

## WBAI FOUNDATION AND THE WOMEN BEHIND IT

The Woman's Bar Association of Illinois Foundation was established in 1966 for the purpose of giving scholarships to deserving and qualified women law students at law schools in Illinois. The Foundation was incorporated in 1968 as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. It has been granted exemption from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been ruled not to be a private foundation.

The Foundation derives its funds from contributions from WBAI members and from the public, plus one or two annual fundraising events, especially the Holiday Party and Auction. This year the Holiday Party and Auction will be held on December 3, 1987, at Alcott & Andrews, 430 N. Michigan Avenue.

The Foundation awards cash scholarships each year to outstanding women law students selected by the Foundation Board from among candidates recommended by the deans of Illinois law schools. The first award, in 1966, was a single scholarship in the amount of \$300, and the amounts have increased over the years until in 1986 and 1987 seven scholarships, totaling \$29,000, have been awarded.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation consists of nine women lawyers who are elected for three-year terms by the Executive Board of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, plus the President and First Vice-President of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, who serve as ex officio members.

In addition, the Foundation has established an advisory Council consisting of WBAI members who have

been especially helpful in promoting the interests of the scholarship program.

The present members of the Foundation Board, in addition to the ex officio members WBAI President Ina S. Winston and WBAI First Vice President Jacqueline S. Lustig, are:

*Esther R. Rothstein*, WBAI Foundation Director since incorporation in 1968; Vice President to 1979, President, 1979 to present. She attended law school at Illinois/Chicago-Kent. Professional career, partner in law firm of McCarthy & Levin. Former president of WBAI; former president and only woman president of Chicago Bar Association; current president of Chicago Bar Association Foundation. Ms. Rothstein is also a board member of many other scholastic institutions, legal associations and social agencies.

*Sharon L. King*, WBAI Foundation Director and Scholarship Director since 1968; Vice President since 1981. As Scholarship Director, Ms. King arranges for the scholarship candidates, compiles data about their qualifications and arranges and directs the interview sessions. Ms. King attended Valparaiso University, and received a Master of Laws degree in Taxation from Georgetown University School of Law in Washington, D.C. Her professional career includes a position at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington for five years, then to the Chicago Law firm of Isham, Lincoln & Beale, where she is a partner, specializing in tax and employee benefit law. Ms. King is an active member of several CBA and ABA Committees.

*Etha Beatrice Fox ("Bea")*, WBAI Foundation Director and Secretary since

1972. A graduate of IIT/Chicago-Kent Law School with a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. Ms. Fox's professional career includes work as Law Clerk for Judge Win G. Knoch, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Ms. Fox is now retired. She is a former WBAI Board member and newsletter editor. Ms. Fox's other achievements range from being a retired captain of the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve to Treasurer of the American Foreign Law Association.

*Cary Ann Bechly* ("Ann") WBAI Foundation Treasurer and Director since 1968; Co-Chair WBAI Holiday Benefit Party 1973-87. She attended University of Illinois (Urbana) Law School. Her professional career was spent at Kirkland & Ellis where she specialized in Federal taxation and non-profit organizations. Ms. Bechly is now retired. She is a former WBAI Board member and member or chair of its auditing committee for many years prior to 1986. She was instrumental in obtaining a Federal income tax exemption ruling for WBAI from the Internal Revenue Service in 1979-80. She was formerly a member of the Chicago Bar Association Committee on Federal Taxation and a member of the Exempt Organizations Committee of the American Bar Association Tax Section.

*Katharine D. Agar*, WBAI Foundation Director since 1968; Vice president, 1979-81. She attended IIT/Chicago Kent Law School. Her professional career was at McDermott, Will & Emery where she became a partner. Ms. Agar is now retired. Ms. Agar was a former president of WBAI; former member of Chicago Bar Association Board of Managers; member of American Bar Association Standing Committee on Gavel Awards; and a former Director, Visiting Nurse Association. Ms. Agar also has received many other honors including an appointment by President Eisenhower to U.S. Commission for Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Chief Justice John Marshall, 1955 (only woman

on the Commission) and Order of Vasco Nunez de la Balboa conferred by the Republic of Panama.

*Dolores K. Hanna*, WBAI Foundation Director since 1979. She attended IIT/Chicago-Kent Law School. Professional career, formerly partner in patent and trademark firm of Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery; currently Trademark Counsel, Kraft, Inc. of Glenview; and coordinator for WBAI Kraft Scholarships. Former president of WBAI; former president and only woman president in the 109-year history of the United States Trademark Association (USTA). Ms. Hanna is a Board member of many professional and social organizations.

*Lillian K. Kubicek*, WBAI Foundation Director since 1979; Chair, WBAI Holiday Party Auction Subcommittee, 1973-87. She attended University of Illinois (Urbana) Law School. Professional career, Kirkland & Ellis, partner 1952, specializing in corporate law; in 1960, to Seeburg Corp. in Chicago and then in New York, where she was Vice President, Director, Secretary and General Counsel of Seeburg and its U.S. and foreign subsidiaries. Ms. Kubicek is now retired. Ms. Kubicek also is active in several professional and social organizations.

*Hon. Helen F. McGillicuddy*, WBAI Foundation Director since 1968, President 1968-79. She attended DePaul Law School. Her professional career includes election to the Municipal Court in 1962, to the Circuit Court of Cook County in 1964, and to the Appellate Court of Illinois in 1976, as the first woman to serve on the Appellate Court. Justice McGillicuddy is now retired. She is a former president of WBAI; former trustee, American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants Educational Foundation and South Side Legal Clinic Foundation; former president, American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants and editor of the "Womens CPA". She taught at Northwestern University and participated as an advisor and participant in the

Illinois Judicial Conference on Adoption Law and Juvenile Law.

*Patricia E. Mullin*, WBAI Foundation Director since 1983; Co-Chair, WBAI Holiday Benefit Party 1973-1987. She attended DePaul Law School. Ms. Mullin has been Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Senior Corporate Attorney, of Bankers Life & Casualty Co. and has served as an officer and/or director of its corporate subsidiaries. She was former president of WBAI. Other current positions or memberships include: Chairman of the Equal Employment Advisory Council, Washington, D.C.; Director, National Foundation for the Study of Equal Employment Policy; and Commissioner of the Illinois Supreme Court Character and Fitness Committee.

The Foundation's Advisory Council is appointed by the Foundation Board. Its members are invited to attend meetings and to participate in discussion, but have no voting rights. The present members of the Advisory Council are: Ramona Hayes Healy, Mary Ann Hynes, Hon. Margaret O'Malley, Hon. Lucia T. Thomas, Hon. Olga Jurco, Mary Frances Hegarty, and Hon. Rosemary D. LaPorta.

Ann Bechly