



MEETING RECAP
THE PAULINE NEWMAN
IP AMERICAN INN OF COURT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

The fourth monthly meeting in the second year of the Pauline Newman IP American Inn of Court took place in the USPTO Museum off the Atrium in the Madison Building of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. It was a holiday reception and a joint meeting with the Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court. It lasted from about 6:00 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m., with a few brief speeches in the middle of the meeting.

The President of the Giles S. Rich Inn introduced a banner with the seal of the Inn. Judge Linn discussed the progress of the Linn Inn Alliance of Intellectual Property Inns. The Toyko IP Inn has not yet had an inaugural meeting, but expects to have one in April 2013. The Pauline Newman Inn has not detracted from the Giles Rich Inn, but there has been synergy between the Inns.



President Al Tramposch thanked Judge Linn and members of the Giles Rich Inn for their help in getting the Pauline Newman Inn started. He introduced the Deputy Director of the USPTO, Terry Rae, who then addressed the meeting.



Al Tramposch then introduced Judge Pauline Newman, who addressed the meeting. She discussed how judges decide scientific questions. The *Daubert* case addressed “junk science”. It was made the job of judges, rather than juries, to get the science right. The Human Genome Project was going on at the same time. The Department on Energy was involved because they had records of genetic mutations from radiation. Judges who are not scientifically trained nevertheless have to decide scientific questions.



A Marine officer collected Toys for Tots.



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Respectfully submitted,

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