News from Fort Bend County Bar Association – 10-14-13

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2.  Seeking Nominations for 2014 Ballot – Deadline is October 24
3. Fort Bend County Lawyers Association Social Hour this Wednesday, October 16
4. Golf Tournament A Great Success!
5. Opportunities to Volunteer for Fort Bend Lawyers CARE
 **ITEM 1: RSVP FOR OCTOBER 31 CLE ON WRITING LEGAL THRILLERS**

What better way to celebrate Halloween than with a CLE on legal thrills and chills? We’ll have a table full of goodies for our member Trick or Treaters!

Date:          Thursday, October 31, 2013 **This is our last CLE of the year.**
Topic:         “Writing Legal Thrillers”
Speaker:     Larry D. Thompson, attorney and writer of Dead Peasants, The Trial, and So Help Me God
Time: 12 noon
Place: Pecan Grove Plantation Country Club
Menu: To be announced

Reply to RSVP or go online to RSVP and pay by credit card at <http://fortbendbar.org/Calendar-of-events/next-cle-luncheon>

***If you RSVP and do not attend or cancel, you must still pay for your meal. Prospective members are welcome to learn more about us by attending a luncheon.***

**ITEM 2: SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2014 BALLOT**

Below is the ballot for 2014. We’re taking nominations for offices in red. Respond by October 24.

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**ITEM 3: FORT BEND YOUNG LAWYERS SOCIAL HOUR ON OCTOBER 16**

"Hello to all.  This is concerning the Fort Bend Young Lawyers Association (FBYLA), which is open to all lawyers in Fort Bend County who are either (1) under the age of 36 or (2) in their first five years of practice.

I want to personally invite you to our next meeting/social hour/ membership drive.  It will be on October 16, 2013 between 5PM-8PM at Berryhill’s Tacos on Dairy Ashford and Hwy 59.  Heavy appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Our main objective at the event will be to re-introduce FBYLA to all the new young lawyers in Ft Bend County (yes there are a growing number of you).  We will also be discussing our service project for the 2013-2014 year.  It will be called “Wills for Heroes.” As you are keenly aware, our first responders and police officers selflessly risk their lives every day to protect the citizens of Ft Bend County.  Although we can never repay their service, FBYLA would like to give them a little peace of mind.  Our service project will provide free Wills/Power of Attorney/Medical Power of Attorney and other probate documents free of charge to all first responders in Ft Bend County.

If you would like to help or just want to get some more information, please join us for some fun and friendship."

Thanks!

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 **ITEM 4: GOLF TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS**

Last Thursday was a beautiful day for golf at Meadowbrook Farms in Katy! We appreciate everyone coming out to play, and helping us raise $10,000 for Fort Bend Lawyers CARE and $500 for Child Advocates of Fort Bend County. The booklet from the tournament is attached. Photos will be up soon on our website.

**ITEM 5: UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER FOR FORT BEND LAWYERS CARE**To volunteer or get more information, please call 281-239-0015. This is a great “bite-size” opportunity for new lawyers!

**1. LEGAL LINE - FREE ANSWERS TO LEGAL QUEStIONS OCTOBER 18 AND 25**

**AVAILABLE ONLY** **TO LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS OF FORT BEND COUNTY**

Friday, October 18th and Friday, October 25th
FBLC will screen calls, and volunteer attorneys will return calls from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. the same day.

**2. FREE FAMILY LAW WORKSHOP TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Volunteer attorneys are needed to advise low-income residents of Fort Bend County with family law questions and is an open forum. Veterans who are low-income residents of Fort Bend County are especially invited to attend. The workshop will be held from on November 6, 2013 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall of Calvary Episcopal Church, 806 Thompson Road, Richmond, Texas 77469. Citizens are asked to bring to the workshop any prior court orders or documents.

**3.** **3RD ANNUAL “A SALUTE TO VETERANS” WALK-IN CIVIL LEGAL AID CLINIC**

Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Calvary Episcopal Church, in the Parish Hall, 806 Thompson Road, Richmond, Texas 77469
Veterans and/or their spouses are encouraged to attend with civil legal questions including but not limited to: Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Adult Guardianship, Adoption, Veterans Benefits, Real Estate, Landlord-Tenant, Credit Issues, Wills and Probate.

**That’s all the news for now!**

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