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INN The Know

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Community Outreach

This year's holiday charity drive will benefit the Family Nurturing Center of Florida, a non-profit organization, which provides supervised visitation services in Palm Beach County. Family Nurturing Center provides a safe, friendly environment where children can build and maintain healthy relationships with the adults in their lives under the supervision of trained professionals.

Your donation saves lives. For every family and child in crisis, there is a need for financial and volunteer support to keep them safe. A minimum donation of \$25 is suggested (tax-exempt). Outreach Chair **Rina Kundalkar Clemens** of Carbolic Smokeball will be accepting donations and providing a collection box at the November meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Rina at rina.kundalkar@gmail.com. Thanks for any and all support that you are able to provide to our community!

Profiles INN Leadership

Mentoring Co-Chair: **Donna L. Eng**, a member of Carbolic Smokeball, has been practicing law for fifteen years. She is a solo appellate practitioner currently working on a large appellate project for Carlton Fields. Donna previously served as an Assistant State Attorney, Assistant Attorney General, and Law Clerk for the Southern District of Florida. When she is not engaged in the practice of law or attending one of her children's Taekwondo competitions, she can be found at home detailing her MINI.

INNy CUPdate

In October, **Gray's Inn** presented an informative and entertaining CLE program regarding the theme of "Innocent Until Proven Guilty." The remaining programs for this year are as follows:

November	Middle Temple
January	Inner Temple
February	Magna Carta
March	Lincoln Inn
April	Carbolic Smokeball

You Want Me to Agree to What?
Death is Just the Beginning
I Just Call the Balls and Strikes
So Should I Stop Paying the Bank?
If I Saw This Much Fight in You...

For information regarding CLE information for these programs, contact

Education Chair **Ed Shipe** of Gray's Inn at eddieshipe@bellsouth.net.

INN Voir Dire

Name	Jean Marie Middleton
Pupillage Group	Middle Temple
Employer	Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Inc.
Area of Practice	Civil Litigation; Civil Rights and Discrimination
Years in Practice	26
Years in Inn	First Year
Hometown	Born: San Pedro, California; Raised: Navy "brat" all over the United States
College	Howard University
Major	Political Science/Economics
Law School	Howard University
Family	Married with one daughter and two grandsons
Hobbies	Skating; traveling; collecting timepieces
Favorite Movie/TV Show	<i>The Shawshank Redemption</i>
Favorite Musician/Group	Cee Cee Winans
Favorite Sports Team	Dallas Cowboys
Favorite Travel Destination	Turkey

Name	David Steinfeld
Pupillage Group	Magna Carta
Employer	Law Office of David Steinfeld in Palm Beach Gardens
Area of Practice	Business Litigation (Board Certified by the Florida Bar and a Member of the Certification Committee for 2012-2015)
Years in Practice	15
Years in Inn	First year in CSB Inn; member of Justice Major B. Harding Inn in Stuart for six years
Hometown	Old Tappan, New Jersey
College	University of Wisconsin at Madison
Major	East Asian Studies
Law School	University of Miami
Family	Wife; no children
Hobbies	Scuba diving; underwater photography; golf
Favorite Movie/TV Show	Comedy and science fiction, such as <i>The Big Lebowski</i> , <i>Apollo 13</i> , <i>The Right Stuff</i> , and <i>Star Trek</i>
Favorite Sports Team	Wisconsin Badgers
Favorite Travel Destination	Fukushima, Japan and Seoul, Korea. I was a high school exchange student in Japan

and remain close to my host family. My wife is from Seoul, and I was stationed there when I was in the Army. I speak Japanese and some Korean.

INN the News

Congratulations to **Carbolic Smokeball** for winning the Newsletter Naming Contest with the submission of “INN the Know.”

Divorce attorney **Chris Bruce**, the Treasurer of the Inn and a member of Magna Carta, married former Inn member, **Ashley Dillman**, on October 20, 2012, in Key Largo, Florida. **Chief Judge Melanie May** of the Fourth District Court of Appeal presided over the ceremony. Chris also had an article published in the November 2012 edition of the *Palm Beach County Bar Bulletin* entitled “Fee Award Reduced After 'Reasonable' Settlement Rejected by Wife.” Congratulations on both fronts and here's to many years of wedded bliss!

Inn Board Members **Ellen Cohen** of Lincoln Inn and **Judge August Bonavita** of Carbolic Smokeball attended the St. Thomas University Law School Alumni and Student Reception held in Boca Raton on October 18, 2012. They spoke with school representatives, alumni, and current students to inform them about the Inn. Both students and alumni expressed an interest in joining the Inn. Thanks to Ellen and Judge Bonavita for spreading the word about our Inn!

Newsletter Editor **Kristi Bergemann Rothell**, a Carbolic Smokeball member, is serving as the Communications Director for the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division for 2012-2013. In this capacity, she is the lawyer volunteer who oversees all of the Division's publications. Please find cards for free career advancement downloads courtesy of the ABA YLD and Kristi on the check-in table.

The Craig S. Barnard AIC received mention in the November/December 2012 issue of *The Bench*, the flagship publication of the American Inns of Court. The Inn was one of only thirty-two inns across the country to receive the highest level of recognition in the 2011-2012 Achieving Excellence program, Platinum Level. Interestingly, ten of the Platinum Level inns are in Florida, so let's keep up the good work for our state!

Tami L. Augen, Group Leader of Carbolic Smokeball, married **Rick M. Rhodes** on November 3, 2012. She will now be known professionally as Tami L. Augen Rhodes. Congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful future as a married couple!

Magna Carta Co-Group Leader **Georgia Newman** represented the Inn at the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit's second New Attorney's Breakfast on November 16, 2012. The breakfast was sponsored by the Professionalism Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and spearheaded by **Amy Borman**, General Counsel of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. Approximately ninety newly-licensed Florida attorneys attended and listened to words of wisdom from **Justice Jorge Labarga**, **Chief Judge Peter Blanc**, and others. Thereafter, voluntary bar organizations, including the Inn, introduced themselves to the attorneys. There was considerable interest in the Inn from the young attorneys in

attendance. Thanks to Georgia for promoting our Inn and the goal of professionalism which is its focus!

INNformation

United States Supreme Court Trip

The Inn's annual trip to the United States Supreme Court is scheduled for March 27, 2013. There is room for up to twelve Inn members to be admitted to the Court. The application fee is \$200.00 and applications must be submitted four weeks in advance of the admission date. To be eligible for admission, you must have been a member of the Florida Bar for at least three years and maintain good standing. Further information is available at <http://www.supremecourt.gov/bar/baradmissions.aspx>.

If you are interested in this exciting and rewarding opportunity, please place your name on the sign-up sheet that will be available at the November meeting. Your Inn colleagues who have been admitted on past trips will be delighted to sign your Sponsor Statement at either the November or January meetings. For further information, please contact Foundation Liaisons **Tara McIntosh** of Magna Carta and **W Mason** of Middle Temple.

Mentoring

Here are the top five things that Mentoring Co-Chairs, **Donna Eng** of Carbolic Smokeball and **Terrill Pyburn** of Gray's Inn, want you to know about mentoring:

5. Formal mentoring is worth 50 points toward the INNy Cup. It is mentoring that takes place between the mentors and mentees that have been formally paired together based on practice area. Formal mentoring involves lengthy substantive discussions or general guidance as part of an ongoing relationship.
4. Informal mentoring is worth 20 points toward the INNy Cup. It is mentoring by telephone, over the Internet, or in person. This type of mentoring promotes general networking within the Inn in that it is not facilitated through the formal mentoring groups and can involve any Inn members.
3. No points toward the INNy Cup are available for mentoring outside the Inn, although a laudable practice.
2. Make sure to report mentoring sessions on the form provided to your pupillage group leader at the monthly meetings in order to earn points toward the INNy Cup.
1. If you have any questions about mentoring, contact Donna at donna@englawpa.com or Terrill at Pyburn@mydelraybeach.com.

Joint Civility Project

Did you know that the Inn is one of thirty-five South Florida voluntary bar associations that have formed a joint resolution to promote the Florida Supreme Court's Oath of Attorney Admission, which

now contains a pledge of civility in all written and oral communications? The Palm Beach County voluntary bar associations that have pledged their support to civility are currently preparing a letter that will be sent to all attorneys encouraging them to review the Amended Oath and the local Standards of Professional Courtesy and incorporate them in their practices. The Inn has promised to promote civility to its members as part of its overall focus on professionalism, and the Inn invites each member to encourage civility to others in the legal community!