President Urges Charity Participation

The Charity Fundraiser is almost here! This month’s edition is almost exclusively about the fundraiser. While we may be beating a dead horse, we don’t want anyone to be able to say they did not know about it! A really big thanks to those firms, lawyers, and businesses that have already stepped forward to sponsor this event. It looks like we are off to a good start towards raising a significant amount of money for Brantwood. If you or your firm have not committed to being a sponsor, it is not too late. We really urge you to do this. It is our goal to raise $25,000.00 for Brantwood, and we really need everyone’s participation. I also encourage you to bring your checkbook to the event on April 18, as we have many items donated as part of the silent auction. Please be sure to look at the partial inventory of items included on this page and the sponsor list on the back of the insert.

I am also excited to announce that we have kicked off the Montgomery County Bar Association Pro Bono Committee. Royal Dumas from the Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, & Black firm has agreed to chair this committee. The improvement in our Bar’s pro bono activity is a high priority of mine, and I encourage you to join this Committee.

In closing, I want to encourage you to remember that even with all the “lawyer bashing” that is so prevalent in today’s conversations, people really do look to us for leadership on the critical issues of the day that face our state and nation. Our profession is uniquely trained and suited to provide leadership and thoughtful opinions concerning many of these issues. While it is often impossible as an organized bar to voice a unified opinion, I think it is incumbent upon us as individual lawyers to let our voices be heard. Maybe then our friends and family will, in the words of my great mother, affectionately say, “I guess that’s why he’s a lawyer.”

Pat Sefton

SPRING CHARITY SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW—partial list

- Montgomery Biscuits—4 regular season game tickets—Owner's Seats—throw out first pitch at a game
- Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Spa—one night stay
- Lee Anne’s Interiors—silver basket with black wine glasses
- Croniers and Marguerites—jewelry
- Wynlakes Golf and Country Club—one private golf lesson and swing analysis; one round of golf for four with carts
- Leon Loard Oil Portraits—gift certificate for oil portrait
- Doug’s 2 Spa—certificate for facial, manicure, and pedicure
- Henig Furs—furs and coats
- R. Bruce Maddox—assorted wines valued $60-$200
- Beasley Allen firm and Pickwick Antiques—Royal Doulton figurines, a bronze compote, a mirrored coffee table, and more
- And an Alabama football signed by Coach Nick Saben!
Why I love Brantwood

Brantwood Children’s Home has changed my life tremendously. While at Brantwood I have learned many skills such as cooking, cleaning, and managing money. Brantwood has also provided me with tutoring in my four general subjects. I have been encouraged to set short term and long term goals so that I will be successful in school and as an adult. The difference between Brantwood and another place is the same difference between ordinary and extraordinary. Brantwood is extraordinary!

I like Brantwood because we have hot water, a washing machine and dryer, cable TV, and air conditioning for when it is hot outside and heat for when it is cold. I can go outside any-time I want, and at Christmas I got a lot of gifts.

Jamar

Brantwood is my home. We have lots of food, a tennis court, a very nice living room with a big TV. I have my own bed with space in my room for my things. I get an allowance and get to go places. At Christmas I got things I needed and wanted.

Breanna

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A Brantwood Children’s Home Success Story

Meet Tyrone Peterson, a Brantwood alumni, who is still involved with the Children’s Home and continues to encourage and motivate the current youth at Brantwood. Tyrone graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and then Troy University. He is currently a physical education teacher for the Montgomery Public School System. He coaches several sports, also.

Tyrone said, “Brantwood has truly been a blessing for me. Brantwood developed me socially, physically, mentally, and spiritually. If it had not been for Brantwood and the Lord, I don’t know where I would be.”

Won’t you get involved through donations and volunteerism to help others like Tyrone?
WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

The Montgomery County Bar Association welcomes these new members who have joined since December.

D. Keith Bennett – Bennett Law Firm
John Breckenridge – AL Dept. of Revenue
Elizabeth Peyton Faulk – The Law Office of Jay Lewis
Mandy Chambliss – Mandy Chambliss Law Office
Chris Glover and Leigh O’Dell – Beasley, Allen, Methvin, Crow, Portis, & Miles
Anita Hamlett – Legal Imaging
Michael W. Kelley II – Haskell, Slaughter, Young & Rediker
C. Michael McInnish – City of Montgomery
Keith Miller – Wilkerson & Bryan
Patricia Romano and Allen Sheehan – Capell Howard
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