in this race last year and it was amazing, even with cold, wet weather. When else do you get to run through a cave?! The Post-Race Party will feature Kielbassa Sausage and fruit and other goodies. Awards

will be custom geode slice rocks.

**Registration:** \$50 for 5K / \$60 for 10K, \$85 for Half Marathon

For more information or a registration form, visit <http://redemptionrp.com/NBCTrailRun> or call the Race Hotline: 210-912-8874

**Culinaria's 5K Wine & Beer Run**

**When:** Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 8 a.m.

**Where:** The Shops at La Cantera

**Details:** RUN. WINE. BEER. CHEFS. FUN. Okay, there's more to it than that. Come enjoy the race in a beautiful setting geared for your senses and your taste buds. There's yoga to warm you up and a race reception like none other. Run. Drink.

Give at the tastiest event in town. Culinaria is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to benefiting the San Antonio community and promoting San Antonio as an ideal wine and food destination. The race benefits Culinaria's Hope for Hospitality umbrella of programs such as, Chefs 4 Chefs and The Urban Farm.

**Individual Registration:**

- \$35 Per Person (early bird until Jan. 1, 2015)
- \$45 Per Person (Jan. 1, 2015 - Mar. 14, 2015)
- \$55 Per Person (Mar. 14, 2015 - Mar. 21, 2015 or sell-out

For more information and registration form, visit <http://culinariasanantonio.org/5k-wine-beer-run-details/>. Happy Running!



# 2015 Membership Drive

By Maurleen Cobb

If you have not had time to renew your Bexar County Women's Bar membership, you can still do so on line at <http://bexarcountywomens->

[bar.org/membership-](http://bexarcountywomens-bar.org/membership-) or at any luncheon. This is a great opportunity to encourage some one to join our organization.

If you have questions or concerns about member-

ship, or if you would like a pdf membership form emailed to you, contact Maurleen Cobb at [mcobb@stokeslawoffice.com](mailto:mcobb@stokeslawoffice.com).

## Restaurant Review



By Connie Arambula

### Marioli (Stone Oak)

18730 Tuscany Stone, Ste 2103

San Antonio, TX 78258

210-496-1111

<http://www.marioli2go.com/Catering.html>

Marioli is a family owned Mexican eatery and taqueria, tucked away behind the Starbucks off of StoneOak parkway. As you park, you immediately observe the outdoor grill and trompo for the al pastor. Inside, this neighborhood restaurant offers a cas-

ual family-friendly ambience with a wide variety of traditional Mexican dining options, to include tacos bistec, al pastor, cochinita pibil, cerviche, enchiladas, salads, tortas, posole and artesian bakery. A chef case also offers a wide selection of Mexican delicacies to go. In order to encourage a family atmosphere, Marioli's offers a selection of beer, wine, sangria, and jarritos.

On a recent Saturday visit, my husband and I began our meal with an order of mariachis. Mariachis are corn tortillitas topped with al pastor, chicharron de queso, and the best salsa in San Antonio. We then tried the tacos bistec and al pastor with the habanero salsa. They were so good that we were compelled to have seconds, and then thirds. With our meal we enjoyed a carafe of clerico (sangria blanco). On our next visit I plan to try the chilaquiles; which is a dish of shredded chicken, melted cheese, cream and crispy



tortillas drenched in red or green salsa.

As we dined, we couldn't help but notice a couple arriving directly from the airport after arriving from Mexico City. The couple supported my husband's claim that Marioli rivals any Mexican eatery in Monterrey and Mexico City. After learning that the owner attended the prestigious French Cordon Bleu Culinary School in Mexico City, Marioli's excellent food and popularity are not surprising.



## Thank you from the Rape Crisis Center

By Miriam Elizondo & Mary Cheuvront

The Rape Crisis Center would like to send a sincere Thank You, to every single member of the Bexar County Women's Bar Association for selecting us as this year's beneficiary of the Autumn Affair. What a validation to be chosen in the first

place, by a group of women leaders in this community. The Center provides care to those already impacted and works to bring an end to this from happening in the first place through primary prevention education. The Women's Bar has chosen to support the education of our youth on violence prevention. At the Christmas luncheon, The

Center was informed for the very first time the amount that the event had raised for this cause. We were shocked beyond words when we were handed a \$40,000.00 check. Thank you for supporting this agency but more importantly for supporting youth in this community who will be the agents of change in this movement. (con'd on last page)

## Thank you from the Rape Crisis Center (con'd from p. 3)

With these funds, we will be able to educate an additional 1,500 youth. What a difference you have made!

The interest in supporting our agency in other capacities from many of you has also been incredible. The Center is in need of experts in your field to answer questions regarding subpoenas and other issues that may arise. In addition, we are looking for board members, sponsors for our Run 4 Hope event on March 28, 2015, and volunteers to provide direct services at the hospital or on the hotline. If any of these opportunities are of interest to you, please contact us at 210-521-7273 or email us at [melizondo@rapecrisis.com](mailto:melizondo@rapecrisis.com).

On behalf of our staff, board members, and volunteers, we wish you a peaceful and joyous holiday season. We look forward to a long lasting relationship with the Bexar County Women's Bar Association.

Sincerely,  
Miriam Elizondo & Mary Cheuvront  
Co-Executive Directors  
The Rape Crisis Center



## President's Message (con'd from p. 1)

Director Maurleen Cobb and member Amanda Crouch will keep the momentum growing with the local new-lawyer swearing-in ceremony that BCWB debuted this past year with help from SAYLA. Directors Leslie Hyman and Judge Renee McElhane will no doubt develop another fun and fabulous CLE retreat in June. Directors Shari Mao and Brittany Weil will continue our strong bond with the St. Mary's Women's Law Association with our mentor/mentee program. And our signature, annual fundraising event, Autumn Affair, will be orchestrated by Vice President Lisa Alcantar and Treasurer Greta McFarling!

For me personally, I resolve to embrace "the power of no" to

increase my level of focus and engagement on the things that really matter to me. I totally stole this idea from none other than Jared Leto! In a recent interview, Mr. Leto explained his career choices: "I like to employ the power of no. We all want to say yes, because with yes comes so much opportunity, but with the power of no comes focus and engagement." Now, don't expect me to be turning down activities and responsibilities that have value to BCWB, but I do plan to internalize this concept that turns what so many of us consider to be a negative—saying "no" to an opportunity—into a positive—the ability to become more engaged and focused on the important

activities that already fill our plates.

What are your resolutions this year? I hope continued involvement with BCWB can help you meet them, whether it's to spend more time connecting with your sisters in the legal field; to advance your career with referrals, client development, or networking for new career opportunities; to learn new skills at BCWB CLE luncheons or our annual retreat; or to give back to our community by volunteering with BCWB members at the Community Justice Program, Autumn Affair, the Young Women's Leadership Academy, and other programs throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at our events this year!