

Merced County Bar Association



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President's Column

Darryl Young

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Come and join us at our **First Annual Softball Fundraiser**: Saturday April 22nd, 10am - 2 pm at Joe Herb Park, 2200 Yosemite Parkway, Merced, CA. Tickets are \$10 each. [Please contact any of the MCBA Officers for tickets.] We will be serving hot dogs, drinks and other goodies. Ticket sale proceeds will be donated to the Merced County Rescue Mission.

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Come and join us at the upcoming **MCBA Law Day at the Itlo-American Lodge**: Thursday May 4th at noon, Justice Detjen, 5th District Court of Appeals, will be speaking on the 14th Amendment. Tickets are \$20 for members and non-members.

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Merced County Rescue Mission

By Tom Min

Secretary

Helping people change, one life at a time.

"In the beginning, it was just a dream - a passion to see people who were suffering find hope through the gospel and a pathway out of their desperate situations. The Mission's work today is definitely different than what we did in 1991. Yet when Tom and Leticia Miller opened the Merced Rescue Mission, their vision to see broken lives restored became the driving force behind all we do today at the Merced County Rescue Mission. "

"There are new obstacles to overcome and over the past few months we have faced incredible challenges. The building at 1921 Canal Street is over 100 years old. Daily we operated at near capacity and there was no room to expand. It was deteriorating rapidly to the point that continued maintenance was too expensive and many areas were beyond repair. It was with great faith that we vacated the premises. We were forced to find a new office while relocating many Mission services that has caused us to scatter programs throughout the city."

"As we grow and adapt to obstacles, as well as the needs of our community, something that has not changed since our first day 26 years ago is our belief in Jesus . . . "

Please join us at our First Annual Softball Fundraiser on April 22, at Joe Herb Park. All proceeds will be donated to the Rescue Mission.

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Calendar of Events

April 22nd at 10 am - First Annual Softball Fundraiser, Joe Herb Park, 2200 Yosemite Parkway, Merced

May 4th - MCBA Law Day at the Itlo-American Lodge: Speaker - Justice Detjen, 5th District Court of Appeals, on 14th Amendment

June 1st at Noon - MCBA Lunch at Bella Luna Bistro; Speaker – Investigator Vinnie Lee, Federal Public Defender's Office

July 6th - MCBA Mixer at 4 p.m.; location TBD

August 3rd – No Meeting

September 7th at Noon - MCBA Lunch at Bella Luna Bistro: Speaker - Nina Lee on Wills and Trusts

October 5th at 6 p.m. - West Side Dinner at Wool Growers, 609 H Street, Los Banos

November 2nd at Noon - MCBA Lunch at Bella Luna Bistro: Speaker - Judge Ash on Juvenile Law

December 7th at 6 p.m.- Holiday Party at Bella Luna Bistro

Friendly Reminders

If you have not done so already, please pay your MCBA dues of \$110 for 2017.

Merced County Bar dues this year are \$110 and anyone interested in joining can contact Tom Min at tmin1216@gmail.com for an application.

Download a Member Application on the member's resources page of our website: www.mercedbar.org/member-resources/

Court News

By Tom Min
Secretary

News from the Superior Court [Linda Romero-Soles, CEO]:

The statewide Traffic Amnesty Program ended 3/31/17. The amnesty program commenced 10/1/15 – 3/31/17. Persons with unpaid tickets whose fines were originally due to be paid on or before January 1, 2013, who had not made a payment after June 24, 2015 were eligible to have their debt reduced.

DCSS E-filings: The Merced Superior Court went live last week with the Department of Child Support Services in accepting e-filings. Merced is the 4th court in the state to go live on this system (behind Monterey, Fresno, San Mateo) but the first court with multiple filing locations. Court staff worked very hard these last few months with staff from the Tyler Corporations and the DCSS on this statewide project.

Court Innovations Grant: The Merced Superior Court learned at the March Judicial Council meeting that they have been awarded one of its four innovations grants submittals. The Innovation Grant that they have been awarded is for their Video conferencing Hearing Project in the amount of \$194,000. The council approved 53 grants from 29 courts. In accordance with guidelines outlined in the state Budget Act, the council allocated most of the funding to collaborative courts, as well as self-help, family, and juvenile court programs.

Proposed Local Rules: The Local Rules have been posted for public comment on the courts website.

Recent (March 28) Brown Bag Dependency Meeting.



Happy Easter

Thank you for your 2017 membership:

Vincent Andrade, Casey Aitchison, Geraldine Brown, Corbett Browning, Betty Dawson, Thomas Ebersole, Skye Emery, James Fincher, David Foster, Carlos Fuentes, Shawn George, Arthur Godwin, Jeff Grant, Melbourne Gwin, Emily Haden, Robert Haden, Kyle Hampton, Forrest Hansen, David Haycraft, Kimberly Helms, Bruce Hendricks, Raymond Isleib, Claire Lai, George Leavell, Nini Lee, Thomas Lewis, Kenneth Mackie, Weldon Mattos Jr., Richard Marchini, Roger Matzkind, Sean McLeod, C. Logan McKechnie, Phillip McMurray, Derek Meyer, Thomas Min, Paul Mullen, Christine Parraz, Thomas Pfeiff, Kenneth Robbins, Shane Smith, Stuart Spencer, Karen Spinardi, James Stone, Anne Taylor-Boreham, Ralph Temple, Samuel Tenenbaum, Rick Wallace, Charles Wilson & Darryl Young

MCBA Development Goals for 2017

We are currently updating our website to

increase communication and to promote

MCBA attorneys and their respective practices.

Our web address is www.mercedbar.org/

Other developments underway include:

- **April fundraiser;**
- **An historical essay on the significance of the MCBA;**
- **Re-establishment of a fee arbitration panel;**
- **Collaborate with judicial council for greater input on prospective judges**

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