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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Benefits of Membership

by Jaime G. Touchstone

We are past the half-way point in the year. If you are still receiving the Queen's Bench newsletter in your e-mail inbox it means that you are a renewed 2015 member and for that, the organization thanks you! Unfortunately, I must report to you that Queen's Bench membership is on a decline in spite of all of the wonderful programs and events we have hosted, and have planned in the coming months. This is disappointing not only because membership dues are the organization's primary source of operating income, but also because this decline reflects, whether accurate or not, that past members are not recognizing the value of, and are opting to forego a Queen's Bench annual membership.

This quarter I write to remind you of the benefits of a Queen's Bench membership, in the hopes that you will continue to renew year-after-year, and encourage your friends and colleagues to renew (or join) as well.

Discounts, Discounts, Discounts: Members pay reduced prices for admission to Queen's Bench programs and CLEs, and other affiliate-hosted events. In particular, members receive a \$50 discount to this year's Judges' Dinner scheduled for July 30. That is 30% off the non-member price! If you know friends or colleagues who plan on attending the Judges' Dinner, this discount alone is a significant financial incentive to renew membership or join.



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Queen's Bench Educates Attorneys About Hague Convention Matters

by Clare Lakewood, Co-Chair, Education Committee



On June 30, 2015, Queen's Bench's Education Committee, in association with IANGEL, the Goldman School of Public Policy and Duane Morris Women's Initiative, presented an MCLE seminar entitled "Domestic Violence and the Hague Convention: A Training Program." The presenters were Jeffrey L. Edleson, Ph.D., Dean and Professor, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley; and Jessica Goldberg, Esq., Project Attorney, Hague Domestic Violence Project. Attendees learned about representing respondents under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. Particular focus was given to the ways in which child exposure to domestic violence might operate as a defense to prevent the return of a child to his or her home country. Discussion of legal issues was interspersed with the insightful results of empirical research

conducted on the outcome of Hague Convention matters, conducted by the Hague Convention Domestic Violence Project at the Goldman School of Public Policy. The program was attended by over 30 women attorneys, who in addition to obtaining MCLE credit for attending the event, enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by our event sponsor Duane Morris Women's Initiative.

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Louie's Daughter—a Lawyer? Queen's Bench as a Family Tradition

by the Honorable Ina Gyemant (Ret.), Past President, and Anne Gyemant Paris, Past President, Second Vice President

Louie's daughter—a lawyer?

That is what Mildred W. Levin heard when she passed the California Bar exam in 1934 at the age of 22. And so began the first of three generations of women lawyers, steeped in the history of women in the law which was essential to their family experience. Ina, her daughter and Anne her granddaughter were raised among Queen's Bench women, friendships, events, and history. Here are some of their observations and thoughts on their unique attachment to Queen's Bench.

Mildred Levin was Queen's Bench President in 1959. Her daughter, Judge Ina Levin Gyemant, was Queen's Bench President in 1979, and Anne Gyemant Paris is currently 2nd Vice President. All three of us attended the same law school, Hastings College of Law; and all three of us have believed that the law could be a means to improve the lives of others — Queen's Bench has been a large part of that journey.

Towards the end of Mildred's life, when Anne was in law school and Ina was on the San Francisco Superior Court we had the opportunity to speak on a panel together about our experiences. In Mildred's own words, she explained why she had the idea to become a lawyer when she was 12 years old, in 1923, when most women did not even work outside of the home. At an uncle's house, she said, she read Blackstone's Commentaries and was inspired to become a lawyer to help people, and to dedicate herself to doing the right thing. Her classmates teased her by saying that she was going to represent the Eskimos in Congress. She dedicated herself completely to her goal of becoming a lawyer despite being mocked by her peers and her teachers in high school and college.



Mildred always said that three wonderful things stood out in her life. The first was her children, and the other two involved Queen's Bench. Through Queen's Bench she made life-long friends, and she also had her greatest legal achievement: On behalf of Queen Bench, she argued an amicus brief in the case of *The People v. Rincon-Pineda* before the California Supreme Court. In California before 1975, when a woman was testifying in a rape case, the judge had to give an instruction to the jury that the woman's testimony should be viewed with caution because rape was a charge that was "easy to make and difficult to defend against." In the *Rincon-Pineda* case, the California Supreme Court was the first in the nation to hold that the cautionary instruction should not be given. The decision was a turning point in her life, Mildred said, and when it came down, she and the President of Queen's Bench went to the front of the State Building raised their arms and yelled, "We have changed the world!" She felt they had changed the world by giving women dignity and rights.

While Mildred grew up without professional women around her, Ina was raised with a very strong role model. In her eyes, her mother was always stylish and professional. She hosted Queen's Bench events at their home, and Ina and her sister were always allowed to attend. In addition, Queen's Bench had events where all the children of the members were invited, and she especially remembered holiday parties at the home of Queen's Bench



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Mildred W. Levin '34

MILDRED W. LEVIN HONORED

A LAW DAY CELEBRATION benefiting the Mildred W. Levin Scholarship Fund at Hastings College of the Law, took place May 2, 1984 at the Meridien Hotel, San Francisco. Hosts for the celebration included Queen's Bench, Maryellen B. Cattani, Francis McAteer, John A. Sutro, Sr., e. robert (bob) wallach and Mary Moran Pajalich.

Mildred W. Levin, Hastings '34 has been a practicing attorney in San Francisco since 1934. After graduating from Hastings in the top ten percent of her class, she started her practice in association with the late Jake W. Ehrlich. Mrs. Levin devoted many years of her practice in an effort to obtain equal rights and eliminate discrimination against women. She was instrumental, with Jettie Selvig, Carol Hehmyer, and the late Judge Agnes O'Brien, in establishing the Queen's Bench Foundation, which received a U.S. Department of Justice grant for a Rape Victimization Foundation Study. In 1975 Mrs. Levin argued before the California Supreme Court and received a unanimous decision to eliminate the cautionary instruction that had discriminated against women rape victims from the time of Lord Hale in 17th Century.

Among her many accomplishments and honors, Mrs. Levin is a past president of the Queen's Bench, former member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chapter of the California Trial Lawyers, former member of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association of San Francisco and a member of the

National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWAL) and the California Women Lawyers. She has received numerous awards from city, state and national bar associations. In addition to her years of pro bono service to the legal profession, Mrs. Levin has dedicated years of service to public and civic organizations outside the legal profession.

The Mildred W. Levin Scholarship Fund at Hastings will benefit second and third year students at Hastings College of the Law, and will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence and need. There will be no discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnic background or place of origin.

The Financial Aid Office at Hastings will notify needy students of availability of the scholarship using criteria to evaluate financial need which have been developed by that office. Academic qualifications will be determined through the Dean's Office.

Featured speakers at the luncheon included the Hon. Cecil Poole, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals, Nate Cohn, Esq., noted criminal attorney, Hon. Samuel Conti, U.S. District Court Judge, Jack Sutro, Esq., senior partner, Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, Hon. Mary Moran Pajalich, retired San Francisco Municipal Court Judge and the Hon. Ina Levin Gyemant, Hastings '68 (and also Mildred Levin's daughter).

Best wishes from Hastings to Mildred on the 50th anniversary of her entry to the practice of the law.

Louie's Daughter—a Lawyer?

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members. Two important parts of her experience have been the heritage she received from her mother of helping to improve the circumstances of others, and Ina advises: involve your children in your professional life through visits to your office or attendance at events. One of the most important events in her life, aside from her children, was Ina's election to the Municipal Court in 1980, and Queen's Bench played a pivotal role. At the time Ina decided to run for Judge she was the President of Queen's Bench; having the organization behind her, gave Ina the confidence to take on a city-wide campaign for Judge. In fact, Judge Harry Low in encouraging her to run, said as President of Queen's Bench everyone will think the hundreds of members will work tirelessly for you (which they did), and that will scare off any opponents (that did not happen!). Ina also credits Queen's Bench with life-long friendships she developed and treasures.

Anne grew up with the unique experience of having two generations of professional women in her family as strong role models. She and her brother were actively involved, even as children (ages 7 and 8), in Ina's campaign for Judge. She attended Queen's Bench events from a very young

age and grew up with many of the amazing leaders that Queen's Bench produced who were friends of her mother and grandmother. Anne grew up with the idea that the law was a way to make change and that she could use it to make a difference in people's lives. Growing up with women of action, she knew she wanted to be a part of that, and once she decided to go to law school, there was no question that she would become an active member of Queen's Bench. As a young mother, through Queen's Bench, Anne was able to stay actively involved in the legal community even when home with her children. When she was ready to ramp up her career by starting her own practice, Queen's Bench was an important part of that process of balancing career and family. One of the wonderful things about Queen's Bench is that no matter what stage of your career or personal life, there is a network of women lawyers to support you.

As we move to the fourth generation.... Ina has four grandchildren.... four granddaughters. Chances are good we could have a next generation Queen's Bench member from the Levin-Gyemant-Paris family, and perhaps as soon as 2027... stay tuned.

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May 6, 1959

Dear Member:

You have no doubt already received an invitation to our annual spring luncheon on May 16th. This year the event has an added significance because it is a benefit luncheon for our scholarship fund.

This scholarship fund is one of the most important programs of Queen's Bench. Our president, Mildred Levin, has stated that its purpose is to make financial assistance available to needy women law students so that they will not be lost to the service of the community and the practice of the law because of insufficient financial backing. We therefore hope that all members will plan to attend the luncheon and give this program their complete support.

Mary Wailes and Harriet Ross, Co-chairmen of the event, have arranged a fashion show from the City of Paris which promises to be delightful. Models will be from our own members and members of the Lawyers Wives. There will also be door prizes and a special drawing for many exciting gifts. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Date: Saturday, May 16, 1959

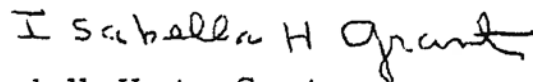
Place: Garden Court, Hotel Canterbury
750 Sutter Street, San Francisco

Time: 12 o'clock noon

Price: \$4.50 per person

We know that this will be a most enjoyable as well as worthwhile event so please join us. Guests are most welcome. Reservations should be made with Miss Helen Boye, not later than Wednesday, May 13th.

Sincerely,



Isabella Horton Grant
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Please make _____ reservations for me for the Queen's Bench Scholarship Benefit Luncheon on May 16th. Enclosed please find my check for \$ _____
For telephone reservations call Miss Boye at UNDERhill 1-8700, Ext. 2978,
or BAYview 1-6316.



Queen's Bench Bar Association

Please join Queen's Bench at the 2015 Judges' Dinner, our annual celebration honoring the members of the Bay Area judiciary.

July 30, 2015

Marines Memorial Club, 609 Sutter St, San Francisco

5:30 – Cocktails (no-host)

6:30 – Dinner

*This year our speaker is Lynn Povich, an award-winning journalist and author of *The Good Girls Revolt*, the story of the landmark 1970 sex discrimination lawsuit against Newsweek.*

Povich has received numerous honors, including the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Washington Press Club Foundation, the Matrix Award from Women in Communications for Exceptional Achievement in Magazines (1976) and the Exceptional Woman in Periodical Publishing Award from Women in Periodical Publishing (2006).



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Diamond Sponsor	- \$2500

To reserve your seat, please go to:

www.queensbench.org/events/judges-dinner

2015 Mildred Levin/Hastings Law School Scholarship Recipient

by Hon. Adrienne J. Miller, Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee

The Queen's Bench Scholarship Committee, including co-chairs Kendra Tanacea and Hon. Adrienne J. Miller, Hon. Ina Gyemant, Anne Gyemant Paris and Irene Dietz, is proud to announce that Julie Alarcon is the 2015 Mildred Levin/Hastings Law School scholarship recipient.

Ms. Alarcon graduated from University of Southern California, Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a minor in Psychology in May 2008. In May 2012, she received a Master's Degree in Public Policy, with a concentration in social and urban policy, from Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government. She was also a Fullbright Scholar from 2009 to 2010 at the Universidad Autónoma de Zacatecas, Mexico.

While completing her last year in law school, Ms. Alarcon worked as a law clerk for Attorney General Kamala D. Harris in the California Department of Justice. She has been working on education law and civil rights matters. In 2014, Ms. Alarcon was a judicial extern for the honorable Fernando M. Olguin of the United States District Court, Central District California. In 2013, she worked as an immigration campaign coordinator for the United Farm Workers Foundation ("UFW") and developed and implemented a strategic legislative and advocacy plan in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, and targeted congressional districts in support of the UFW's immigration reform goals for the advancement of farmworkers and their families. Ms. Alarcon has been involved in several volunteer organizations while in law school: La Raza Law Students Association, UC Hastings Advocacy Committee, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. (Center for Migrant Rights) and the Ivy League Immigrant Rights Coalition.

It is not surprising that after law school Ms. Alarcon wants to pursue a career in immigration and employment law. She grew up in La Puente, a city east of Los Angeles, where, through her own socio-economic hardships, she developed a strong work ethic as well as a passion to create opportunities for others to grow and prosper in their communities. She is proud of her childhood years when she worked with her mother to manage fifteen gas stations while she was in high school and then college. Despite her work responsibilities she was able to maintain an active school schedule, which included sports and other extracurricular activities, and graduated high school with a 5.0 GPA as class valedictorian. While attending college she helped establish Lambda Theta Alpha, a Latin Sorority, an academic organization dedicated to encouraging pride in being a strong woman and demonstrating passion for academic success. Ms. Alarcon established "Changing Attitudes

through Mentoring, Belief, and Inspiration for Opportunity Academy," a critically conscious mentoring program for female students at an underprivileged high school in Watts, California. During Ms. Alarcon's tenure the academy mentored 30 female students and provided a \$200 scholarship to help college Latinas overcome their adversities. The academy now includes mentoring male students as well.

Ms. Alarcon is the law student who exemplifies Mildred Levin's ideals and standards in the practice of law, and will bring Mrs. Levin's passion to help the underrepresented as she pursues her legal career.

Love Wins!

by Guinevere Jobson, Co-Chair, Amicus Brief Committee

In a victorious decision for the LGBT community, on June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* holding that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same sex couples. The 5-4 decision based this guarantee on both the Due Process clause and the Equal Protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. All states will now be required to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions.

Queen's Bench is honored to have signed on to an amicus brief in March of this year in support of the petitioners. The amicus effort, led by Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, and joined by a broad array of other organizations including various bar associations and non-profit organizations, argued that bans prohibiting same-sex couples from marrying and prohibiting recognition of legally performed marriages contravenes the principle of equal protection under the laws. The amici further argued that such bans exclude a class of people from participating in marriage for no legitimate purpose and that this exclusion inflicts profound injury upon them and their families.

Queen's Bench is proud to have been part of this historic decision recognizing the fundamental rights of the LGBT community. To read the amicus brief in full, please click here: www.queensbench.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/amicus-brief.pdf

2015 Agnes O'Brien Smith/USF Scholarship Award

by Kendra L. Tanacea, Co-Chair, Scholarship Committee

The Queen's Bench Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that Arielle E. Brown, an outstanding student from University of San Francisco Law School, has been chosen to receive the 2015 Agnes O'Brien Smith scholarship. The scholarship awarded this year is \$8,000. It was created in 1979 by Dr. Phil Smith in memory of his mother and admired lawyer and jurist Agnes O'Brien Smith, Class of 1941, and is awarded to an outstanding individual in academic scholarship, leadership and community service.

Ms. Brown graduated from Howard University, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Biology in May 2012. While at Howard University, she was the Vice President of the National Council of Negro Women and was active in Student Council.

Currently, Ms. Brown has completed her second year of law school and has participated in numerous student organizations while maintaining a distinguished record of academic excellence. She has assisted other law students by offering tutoring sessions in Contracts and Torts, and is a Judicial Extern in San Francisco Superior Court's Presiding Judge's Department. Her prior experience includes internships with the Marin County Public Defender's Office and Bayview Hunters Point Community Legal, where she represented clients in administrative hearings and informal grievances.

Ms. Brown is community focused and has a strong commitment to public service. To that end, she has dedicated her time as a mentor to Girls, Inc., an organization that inspires girls to be strong, smart and bold; and to SOME (So Others Might Eat), a community-based organization helping the poor and homeless meet their immediate daily needs.

Consistent with her educational background and experience, Ms. Brown intends to pursue a career as a public defender. While offering her legal services, she also seeks to change the community's perception of public defenders and infuse the community with a sense of hope and trust in the legal process.

The Scholarship Committee includes Hon. Adrienne J. Miller, Hon. Ruth Astle Samas, Hon. Barbara O'Hearn, Katherine Stockton, Jennifer D. Truong and Kendra L. Tanacea. Co-Chairs Adrienne Miller and Kendra L. Tanacea thank all of the committee members for their time in reviewing applications and interviewing applicants. The Queen's Bench Scholarship Committee is proud to honor Ms. Brown and we wish her success and happiness as she concludes her studies and begins her legal career.

President's Message

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For those of you who are California Women Lawyers (CWL) enthusiasts, you will be pleased to know that as a member of Queen's Bench, you receive a discounted membership to CWL as an affiliate.

Directory Inclusion: Member contact information, including a picture, is included in the Queen's Bench online directory. Inclusion in the directory is a terrific way to boost the networking potential of membership by making it easy to identify and follow-up with familiar faces from past events.

On the Move: The Queen's Bench's website includes a "Members-Only" job posting page containing up-to-date opportunities passed on to Queen's Bench by members, bar association contacts and organizational partners. Currently, Queen's Bench is aware of several active and available employment opportunities, viewable only by members who log-in to the website.

Keeping Posted: Members are automatically added to Queen's Bench's Listserv, and will receive the organization's e-blasts and the newsletter. These updates detail current information of interest to our membership, including upcoming programs and events, breaking political and legislative news, and amicus opportunities.

In the News: Queen's Bench strives to remain active and relevant on a local, state and national level. To that end, the organization has been joining in amicus efforts, including those led by Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, in the landmark same-sex marriage case recently decided by the United States Supreme Court, entitled *Obergefell v. Hodges*. This year, Queen's Bench has also authored letters to California's legislators concerning various assembly bills that align with the organization's mission, including letters in support of the extension of probate court jurisdiction to protect vulnerable immigrant children, and also in support of laws protecting juvenile confidentiality. As a member, you are necessarily considered to be a part of these efforts, which reflect a commitment to activism and community involvement.

With these benefits in mind, I urge you to take full advantage of your 2015 Queen's Bench membership, and encourage your friends and colleagues to renew or join so that they may also enjoy these benefits for the remainder of the year. Our current membership rates are structured as follows: \$1,250 Lifetime; \$110 Regular; \$50 Emeritus (Retired Bar); \$85 Minority Bar; \$25 Law Student; \$50 New Admittee; and \$50 Government, Non-Profit and Public Interest.

If you have ideas or suggestions about how Queen's Bench can boost membership numbers in 2015 and beyond, please reach out to me via email as I welcome your input. In the meantime, I look forward to visiting with many of you at our Annual Judges' Dinner on Thursday, July 30, at the Marines' Memorial Club, featuring keynote speaker Lynn Povich.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Queen's Bench History Committee Meeting

July 27, 2015 at 6:15 p.m.

O3 Bistro & Lounge at 524 Van Ness Ave. in San Francisco
www.o3restaurant.com

Please come to the History Committee meeting to learn how Queen's Bench celebrated its 65th anniversary in 1986. Guess how much annual dues were when Queen's Bench was founded in 1921? Find out that answer and more at our History Committee meeting on July 27!

Annual Judges' Dinner

Please mark your calendar for the annual Judges' Dinner on **July 30, 2015**.

5:30 p.m. No Host Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Lynn Povich

Marines' Memorial Club

609 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Tickets may be purchased at: www.queensbench.org.

[queensbench.org/events/judges-dinner](http://www.queensbench.org/events/judges-dinner)



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Job postings are available on the member's only section of the Queen's Bench website. If you are looking for a job or simply want to see what is available, please check out the job openings section of the Queen's Bench website at www.queensbench.org.

LEAADD Networking Cocktail Party

Please join the Queen's Bench Business Development Committee for a night of networking at the LEAADD Networking Cocktail Party on **September 10, 2015** from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Schiff Hardin LLP, One Market, Spear Street Tower, 32nd Floor, San Francisco. Tickets are \$40 and are available at www.queensbench.org/events/leaadd-dinner-september-10. Wine and appetizers will be served.

Queen's Bench Picnic

Queen's Bench's first annual family picnic is **September 19, 2015** from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Julius Kahn Playground located at West Pacific Ave & Spruce St., San Francisco.



Come eat, drink and enjoy musical entertainment by parents' and kids' favorite, Musical Robot, at 4:00 – come one, come all." RSVP at: www.queensbench.org/events/queens-bench-picnic

Queen's Bench New Members

Please welcome the following new members who joined between May 21 and July 21, 2015:

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Calling All Members! Civic & Judicial Appointments Committee

by Jodie Smith, Chair, Civic and Judicial Appointments Committee

One of Queen's Bench strengths historically has been its active identification, encouragement, and endorsement of candidates for judicial and non-partisan civic office. Those of you who attended last year's Judges' Dinner will recall the impassioned voice of our keynote guest, Ellen Malcolm, founder of EMILY's List, who spoke to the critical need for women to step forward into public office. You may also recall the palpable sympathetic response in the room as Queen's Bench members and guests responded positively to Ellen Malcom's message. Fortunately, the Queen's Bench bylaws have long provided for the organization's promotion of women and pro-women candidates in non-partisan public office, and the organization is now renewing its activity in this arena.

The Queen's Bench bylaws identify two committees related to appointments: civic appointments and judicial appointments. Both relate to only non-partisan public offices, and both have been inactive in the recent past. Starting this fall, the committees are being reconstituted as a single "Civic and Judicial Appointments Committee". This committee will be guided by the scope of work and processes for endorsement and recommendation of candidates that are delineated in the bylaws.

Are you interested in contributing to this important work for our organization and larger world? Our first meeting will be Monday, September 28, 5:30-6:45 p.m. at 220 Bush Street. Please RSVP if you'd like to be involved, either as a committee member or on an ad hoc basis, to Jodie Smith at smith@mosconelaw.com.



Past President Spotlight: Hon. Lee D. Baxter (1981)

by Hon. Ruth S. Astle, J.D., S.J.D., Past President



In the last Queen's Bench Newsletter, I was honored to be the first past present to be in the spotlight. I agreed to write the next spotlight for the next newsletter. I am proud to present The Honorable Lee D. Baxter (Ret).

In 1971, Lee found herself as a first year law student at Golden Gate University School of Law. She was one of only 12% women in her class. It was easy to make friends with her. She has been a close and supportive friend. We have shared good times and bad over the almost 45 years.

Lee was on her second career when she started law school. After graduating from the University of Kentucky in 1961 with a bachelor's degree in English, Speech and Drama, she taught high school and junior college for seven years. Then in 1970 she moved with her family to San Francisco. She graduated in 1974 from Golden Gate University School of Law with a J.D. degree. She practiced law until 1982, when she was appointed as a San Francisco Superior Court Commissioner.

Lee joined Queen's Bench in 1973, as a third-year law student and was soon recruited to be secretary. As President in 1981, she appointed me as the chair of the newly created civic appointments committee. She also started the Juvenile Hall project for girls when she saw that girls were not given the same opportunities as boys. She also brought Bella Abzug to speak at a Queen's Bench function.

Lee also credits Queen's Bench with launching her career. She was appointed to the Municipal Court in 1987, Superior Court Bench in 1992 and retired from the bench in 2000. She received the Queen's Bench lifetime achievement award shortly after she retired. She also credits Queen's Bench with providing a network of friends that have stood the test of time.

After many years on the Golden Gate University Board of Trustees, Lee is completing her last term. She continues as the Chair of the Law School Dean's Advisory Council. She is on the board of the Smuin Ballet, two boards in Africa – one in Kenya and one in Tanzania – protecting African wildlife; and she recently became a board member of the Sonoma Valley Music Festival.

She has enjoyed extensive travel and travel photography. Sometimes she is gone more than she is home. You can follow her adventures through her photography at www.leebaxterphotography.com.

For me, it has been a wonderful friendship for over 45 years and a pleasure to be part of her life. Now it's Lee's turn to pick a past president to spotlight. Tag, you're it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 27 History Committee Meeting**
6:15 p.m.
O3 Bistro and Lounge
524 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco
- 30 Annual Judges' Dinner**
5:30 p.m.
Keynote Speaker: Lynn Povich
Marine's Memorial Club, 609 Sutter
Street, San Francisco



August

- 4 Board of Directors Meeting**
6:00 p.m.
Nixon Peabody
One Embarcadero, 18th Floor
- 5 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 19 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 25 Business Development Committee**
6:00 p.m.
Eclipse Lounge, Hyatt Embarcadero 5
Embarcadero Center

September

- 2 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 10 LEAADD Networking Cocktail Party**
6:00 p.m.
Schiff Hardin LLP
One Market, Spear Street Tower
Thirty-Second Floor
San Francisco
- 16 Juvenile Hall Project**
7:00 p.m.
Youth Guidance Center
- 19 First Annual Queen's Bench Family Picnic**
2:00-6:00 p.m.
Julius Kahn Playground
West Pacific Ave & Spruce Street
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