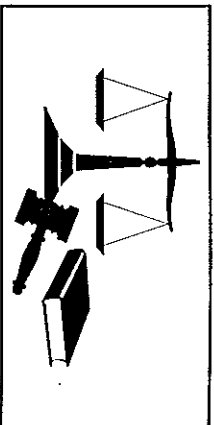


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NOTICE

**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DOUGHERTY CIRCUIT BAR
ASSOCIATION**

FROM: PETE DONALDSON

DATE: February 20, 1996

RE: February Meeting

The February meeting of the Dougherty Circuit Bar Association will be on Friday, March 1, 1996, at 12:30 p.m. at Merry Acres. Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, February 28, 1996, to Terri or Carol at 883-2441.

Our program will be presented by Habitat for Humanity. It promises to be another good meeting.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Robert Goldsmith continues to outdo himself as Program Chairman with each monthly meeting. As usual, he has scheduled programs several months ahead, and has secured presentations which are entertaining and informative. The March meeting (March 29) will follow a seminar on the use of computers in our practices.

The April meeting will, of course, revolve around Law Day activities, and will include a presentation from the State Bar. The June program will feature five minute presentations by the candidates for the Dougherty Superior Court Bench and the District Attorney's Office. In August, we will be treated to a CLE

program and presentation by Randy Evans, of Arnall, Golden & Gregory, who will speak on avoiding malpractice. Randy is a leading expert in this area and is humorous, entertaining, and very informative. Programs for May and July have not yet been scheduled.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

Joe Dent, Jim Finkelstein, Hon. W. E. Lockette, Mark Redden, Felecia Epps, Mark Pickett, Jerry Brimberry, Joe Blankenship, Bob Beauchamp, Glenn Booker, Jay Cain, Christopher Weems, John Stephenson, Bill Cannon, Dunn Stapleton, Greg Fullerton, Hon. Lering A. Gray, Jr., Hon. Richard Hodge, Dana Hurka, Paula Hanington, and Pete Donaldson. If your name isn't on this list, SHAME ON YOU! These are the folks who have signed up to participate in the "Great Day of Service" on March 2, 1996. IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Call Joe Dent at 436-1545, or send him a note letting him know that you will participate. Then on Saturday, March 2, 1996, at 8:00 o'clock a.m., be at 1200 Catalina Lane (Catalina Estates, Cromartie Beach area). If available, then bring: hammer, measuring tape, pencils, square, hard hat. Also take a drinking cup and a sack lunch. You will be required to sign a release. Your spouse and friends are invited to participate.

Because of the logistical problems and the fact that we older lawyers will probably be too tired to eat, we have decided to rescheduled the barbecue which was originally planned to follow the project. The plan now is to work through the social committee and have a spring barbecue and picnic for the entire Bar Association and their families.

LAW DAY COMMITTEE

Don Sweat will head up our Law Day activities and will be soliciting your involvement. I know everyone will volunteer in that effort.

PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE

Burt & Swan; Black & Black; Bob Drake; Betty Frazer; Howard Stiller; Donaldson, Hall, Martin & Bell; Gardner, Willis, Sweat & Goldsmith; and Jim Finkelstein. If your name isn't on this list, then DOUBLE SHAME ON YOU! These are the contributors, so far, to the Partners in Excellence program. \$900.00 has been raised so far. The goal for our association is \$2,500.00. We are asking each of you to contribute at least \$25.00, check payable to Dougherty County School System Tutorial Program. Your checks should be mailed to: Ms. Virginia Monroe, Director, School Volunteers-Partners in Excellence, P. O. Box 1470,

Albany, Georgia 31703.

We, as an association, hope to sponsor the cost of tutors to work with students at Magnolia Elementary School. The tutors are high school students who have gone through a selection process and who are willing to commit no less than four hours per week for sixteen weeks. The tutors are paid an hourly wage for their services. Obviously, the program will have benefit to the tutors as well as to the students they help.

**NOTICE FROM JUDGE HODGE'S OFFICE RE: NEW HOURLY RATES
FOR FEDERAL APPOINTED CASES**

As many of you are already aware, hourly rates for panel attorneys have been increased to \$45.00 for out-of-court time and \$65.00 for in-court time. The rate change was effective beginning January 1, 1996. Any time that you bill on a case prior to January 1, 1996, will have to be at the old rate of \$40.00 out-of court and \$60.00 in-court.

In order for my office to process vouchers that cover both old rate and new rate time, I suggest you do the following:

1. Make a copy of your blank voucher that was provided to you at the time of your appointment.
2. Use the original voucher for hours billed under the old rate and for all of your expenses (regardless of when incurred).
3. Use the copy of the voucher to bill all hours at the new rate (time billed on January 1, 1996, and thereafter).
4. We want the same voucher number to appear on both vouchers that you are submitting and the two should be submitted at the same time.

Please follow this procedure when you have time to be billed at both the old rate and the new rate.

If you have a brief announcement to or inquiry of our membership, we will be pleased to print it in our monthly meeting notice. Please send your request to me or to Joe Blankenship.