



YOUNG LAWYER CORNER

A 2013 Resolution

By Michael J. Dennin

2013 is here. We look back to a tiring year. 2012 brought things rarely if ever seen in my lifetime. We went through a presidential race, the fiscal cliff, hurricanes, war and the events in Connecticut. As difficult as it was, we have to learn and move forward. It was an exhaustive year, and sometimes it is difficult to stop and give thanks for all that we have around us. We must be thankful all the time. This is especially so considering the countless people who lost everything. Keeping faith and perspective is crucial.

2012 was certainly positive in many respects. We brought a baby girl, Lucinda, into the world and the Bar Association provided an opportunity for me to become more heavily involved in the Young Lawyer Committee. Being able to become involved is important for young lawyers. However, it is

difficult for many due to work and personal matters. Time is valuable and, especially early on, you are timid due to the learning curve. There is a delicate balance and we understand that any help and involvement is appreciated. This year we can restart and I would love to see more participation.

The holiday season was a success. Marci Jordan again took the lead in organizing the toy drive that provided gifts to 100 families. The coat drive and the children's party at the Coastline were huge successes. The party was packed with children and everyone told Santa their wishes and received a picture and gifts. We thank Brenda Eutsler, Jenifer Fowler, Linda Eynon and Rachael Brekke for organizing such a beautiful holiday event. The Christmas party at Tavistock was a blast as well. The Bar Association and staff as a

whole did a tremendous job this past year and we cannot thank them enough. This includes Larry Pelletier, Kathy DelPrato, Denise Whybark, and of course the Association's photographer, Bud Cardone. The Association thanks everyone for being involved, coming to seminars and events and being proud members.

Perhaps a resolution this year is to give thanks consciously and constantly. We are fortunate in our positions. Our profession is lifelong. It is time consuming and stressful. However, we chose to practice law. Having gratitude for what is given to us and earned moves us forward. Let us commit to appreciating what we have more than ever this New Year and commit to showing this through being engaged with the Bar in at least a small capacity.



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Holiday Cocktail Party



Steve Neuner, Alex Ross & Larry Bafundo



Don Cofsky & Judge Holden



Mike Mullen, Allen Etish & Jim Mullen



Ellis Medoway, Fred Levin & Bill DeSantis



Michelle Corea & Judge Baxter



Sharon Dostmann & Mark Oddo



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