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## Holiday Party

This year's holiday party will be at the Grand Harbor Clubhouse on Thursday, December 10 at 6:00pm. Thank you to the Silver sponsors: Rossway, Moore and Taylor and Harris, Co-therman, Jones, Price & Associates. Also, this year the Lawyers' Auxiliary has been gracious enough to organize this annual event. The Board would like to thank our sponsors and the



Auxiliary for making this event possible, as it is definitely a highlight of the season.

Each person in attendance will receive one drink

ticket. A cash bar will be available. We look forward to seeing you on the 10th. Please see the article on the Toy and Food Drive, as it relates to the holiday party.

The holiday party is open to all IRCBA members. Should you know any lawyers interested in joining, please have them contact Peggy Lyon.

## TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

The community is in need of your generosity this holiday season. The Lawyer's Auxiliary is asking that each of us bring an unwrapped toy to this year's Christmas party. The toys collected will be gifted to the children at Childcare Resources, so toys should be appropriate for preschool aged kids.

The Young Lawyers Division asks that everyone bring a can of food to the Christmas party to benefit the County's homeless through the Source. Of course there is nothing wrong with bringing more than one toy or can. It'll sure make you feel good.

Happy Holidays,

Doug Vitunac, co-chair Young Lawyer's Division;  
Ann Catchick, President Lawyer's Auxiliary.



## Young Lawyers Division Update

In January, 2009, our local Young Lawyer's Division (YLD) received a grant in the amount of \$1,300.00 from the Florida Bar. The grant was presented to the YLD at the Bar's annual Affiliate Outreach Conference and was awarded for the purpose of providing pro se family law litigants with the basic legal knowledge and materials necessary to assist them as they move forward with their case "pro se." Research indicates that one of the major problems low income individuals face is lack of access to information about domestic legal rights and remedies.

The Pro Se Coordinator of the Indian River County Court was extremely receptive to this assistance as the Pro Se division has experienced several cuts in budget and is struggling to provide assistance to our local pro se individuals. The Pro Se department of-

ferred the YLD full access to the Court's library and agreed to set aside a specific section in the library for this project.



In the Spring of this year, the YLD hosted an "Ask-A-Lawyer" event specifically focused on Family Law issues. The event was very well attended and the YLD plans to purchase new reference materials for the Courthouse Library that are geared toward pro se family law individuals with the grant money. These titles include:

1. Nolo's Essential Guide to Divorce
2. The Divorce Organizer and Planner
3. The Complete Guide to protecting your Financial Security When Getting a Divorce
4. Divorce for Dummies
5. Nolo's Divorce Without Court, A Guide to Mediation & Collaborative Divorce
6. Nolo's Divorce and Money, How to Make the Best Financial Decisions During Divorce
7. Collaborative Divorce, the Revolutionary New Way to Restructure your Family, Resolve Legal Issues and Move on With Your Life

*By Rebecca Emmons  
and Holly Mantle*

**The next Bar  
Association  
Luncheon will be  
held at the Vero  
Beach Country Club  
at noon on  
January 8, 2009.**

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