

## **Outgoing Presidential Speech Installation 1989**

It has been an honor serving as your president during the last year. The association is a stronger one thanks to the increased involvement of its member, especially those who served as your board of director.

In the month of January the Association took it upon itself to carry out several tasks during the 1988 year. Preparations for the Installation dinner, Judicial Poll and the Newsletter were commenced by Manuel R. Morales, Jr, Roberto Fleitas and Pedro F. Martell, respectively. □ During that same month □ Kathy Fernandez-Rundle and Antonio E. Marin organized a dinner in honor of Janet Reno , which turned out to be one of the best attended dinner meetings we had during the year.

Many hours of work and dedication were required from our membership during the month of February and for the remaining part of the year in the representation and the later deportation of the Mariel detainees. Many members volunteered their time and efforts to this worthwhile cause some of which were Rafael Peñalver, Luis Fernandez, Jorge Hernandez-Torano, Frank Quintero, Jr., J. Raul Cosio, Leo Ochoa, Oscar Rivera and many, many others. Our annual Installation Dinner, under the direction of Manuel R. Morales, Jr. was a great success.

During the month of March we held our quarterly pro se divorce clinics. The Legal Assistance Project, under the direction of Antonio E. Marin has continued to give quality pro bono representation to those in our community who cannot afford it. Since the creation of the Project, 146 participating attorneys have represented over 3,800 needy individuals. The following attorneys "went beyond their call of duty": □ David Donet, Jose Rodriguez Gomez, Leonardo Canton, Benny Diaz and Michael Mora. Please participate in this Project. □ Martha Fornaris organized the monthly dinner in the form of an open debate with the top executives of The Miami Herald/El Herald.

In April □ J. Raul Cosio, organized the monthly dinner in honor of the University of Miami Law School". Thanks to your contributions and the profits of several of our events during the year we were able to further fund CABA's Scholarship Program with the University of Miami Law School. □ Rene Murai's idea of building a CABA Scholarship Fund is now a \$50,000.00 reality! During that same month Jorge Hernandez-Torano and Ana Margarita Collado began compiling law student resumes to be forwarded to the different law firms hiring first year associates in Dade and Broward Counties.

During the month of May the Board approved the final draft of the Judicial Poll as submitted by Roberto Fleitas. The monthly dinner was organized by Ana Maria Carnesolta featuring J.B. Spence as our guest speaker. Our annual Judicial Luncheon was held during the month of June. Once again Manuel R. Morales, Jr. organize one of the best attended events of our Association. At the same time final preparations for Sixth conference for the Lawyers of the Americas were been prepared by its Chairman Guillermo Fernandez-Quincoces and Co-chairman Fernando S. Aran. The Sixth conference for the lawyers of the Americas was held

in the month of July and was attended by 120 attorneys representing over 22 countries. During the four day conference we shared with our foreign colleagues our laws and at the same time we were able to create new friendships. The many hours of planning by Guillermo Fernandez-Quincoces and Fernando S. Aran were evident by the complements received by the participants. Others that were involved either in the planning and/or as lecturers were George Volsky, Saturnino Lucio, Alberto Gonzalez-Pita, and Clemente Vazquez-Bello

In the month of August, the final results of the Judicial Poll were distributed to the press by the chairman, □Roberto Fleitas. During that same month many members participated with the English Plus initiative headed by Osvaldo Soto.

J. Raul Cosio together with Kathy Fernandez-Rundle organized a joint dinner with FAWL in the month of September. Our famous softball team under the direction of our Treasurer, Mario I. Velez, commenced its winning season.

Our traditional political debates were held during the month of October. Eduardo Arango, chairman of this committee, organized a highly participated joint dinner/debate with the Cuban American CPAs.

During the month of November two of our members, Ana Maria Carnesolta and Henry Ferro, became part of the Dade County Judiciary. Several other members ran for municipal, county and state seats. □Manny Crespo was elected to the Board of Governors of the Florida Bar.

Our annual elections were held in December under the direction of Aldo Zervigon. A new board and president-elect were elected. Many new attorneys became members adding new blood to our Association. The weekend after elections Kathy Fernandez-Rundle and □Mario I. Velez organized our annual family picnic.

Other members such as Frank Angones, our representative in the Dade County Bar Association, Maria Medel, our coordinator with Legal Services of Greater Miami,□ Tomas Gamba, the participating attorneys in the Legal Assistance Project and many, many others, too long to list here, have also donate many hours to make our Association stronger.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have led this Association and the fortune to have created new friendships with many of you. Thank you.

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