

NYWBA Foundation Breakfast Enjoys Continued Success - Next Event is on April 26, 2005 - by Laurie Berke-Weiss

Everyone who attended the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation, Inc. Breakfast in December 2004 enjoyed an inspiring presentation by author Beth Harpaz, an award-winning journalist and author of two books - *The Girls in the Van*, an account of her experience covering Senator Clinton's 2000 campaign for the Senate, and *Finding Annie Farrell*, a tribute to her mother. The audience included NYWBA members and guests, including an enthusiastic contingent of girls from the Law and Public Service Program at Washington Irving H.S.

Outside the Harvard Club, the morning was cold and rainy. Inside, we were treated to a fascinating analysis of Senator Clinton's presidential prospects. In particular, Ms. Harpaz noted Senator Clinton's skill as a campaigner and the remarkable strength of the women's network she cultivated as the foundation of her success at the polls. The recent news of Senator Clinton's 65% approval rating by New York voters underscores Ms. Harpaz's thesis. Ms. Harpaz also read a poignant passage from *Finding Annie Farrell*, a highly personal account of Ms. Harpaz's search for information about her mother's life as one of five siblings who traveled from a poverty-stricken Maine childhood to New York where, as an adult, she sought to pursue her dreams.

The Breakfasts are fundraising events, with the proceeds of ticket and book sales providing additional support for the Foundation's law school internship program. Previously, the Breakfasts have featured well-known authors Linda Fairstein, Kati Marton and Gail Collins.

On April 26, Martha Burk, Chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations and a syndicated columnist, will be the featured speaker at the next Breakfast. Ms. Burk enjoyed recent recognition when she spearheaded the protest against the Augusta National Golf Club for excluding women. Her new book concerns sex discrimination in corporate America and what can be done about it. Each Breakfast has offered participants amazing access to these top-flight women authors. A flyer for the event is included in this Newsletter. Seating is limited, so please respond early and join us on April 26.

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With their generous contributions, our 2004-05 sustaining members make it possible for us to accomplish so much more. We honor and thank them for their support:

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NOTES ON MEMBERS

We note with sadness the passing of our past member, the **Honorable Myriam J. Altman**, Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department. A judge since 1978, Justice Altman had a long and distinguished career in the law and on the bench. Among many other accomplishments, Justice Altman served as a member of the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Ethics Commission of the Unified Court System. Our condolences to her husband, retired Justice Herbert I. Altman, her family and her colleagues.

The NYWBA sends its congratulations to seven members who were recently admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court - **Elisabeth Ames, Jane Bevans, Ann Marie Burke, Paula K. Colbath, Vanessa J. Spears and Rita Stephanz**. (See separate article by Ms. Stephanz for details.)

The Association sends its condolences to NYWBA member and Supreme Court **Justice Helen Freedman** on the death of her father, David Edelstein, a retired professor from Western Connecticut State College.

The Association sends its condolences to past President **Phyllis Koffman** on the death of her long-time boyfriend, Warren Ward. Contributions may be made to the Central Park Conservancy, 14 East 60th St., New York, NY 10022.

Congratulations to NYWBA Board member and Justice of the Appellate Division, **Angela M. Mazzarelli**, on being presented with the Golda Meir Award by the Jewish Lawyer's Guild on April 14, 2005.

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