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THE BRIEF

FALL 2018

Hello friends,

Here we go! We're ready for LAW's 96th year. Our board of directors has been busy this summer planning and preparing and we hope you will join us.

I have been a member of LAW for 27 years and I am proud to say, with a few changes over the years, our commitment to philanthropy for women, children, and families remains as strong as ever. Browsing through past newsletters, I am reminded of the numerous organizations that have benefitted from the teamwork LAW members have given and, very excited to work with our new recipient.

Our 2018-2019 philanthropy recipient, Kids First Law Center, is new to central Iowa but has been serving eastern Iowa since 2005. Their focus is to give children a voice in divorce, custody, and other conflicts with legal representation and link the families to other resources providing support. Learn about Kids First elsewhere in this newsletter and come hear their presentation at our September meeting.

Included is a membership renewal form and pre-addressed envelope (unless you've already paid). You will notice our dues have increased. We have restructured as many committees as possible but in order to continue cover regular operating expenses, such as increased postage rates, printing costs, and web-based fees, this increase is necessary.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support of LAW and our philanthropy efforts by renewing your membership today.

As always, we have great programs and fun events scheduled this year, so mark your calendars now! We look forward to seeing you.

Denise McAfee, 2018-2019 LAW President

Meeting Highlights: Fall 2018

Thursday, September 6, 6:30 pm

Dinner Meeting at the Olympic Flame

Join us for our kick off dinner complimentary with your paid LAW dues!
Be ready for flavorful Greek food at the Olympic Flame located in the East Village at 514 E. Grand Avenue. All will sample flaming Saganaki, Souvlakia, Tiropita, and more!
After dinner we will learn about our new philanthropy recipient, Kids First.
Get ready to say Oh-pah! To a great evening!
Please RSVP to jodijannes@gmail.com

Thursday October 4, 7 pm

Main Frame Studios

Meet our local artist, Jess Quinn at Main Frame Art building. 900 Keo Way, Des Moines, IA. Main Frame Studios is the largest non-profit studio spaces for artists. LAW will tour the building and view several art pieces that were created within the building. Jess will tell us about her art education workshops as well as her journey from teacher to artist.

Thursday, October 11, 4 - 7 pm

Our Service project event is in conjunction with Kids First and Confluence Brewing Company. Watch your email for more information on how you can help.

Thursday November 1, 7 pm

The Spa at West Glen

The Spa at West Glen, 5465 Mills Civic PKWY, is one of West Des Moines's premier full-service day spas, offering a variety of face and body treatments to supplement your at-home beauty regimen and provide some extra pampering. Heidi Koch will give us a tour of her Spa and tell us everything they have to offer including Cool Sculpting and bio identical hormone treatments with pellets, and compounded products. This place has something for all to enjoy.

Thursday December 6, 7 pm
House

LAW Holiday Open

Enjoy a relaxing evening with your LAW friends and spouses at the Holiday Open House at the home of President Denise McAfee, 3000 School Street, Des Moines.
Appetizers, desserts and drinks will be served courtesy of your LAW Board members.

Thursday, January 3

Fox Brewery

Save the date! It's Trivia night at the Fox Brewery, 103 South 11th Street, near Railroad in West Des Moines. Bring your spouse or your smart 21 and older child to help us win the trivia challenge. Watch for more details on our Facebook page and in an email.

Fall 2018 Meetings

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Location	Notes
BOOK CLUB	Monday, Aug. 13 7 pm	Barnes & Noble	All By Myself Alone by Mary Higgins Clark
BOARD	Thursday, Aug. 16 7 pm	Jodi Jannes	4400 33rd Street, DSM
GENERAL	Thursday, Sept. 6 6:30 pm	The Olympic Flame	RSVP to jodijannes@gmail.com by September 3 514 Est Grand, DSM
BOOK CLUB	Monday, Sept. 17 7 pm	Barnes & Noble	Round House by Louise Erdrich
GENERAL	Thursday, Oct. 4 7pm	Main Frame Studios	900 Keo Way, DSM Refreshments: Juli Margolin
SERVICE PROJECT EVENT	Thursday, Oct. 11 4-7 pm	Confluence Brewing Co.	Kids First Fund Raiser 1235 Thomas Beck Road, DSM
BOOK CLUB	Monday, Oct. 15 7 pm	Barnes & Noble	A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
GENERAL	Thursday, Nov. 1 7 pm	West Glen Spa	5465 Mills Civic PKWY, WDM Refreshments: April Poulsen
BOOK CLUB	Monday, Nov. 19	Barnes & Noble	Varina by Charles Frazier
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE	Thursday, Dec. 6 7 pm	Denise McAfee	Bring your spouse for holiday fun! 3000 School Street, DSM
BOOK CLUB	Monday, Dec. 17 7 pm	Barnes & Noble	A Study in Scarlet by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
GIRLS NIGHT OUT	Thursday, Jan. 3 7 pm	Fox Brewery	Trivia night 103 S. 11 th Street, WDM
BOOK CLUB	Monday, Jan. 21 7 pm	Barnes & Noble	Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

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Future Planning - Ellen Hansing

Please plan to attend our October LAW meeting to share your thoughts and recommendations for philanthropic organizations we can support, program topics, and fundraising ideas LAW can use to further our purpose for women, children and families of central Iowa. Supporting Polk County Association Volunteer Lawyer's Project has been discussed. Suggestions for social and volunteer opportunities are also welcomed. We will discuss these items at our LAW meeting on Thursday, October 4th, 2018. This meeting is open to all members. If you cannot attend, feel free to contact me or any board member with your suggestions.

Vice President for Membership - Heidi Puckett

LAW of Polk County Inc. is seeking individuals who are interested in making a difference in the Des Moines community through philanthropic efforts. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining LAW or maybe you haven't seen someone in a while who used to be active, please feel free to contact me at 515-210-9610 or email me at heidipuckett65@gmail.com with names and contact information. Please watch for emails announcing upcoming membership activities that will occur throughout the year. We are looking forward to welcoming new members into our group.

We are considering holding a Past Presidents Brunch at some point this year and would like to have input from members. If you would be interested in participating in a Past Presidents Brunch, please contact us at lawpolkcounty@gmail.com

Courtesy/Historian – Rita Pray

Please let me know about important events in your life or in other LAW members' lives, so that the information can be acknowledged and shared. Births, deaths, awards and recognitions, serious

illnesses---sharing increases the joy and decreases the sorrow. Email me at ritapray@gmail.com.

Nominating - Val Witt

The Nominating Committee for 2018-2019 includes Marti Marvin, Barb Norton, and Kathy Poetting. These three members, along with the President Elect Ellen Hansing, VP Membership Heidi Puckett, and Nominating Chair Val Witt will be responsible for proposing the executive board for the year 2019-2020. If you are interested in an executive position (President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer or Vice President for Membership) for the 2019-2020 board, please contact one of the people listed above, or email at lawpolkcounty@gmail

Scholarship – Liz Hodgson

The Cristine Swanson Wilson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded this spring to a deserving Drake University female law student. The scholarship fund is administered by the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. A portion of your annual dues is a tax-deductible donation that supports the scholarship fund, but we welcome all additional donations that keep this scholarship fund growing. Your tax-deductible contributions can be made anytime to LAW of Polk County, Inc. Please contact me if you are interested in being on the committee to select our 2019 recipient. Email me at liz_hodgson@yahoo.com

May Annual Dinner – Juli Margolin and Liz Brennan

The May Wine Dinner is a festive night out with your LAW friends. In addition to a fine meal, we celebrate the past year's successes and look forward to the next year as the new president takes over. If you would like to help plan this event, or if you have ideas to share with the committee, please contact Juli Margolin or Liz Brennan.

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Service Project and Targeted Needs – Marti Marvin and Kathy Poetting

This year, LAW will partner with Kids First, a nonprofit organization with two missions:

- Provide child advocacy services on a sliding fee scale as court-appointed representatives for children in high conflict divorce situations (about 15% of divorces)
- Provide free educational workshops for ALL local children of divorcing parents

*How LAW can support these missions:

- Bring a \$10 gift card (Starbucks, Caribou, McDonalds, La Mie, etc.) to our September 6 dinner meeting. The gift cards will be paired with cupcakes at an event in October.
- Bring school/office supplies to the dinner meeting. The children will use them in workshops.
- Get involved with the Birthday Party themed fund raiser at Confluence Brewery on October 11
- Help with the fundraising appeal at Thanksgiving
- Take a 2- hour training and help with the Saturday morning or after school workshops
- Host a one hour “Meet Kids First” informational coffee to let others know about their work
- Sponsor workbook printing or children’s’ snacks for the workshops
- Sponsor children’s’ toys/games
- Volunteer to help when Kids First moves to a different location

You can see that there are many opportunities to participate at whatever level fits your lifestyle. Sure hope YOU will be a part of the action!

*Please see the entire wish list for Kids First included in this newsletter.

Get on Board... Being part of LAW allows new friendships to develop while helping to carry on the tradition of supporting various charities that enrich the lives of children, women, and families in Polk County and surrounding communities. Please consider helping with a committee this year.

COURTESY/HISTORIAN: Responsible for sending cards to members for appropriate occasions, purchasing stationery supplies, keeping a scrapbook of all newspaper articles and other memorabilia of LAW of Polk County, and taking pictures at LAW meetings and events. Please contact the chair of this committee if you have news about a current or former LAW member.

HOSPITALITY/PROGRAM: Responsible for arranging locations of meetings, securing speakers for meetings, appointing refreshment chair for each meeting, and serving on the May Annual Dinner committee. This committee is always looking for new ideas for meetings and locations for the meetings. Please contact the co- chairs if you have some meeting ideas!

MAY ANNUAL DINNER: (AKA May Wine Dinner) Responsible for securing the location, meal, invitations, and all other incidentals involved with this event. Please contact the co-chairs if you are interested in helping!

SCHOLARSHIP: Serves as liaison for LAW of Polk County with The Greater Des Moines Community Foundations, and responsible for choosing the recipient for the LAW of Polk County scholarship. Please contact the chair of this committee if you would like to help select our next recipient.

SERVICE PROJECT: Serves as a liaison with our service project recipient to assist with fund raising event, coordinate volunteer activities and projects, and collect targeted needs. Please contact the co-chairs if you would like to volunteer at Kids First, our partner for 2018-2019.

LAW BOOK CLUB

The LAW book club meets the third Monday of the month at 7 pm at Barnes and Noble Book Store 4550 University Avenue, West Des Moines.

The books to be discussed include:

September 17: Round House by Louise Erdrich

An attack on his mother changes the life of Joe, a 13 year old boy living on an Ojibwe Indian reservation in 1988. A rich cast of characters help him deal with his quest for justice; a quest that forces him into the reality of the adult world that he is not quite prepared to enter.

October 15: A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

Owen Meany believes he is God's instrument and there are no such things as accidents. In the summer of 1953 while playing in a baseball game with his best friend, Owen hits a foul ball that kills the friend's mother. The book is the story of Owen's extraordinary life after that baseball game.

November 19: Varina by Charles Frazier

Set during the Civil War, Varina is the story of the much younger wife of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy. Instead of the peaceful, secure life she expected, Varina and her children become fugitives fleeing Richmond on their own with bounties on their heads. It is the story of one woman's tragic life set in the much larger history of a country divided.

December 17: A Study in Scarlet by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Sherlock Holmes and John Watson are roommates in London at the time a body is discovered. A man is dead, yet there are no visible wounds and the word "revenge" is written on the wall in blood. Thus begins the famous crime-solving partnership.

January 21: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

A true-life story set in 1920's Oklahoma, this book tells of the systematic murders of wealthy Osage Indian tribe members, the mysterious conspiracy to cover them up, and the bungling by the FBI of one of their first investigations. Years of research have produced this tale of greed, prejudice and intrigue.