# YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Courtney E. Gengler, President

## Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. The Refuge Restaurant

1501 Butte House Road, Yuba City, CA 93993

Our speakers for the first two meetings of this year are the Yuba County Superior Court Judicial Officer candidates. Melanie Bendorf will be our speaker on February 18, 2020.

Melanie Bendorf graduated from Chico State and Cal Northern School of Law. She has dedicated her entire legal career, almost two decades, to seeking justice for Yuba County residents. As a Deputy District Attorney, she has achieved numerous life sentences for convicted murderers, attempted murderers and sex offenders. She has conducted domestic violence training for local law enforcement and sexual assault awareness training for enlisted personnel at Beale Air Force Base. Twelve years ago, she and her husband started an annual fundraiser to help local non-profits provide gifts for children in Yuba County.

We plan to have time for questions. You may submit them in advance to <a href="majority">mpoulos@suttercourts.com</a> if you want them to be confidential, or you can ask them at the meeting. This presentation does not qualify for any MCLE credit. Lunch is \$15.00 per person.

Please RSVP by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2020 to Secretary Melissa Poulos, mpoulos@suttercourts.com, (530) 822-3368.

#### **2020 YSBA Board Election**

Courtney is willing to stay on as President. Jessica is willing to stay on as Treasurer. Melissa is willing to stay on as Secretary. If anyone is interested in the position of Vice President, or any of the other positions, please let Courtney, Jessica, or Melissa know. We will have an election at the meeting on February 18, 2020.

#### REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our next meeting will be March 17, 2020 at the Refuge Restaurant in Yuba City. Our speaker and topic are to be determined.
- Bar dues for 2020 are \$75.00 per person and are now due.
- Applications for the Donald E. Huckins Memorial Scholarship are now available to local high school seniors. Applications with supporting documents are due April 3, 2020.
- If you have any announcements that you would like included in the Newsletter, please send an email to Secretary Melissa Poulos at mpoulos@suttercourts.com.

#### 2019 YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

David Anderson	Laura Ferree	Bertrand Ithurburn	Melissa Poulos
Janet Bender	Anthony Galyean	Ilene Jacobs	Adam Seraphin
Devin Black	Courtney Gengler	Jean Jordan	Navneet Singh
Greg Boller	Robert Gengler	Cameron King	<b>Brenda Smith</b>
Brant Bordsen	Steve Gimblin	Mark Koo	Kelly Smith
Eleanor Bordsen	John Guth	David Lane	Terry Spies
Amy Byrne	Stephanie Hansel	Letty Litchfield	Tamara Squires
Penelope Changaris	Jared Hastey	Daniel Martinez	Kimberly Steffenson
Sabine Davis	Diego Heimlich	Adam McBride	Heather Temple
Shawn DelaMerced	Tom Hill	Elizabeth McCaulley	Susan Townsend
Nicole Delerio	Jessica Hiller	Matthew McCaslin	William Vanasek
Monica Duwe	Amanda Hopper	Jana McClung	David Vasquez
Ron Erickson	Paulla Hyatt McIntyre	Deborah Micheli	James Vasquez

The list for 2020 members will be in next month's newsletter. If you haven't paid yet, you can mail a check for \$75 to P.O. Bo 204, Marysville, CA 95901, or bring it with you to the meeting.

### Yuba Sutter Bar Association Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2020, The Refuge Restaurant

- 1. Courtney Gengler, President, began the meeting with welcoming remarks and announcements.
  - a. Our next meeting will be February 18, 2020 at the Refuge Restaurant in Yuba City. Our speaker will be Melanie Bendorf, the other Judicial Officer candidate for the Yuba County Superior Court.
  - b. There is a one man play, "California Alcalde" about Stephen J. Field, Marysville's first elected official who retired as the longest serving U.S. Supreme Court Justice in U.S. history. The play is on Marysville's 170<sup>th</sup> birthday, on January 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lee Burrows Theatre in Marysville.
  - c. Bar dues for 2020 are \$75.00 per person and are now due. Let Jessica know if you need us to send an invoice.
- 2. Elections for the 2020 YSBA Board: The current three board members (Courtney Gengler president, Jessica Hiller treasurer, and Melissa Poulos secretary) are willing to remain in those offices for 2020. We will have an election at the next meeting, February 18, 2020, if anyone else is interested in the vice president position or any of the other positions.
- 3. Our speakers for the first two meetings of this year are the Yuba County Superior Court Judicial Officer candidates. Terry Spies is our speaker for January.

Terry Spies is the Yuba County Superior Court Self-Help Attorney, Family Law Facilitator, and Family Court Services Director. She has worked in the Superior Court of California in both Yuba and Sutter Counties for over 29 years. For the past three years, Terry has served as a temporary judge in Yuba County. Terry holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Paralegal Studies from Humphrey's College and earned her JD from Lincoln Law School. Terry is a member of the Marysville Kiwanis Club and YSBA and she volunteers for various local non-profit organizations.

Terry shared with us her background, qualifications, and answered several questions from the group.

4. Courtney Gengler, President, thanked the speaker and adjourned the meeting.