
2015 Spring Schedule

Thursday, January 8
Girls Night Out
6:30pm

Café Di Scalia
644 18th Street
Des Moines

Join us for a night out at an Italian Café.
Enjoy good food and conversation with the Ladies from LAW



Tuesday, January 27
Board Meeting
7 pm



Home of Liz Hodgson
9616 Oakwood Drive
Urbandale



Thursday, February 5
General Meeting
7 pm



Landmark Luggage
Home of Carolyn Wanek
Park Fleur, 3131 Fleur Drive
Des Moines

A representative from Landmark Luggage will be sharing ideas and tips on how to efficiently pack for your vacations and weekend getaways



Tuesday, February 24
Board Meeting
7 pm



Home of Val Witt
4342 Oakwood Lane
West Des Moines



Thursday, March 5
General Meeting
7 pm



K Renee
2700 University Ave #112
West Des Moines

Stacie Schulz, store manager of K. Renee Home, will share her decorating ideas and discuss the latest trends in home design



Thursday, April 2
Combined March Board/General Meeting
6:30 pm



Details to follow at a later date

A representative from Beacon of Life, our recipient for 2015/2016 will be the featured speaker for this meeting.



Tuesday, April 28th
Joint Board Meeting
6:30 pm



Home of Rita Pray
8878 NW 71st Ct
Johnston



Annual May Wine Dinner meeting
May 7



Details to follow at a later date

Please watch for your invitation to this annual end-of-the-year event



THE BRIEF

LAW OF POLK COUNTY, INC.
WINTER/SPRING 2015

Dear LAW Friends,

Happy New Year! AS we begin a new year, LAW's 92nd year is well underway. We have very interesting programs planned and hope you'll be to join us for one or all of them. January is a social event so we would love to see all of you there and enjoy good company and good food.

We kicked off the year in September with dinner and information about Beacon of Life, our philanthropic organization this year. The Beacon already had plans in the making for a cake gala in October. We stepped into action by piggy-backing on their fund raising campaign and sponsoring some of our own tables. In October, we joined the Gala Event with 7 tables sponsored by LAW members. It was an evening of fun, with dinner, a silent auction, entertainment, and a short program with testimonials from Beacon residents. In November we all became a little wiser about technology with our phones and ipads. I think I am correct in saying that everyone in attendance learned something new that night and loved all the "expert" advice and help. There were also a few members that volunteered at the Quiz Bowl in November, another bi-annual fund-raiser for the Beacon, organized by them. It was a casual night of team spirit, trivia, food, and fun. In the future, this could be something we might want to be an active participant.

So far, we have raised \$4300 just in table sponsors and donations. Many members donated gift cards for the cupcake dessert, and donations are still coming in. Members have also dropped off bags of clothes and some miscellaneous items to be used for resale at the thrift boutique *Found Treasures*, located at 817 Grand, West Des Moines, which is run by volunteers and helps provide clothing to the residents and income for the many projects taking place at the Beacon. It's not too late to contribute. Checks may be made out to LAW of Polk County, Inc. and mailed to our post office box. We will have a total in April of the total amount raised, including all donations, gift card totals, and number of bags donated to Found Treasures.

Everyone was in the holiday spirit for the annual Holiday Open House! It was great to relax and spread some cheer to all our friends.

Like I have said before, it has been the perfect year. We are making a difference in the lives of women in crisis to empower them to achieve positive long-term change. Thank you for all you have done, for being you, and for your continued support.

Warmly,

Kathy



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May Wine Annual Dinner Meeting

Please join your LAW friends as we celebrate Spring at the
 Annual May Wine Dinner!

A fun, festive evening is being planned for
 Thursday, May 7, 2015. Add it to your calendar now
 to make sure you don't miss out on the fun.
 Watch your mailbox in April for your invitation.

If you would like to help plan this great evening, please
 contact Liz Brennan (ejcb@me.com or 222.6929) or Liz
 Hodgson (liz_hodgson@yahoo.com or 979-5833).

The Book Club meets at Barnes and Noble, 4550 University Ave., West Des Moines at 7:00 p.m. the second Monday of the month

January 12 ***The Traitor's Wife*** Allison Pataki

Benedict Arnold is seduced by and marries the socialite Peggy Shippen not realizing that she has loyalty to the British and had a romance with the handsome British spy, John Andre. She plots to deliver West Point to the British and win fame and fortune.

February 9 ***Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly*** Scott Anderson

A new book on the Arab Revolt against the Turks in 1917 uses T.E. Lawrence, an archaeologist who was excavating ruins in Syria before he became the head of an Arab army, as the main character.

March 9 ***A Suitable Boy*** Vikram Seth

A richly imagined world with lives and loves portrays the delicate social etiquette and the violence of India after independence in the 1950's through a girl and her mother trying to find a suitable boy.

April 13 ***Wolf Hall (Thomas Cromwell Trilogy #1)*** Hilary Mantel

Thomas Cromwell carries out an agenda as Henry VIII fluctuates between romantic passions and murderous rages. As Charles McGrath writes, "(Hilary) was much less well known in Britain (than other contemporary writers) and in this country she barely registered at all. There may be nonliterary reasons for this: Mantel...doesn't live in London, doesn't have a posh accent, doesn't travel much and doesn't regularly turn up on the chat shows."

May 11 ***A Map of Betrayal*** Ha Jin

Lilian Shang who was born and raised in America discovers her CIA father's diary after his death and is shocked to learn of his double life in China and Virginia and his other family he abandoned.

June 8 ***All the Light We Cannot See*** Anthony Doerr

The paths of a blind Parisian girl and a German boy converge in Marie-Laure as they have each come there because of WWII. Doerr interweaves their lives and shows how against all odds people try to be good to one another.

BOOK CLUB DOES NOT MEET IN JULY

August 10 ***You*** Caroline Kepnes

Guinevere is gorgeous, tough, razor-smart, and sexy. Joe is a charming psychopath. Their mutual obsession spirals into deadly consequences.