



DECATUR BAR ASSOCIATION President's Page

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WEBSITE

As a reminder, we've added individual composite photos to the member directory on the website. If you were unable to sit for the composite pictures last year or are a new member and would like a headshot added to the directory, please forward the headshot to Katie Anderson at kanderson@kehart.com.

Ad space is available on the website! If you are interested in placing an advertisement on the website, please reach out to Katie Anderson at kanderson@kehart.com.

COFFEE BAR

We're bringing coffee back to the Courthouse!

Starting Monday, February 8, 2016, the DBA will sponsor coffee, tea and assorted breakfast pastries from Coffee Connection in the attorneys' lounge at the Macon County Courthouse.

Coffee will be served from 10:30 – 11:30 on the second Monday of each month. Free to DBA members.

GOLF OUTING AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Golf Outing and Annual Meeting will be here before you know it! The event is scheduled for **Friday, May 13th at the South Side Country Club**. We look forward to hosting this event for our members! If you have not yet paid dues for this year, please ensure you do so before the golf reservation forms are sent out! If you need to confirm whether you've paid your dues, please reach out to Katie Anderson at kanderson@kehart.com.

COMPOSITE PICTURES

Small versions of the 2015 composite picture are being sold for \$10.00 each. Please contact Drew Jacobus at djacobus@brelaw.com to purchase your copy.

SPEAKERS NEEDED AT MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL

A teacher from MacArthur High school who teaches iJAG (Illinois Jobs for America's Graduates) has reached out to the DBA requesting guest speakers from the legal field to come to her class to present. She is looking for attorneys from a variety of backgrounds. The available slots are weekday mornings at 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., 9:35 a.m. – 10:35 a.m., 10:40 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. Please reach out to Regan Lewis at reganlewis@hsbattys.com or Carol Craig at ccraig@midlandsb.com if you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity!

SHAKESPEARE CORRECTED

Shakespeare Corrected began as a volunteer effort between Professor Alex Miller of Millikin University and the offenders at the Decatur Correctional Center to produce a fully mounted Shakespeare play. The program has grown to the where Millikin awarded Professor Miller a sabbatical to enhance the project.

Shakespeare Corrected places undergraduates and offenders together in 9 month collaborative process resulting in a fully mounted production. While working on the production, students and offenders develop greater life-skills and intangibles such as respect, honesty, trust, humility, sharing, inclusively, empathy, courage, forgiveness, and love. The final production is open to family and invited guests, allowing family to view their mothers/daughters/wives as people of worth. All of the work is with the ultimate goal of transformation and redemption.

Here is a link to a video created by a Millikin graduate which highlights past participants.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSC11q2H27k>

Professor Miller is currently putting together a Board of Directors as Shakespeare Corrected transitions into a formal non-profit. Professor Miller is looking for someone with an accounting background to join the Board of Directors, but also welcomes other participants to join this organization in its cause.

The program's first **FUNDRAISER** takes place next weekend at Pipe Dreams Studio located near Millikin (1099 W. Wood St., Decatur). RED is a Tony Award winning play by John Logan that deals with the painter Mark Rothko and his apprentice. Dates and times for the play are Friday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, the 13th at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., and Sunday the 14th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9.00 each with all proceeds going directly to Shakespeare Corrected. Please email Regan Lewis at reganlewis@hsbattys.com for reservations.

NEW MEMBERS

Ben Mullison and Amanda Doyle, both of Heavner, Beyers, and Mihlar, LLC, were approved as new members at the January 2016 board meeting. Welcome!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A big thank you to Midland States Bank for being a wonderful host for the Christmas party last month!

Happy New Year!

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