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President's Last Message



Upcoming EJCBA Meet-

Wednesday, June 15, 2005
EJCBA at the Royals Game
Royals v. LA Dodgers

Tuesday, August 30, 2005
Annual Golf Tournament
Lakewood Oaks

Our dear friend, Tom Locke, passed away April 11th. As many of you know, Tom fought a courageous battle against lung cancer for exactly three years. He is an inspiration to all of who were so blessed to know him. I met Tom in 1986 when he joined Paden, Welch, Martin, Albano & Graeff, after serving in the United States Army for several years. We ceased being partners January 1st of 2001 and I must say that we became much closer after we were no longer partners. Those who knew Tom well, and I count myself as one of the lucky ones who did, knew him to be fiercely loyal to his friends and always with a kind word of encouragement. I often thought that if I ever had to go to war that I wanted a bunch of guys like Tom Locke with me. His heart was as big as the world and he never backed down from a fight. I remember him for the twinkle in his eye as he would share a story about one of his cases, a victory won or a gallant fight lost.

I have a picture in my office that his wife Ginny sent me. It is a picture of Tom, Judge Manners and me at a local restaurant. Tom, Mike and I would try to go to lunch once a month after Tom got sick. Sometimes he was too sick to go, but we always looked forward to our lunches together. There came a time when Tom could no longer drive and so I would drive out to Lee's Summit and pick him up. Some of my best times with Tom came during those drives. We had an opportunity to share our faith and what I remember most about those times was Tom's blunt talk about the future. Tom and his wife thought his was very important to help those who were less fortunate. They have made plans to do that. We should join them in that effort.

Three years ago, we started awarding a scholarship in Tom's honor. We have given \$1,000 to a deserving high school stu-

Register Online

Did you know that you can now register for an event online? This month at the bar website, www.ejcba.com, you can register for an event. As you go to the site and register, if you have any comments as to how to make the site better or if our having any problems with the site, please let us know. We appreciate your input as it will make the site better in the long run.

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dent in Eastern Jackson County each of the last three years. I have asked the Board of Director's of our association to support me in establishing an endowment in his name. The Board has unanimously agreed that we should start a donor-advised fund at Truman Heartland Foundation and we have established the mechanism to endow this scholarship fund and do other charitable works. Tom would have liked that a lot. I have asked that the proceeds from this year's golf tournament be devoted to this fund. Please help me in raising money. The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association has pledged its support and help in this effort. I intend to ask members of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys to donate as well. I have already had several pledges.

If you are interested in donating (it is a tax deductible charitable contribution), send your checks payable to the Truman Heartland Foundation. In the memo section of your check, put "FBO E.J.C.B.A. Charitable Fund". Please send them to me at 19049 E. Valley View Parkway, Suite C, Independence, Missouri 64055.

Let's raise a lot of money. We owe it to our friend, Tom.

Contact for Royals Baseball Tickets



Call Cheri Simpkins for tickets 478-7772.

\$45 per ticket. The date is June 15th. We will be sharing the event with the Lafayette, and Clay County Bar Associations. We will be sharing a pavilion behind left field. The ticket price will include a buffet. The Royals will be playing the LA Dodgers.

Contact for Golf Tournament

Call Gene Graham to sign up for the Gold Tournament August 30, 2005 at Lakewood Oaks. Only a few more slots left. ggraham@wagblaw.com or 373-9080.

