

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION – OAKLAND REGION WLAM eFocus

WBA kicked off 2020 with raising money for charities and with celebrations for women in law!

WBA's December bowl-painting event was recently featured with Empty Bowls Detroit on Mitch Albom's Heart of Detroit, which is "a groundbreaking public service initiative" and shares "inspiring stories of metro Detroiters with heart and everyday people who step up to help make our community a better place to live". The feature may be found [here](#).

In February, the WBA co-hosted the 4th Annual Affinity Bar Charity Challenge and partnered with WLAM-Macomb, WLAM-Wayne, Oakland County Bar Association, the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, and the Hellenic Bar Association to raise money for seven (7) local charities. The Charity Challenged was held at D'Amato's Restaurant in Royal Oak. Attendees voted for their favorite bar association by donating cash "tips" to each association's "tip jar" and the tip jars were tallied to selected the Challenge winner. This year the WBA was declared the winner by raising the most tips for the Alzheimer's Association. Overall, all the charities were the "winners"! The event raised over \$3,900 for the seven local charities. The Charity Challenge was also featured in the Detroit Legal News.



Following the Charity Challenge, the WBA celebrated Valentine's Day through its monthly Bar Briefs with a Galentine's Brunch at Café Muse in Royal Oak.

Celebrations continued into March! Specifically, the WBA celebrated WLAM's 101st Birthday at its March Board Building Meeting, where WBA Members learned how to join the WBA Executive Board and learned more about the events/activities hosted each year.



Also, in March, WBA past and current executive board's spent an evening having dinner with Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, where they had an opportunity to have a frank discussion on access to justice, our state courts, and what bar members can do to improve our system.



Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, WBA has postponed the Aerial Yoga, Brunch & Mimosas until further notice. Stay tuned for updates! However, at this time, WBA's Annual Dinner is still scheduled for May 28th at the Birmingham Athletic Club. WBA will keep you updated on any further postponements to its events and activities.