

Law Day Assuring Equal Justice For All!

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Mark your calendar and make plans to attend or participate in the activities surrounding the May 1, 2002 Law Day.

The theme for this year's Law Day is **ASSURING EQUAL JUSTICE FOR ALL**. The activities began on April 25th with the Goldilocks Trial. This year's presiding judge was the **Honorable Laurie Smith Camp**. Famed defense attorney, **Clarence E. Mock** defended Goldilocks and noted Assistant United States Attorney **Nancy A. Svoboda** attempted to put the clamps on this nasty intruder. The trial was held at the Roman L. Hruska United States Courthouse before over 100 Omaha fourth graders. (Verdict later...)

During the week of April 29th, Omaha lawyers numbering approximately 100 will, along with five Omaha area judges, attend approximately 66 elementary schools

to speak to over 3,700 students about the law and how the law effects our community. The visits to fifth and sixth graders will cover this year's Law Day theme and any other legal topics of interest to the class. If interested, contact **Melany S. Chesterman at (402) 898-1400**.

If that isn't enough, there is the billboard poster and Law Day theme essay contest for local students sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Legal Assistants. Students in the fifth and sixth grades are eligible to enter the billboard contest. The winning billboard will be enlarged and placed on an outdoor billboard at 80th and Dodge streets. For information about the billboard poster contest contact **Mary Bronson at (402) 346-6000**. Students in the eighth grade are eligible to enter the Law Day essay contest concerning this year's theme. For information about the essay contest contact **Bonnie**

Kudron at (402) 399-1145. Both the billboard poster and Law Day theme essay contest will be judged by local members of the Omaha legal community and the top three entrants in each contest will be awarded savings bonds.

The Law Day luncheon on May 1st will again be held at the Holiday Inn, 72nd and Grover. The costs for the luncheon is \$15 for an individual ticket or \$120 for a table of eight. For information on reservations, contact the **Omaha Bar Association at 280-3607**. The speaker for the luncheon is the **Honorable Diana Murphy, Circuit Judge for the 8th Circuit**. Judge Murphy is from Minneapolis, Minnesota and has the distinction of serving as chairperson of the United States Sentencing Commission, the federal agency that writes federal sentencing guidelines. Make your reservations so you don't miss this luncheon.

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM PLANNED

The Omaha Bar Association Memorial Day Program has been scheduled for Wednesday, **May 22, 2002**, at **11:30 a.m.** in the Legislative Chamber of the Omaha-Douglas Civic Center. The speaker will be **Richard E. O'Toole**, member of the Omaha Bar Association. **Dr. Donald J. Longbottom**, Senior Minister at Countryside Community Church, will give the invocation and Benediction.

The program is held each year to honor those members of the bar association who have died within the year from May to May.

To date twenty-six attorneys will be honored and a red rose given to each of their families. They are listed below chronologically in order of their deaths.

Stanley A. Traub
January 26, 2001

Dean F. McWhorter
April 9, 2001

William G. Tracy
May 3, 2001

Robert G. Decker
May 6, 2001

John A. "Jack" Garvey
May 7, 2001

Robert R. Veach
May 8, 2001

George P. Burke
May 30, 2001

Gary F. Smolen
June 19, 2001

The Hon. Francis A. McLane
September 3, 2001

Howard B. Redden
September 21, 2001

Patrick Lake
September 29, 2001

Brian McGinty
October 18, 2001

Seymour Katz
October 18, 2001

Richard L. Kuhlman
November 4, 2001

K. Edward Wolcott
November 5, 2001

Daniel M. Murphy
December 25, 2001

Ted S. Backstrom
December 25, 2001

Herbert Fille
December 27, 2001

Sherman Seymour Welpton, Jr
January 3, 2002

Richard L. Gordon
January 9, 2002

Gerald Collins
January 9, 2002

Charles "Chuck" Kudlacz
January 24, 2002

Judy Zaiman Gotsdiner
March 7, 2002

William P. Mueller
April 7, 2002

Robert D. Mullin, Sr.
April 11, 2002

Gary P. Bucchino
April 19, 2002

Matt Lathrop is chairperson. **The Barristers Club** will provide the ushers, and the program is courtesy of the **Daily Record**.