

Fellows Program Allows HBF to Support Community, Profession

The Houston Bar Foundation is now in its 27th year of service to the community and the profession. The success of the Foundation is due in large part to the commitment of HBA members, who contribute \$20 of their yearly dues to the Foundation. In addition, the Foundation has a Fellows Program that provides the opportunity for long-term giving.

The Fellows Program provides members the opportunity to increase their contributions to achieve both short-term and long-term goals for the Foundation, as well as their own charitable giving plan. This is an outline of the Fellows Program:

A. A Fellow pledges \$2,000, payable in a lump sum or \$200 per year for ten years.

B. Once the original \$2,000 commitment is met, a Fellow will have the opportunity to become a Life Fellow by continuing to donate \$200 per year for ten years or making an additional lump payment of \$2,000.

C. Once the Life Fellow commitment is met, a member may become a Sustaining Life Fellow by continuing to donate \$200 per year for 10 years or making a third lump payment of \$2,000.

D. Once the Sustaining Life Fellow commitment is met, a member may become a Continuing Sustaining Life Fellow by continuing to donate \$200 per year for five years or making a fourth lump payment of \$1,000.

Honorary Fellow is a distinction given from time to time to an individual who has exhibited outstanding interest in and support of the administration of justice. The designation as a Patron of the Foundation is given to entities, such as corporations, foundations or individuals, who have made substantial contributions to the administration of justice through the Houston Bar Foundation. To date, the late Joe M. Green of the Rockwell Fund is the only individual to be honored as a Patron, and Shell Oil Company is the only organization to receive that distinction.

The Houston Bar Association staff handles all administrative functions for the Houston Bar Foundation, keeping administrative costs to a minimum.

The goal of the Houston Bar Foundation is to become self-sustaining, with the ability to maintain and expand existing programs, while adding new programs as needs arise. A tax-deductible contribution to the Houston Bar Foundation is one of the best investments HBA members can make in the future of their profession and their community. For more information about the Houston Bar Foundation, please contact Kay Sim at 713-759-1133. You may also visit the HBA Web site, www.hba.org/hbf.html, for information about the Foundation.

Remember Loved Ones with Foundation Memorials

Memorial contributions to the Houston Bar Foundation are a lasting way to remember a loved one, express appreciation, or commemorate a special date or event. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, so all contributions are tax deductible.

Memorials are acknowledged without specified amounts, unless the donor requests otherwise. Acknowledgments are made by handwritten note to the family or designee.

For more information about memorials, please contact Kay Sim, secretary of the Houston Bar Foundation and executive director of the Houston Bar Association, at 713-759-1133 or kays@hba.org.

Night Court 2009: Legal Fairy Tales

Comedy Show Raises Money for Foundation, Other Charities

“Night Court 2009: Legal Fairy Tales” netted nearly \$69,000 for the Houston Bar Foundation and Harris County charities. The HBA’s all-lawyer musical comedy played to packed houses at The Wortham Center, June 10-13. The event was co-produced by former Houston Bar Foundation Chair Debra Baker of Connelly•Baker•Wotring LLP and Tim Weltin of The Weltin Law Firm, and directed by Judy Frow, with musical direction by Jim Benton.

A cast, crew and orchestra of more than 80 lawyers took the stage for a fairy tale adventure featuring singing, dancing and comedic may-

hem. From the Three Little Bears to the Three Little Pigs and from Hansel and Gretel to Alice and the Queen of Hearts, an endless series of characters from childhood illustrated seemingly important lessons from adulthood, while parodying current events, pop culture and politics, as well as the legal profession.

Mark your calendar now for “Night Court 2010: Legal Holidays” scheduled for June 9-12 at The Wortham Center. Tickets go on sale April 1, 2010.



Scenes from “Night Court 2009: Legal Fairy Tales”

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