



Everything You Wanted to Know about the Eleventh Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission Process

By: **Marva Wiley**, Former President of the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association

Miami-Dade FAWL was among the panoply of voluntary bar associations that collaborated to host a panel discussion entitled, "The JNC Process 2011 – The Search for Qualified Candidates for the Miami-Dade Judiciary." The discussion was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at the Lawson E. Thomas Courthouse in the Eleventh floor conference room.

Various myths abound about the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) process and the panel discussion provided an opportunity for prospective judicial applicants to address the myths, rumors and innuendo that surround the JNC process. The current JNC includes nine members: Chairman Mark Romance, Vice-Chairman Marlene Quintana, Gonzalo Dorta, Philip Friedin, Manuel Kadre, John Kozyak, Rayfield McGhee, Daniel Schwartz and Marva L. Wiley (me).

Seven of the JNC members were present at the panel discussion and provided their individual perspectives as to the role of the JNC, what they look for in reviewing applications, the significance and breadth of background investigations on individual applicants, and the impact of the constitutional mandate to provide three to six names to the governor for consideration.

The panel also included the two most recent circuit court appointees that came through the JNC process, Judge Beth Bloom and Judge Darrin Gayles. The judges provided an external view of the JNC process itself and the critical "closing" with the governor that is necessary to transition from applicant to judicial appointment.

The Florida Constitution charges a JNC in each judicial circuit with the vetting of judicial candidates to fill vacancies that occur because of the death or retirement of sitting judges. After reviewing the applications and interviewing the applicants, the JNC submits a list of three to six candidates to the governor. The Constitution requires that the governor fill the vacancy with an appointment from the JNC's list.

Chairman Mark Romance moderated the panel discussion and provided the technical information as to legal parameters that define timelines and accessibility of judicial applications. The process begins with a Notice of Vacancy sent to the JNC Chairman from the Governor's Office. The JNC then has up to 60 days from the Notice of Vacancy to submit its list to the governor.

The Chairman then issues a press release that details the relevant timelines and submission requirements. With each vacancy, Chairman Romance referred prospective applicants to the press release to confirm the requirements and timelines relative to any particular vacancy. The press release will dictate how many copies are required, where the applications are to be delivered and the date/time of the application deadline.

Philip Friedin provided some insight into the four basic questions a candidate may want to address in an opening statement—Who am I? What have I accomplished to get to this point in my life? Why do I want to be a judge? Why now? He noted that the applicant should be as efficient in the sharing of this information as possible (i.e., don't consume five minutes for what could be done in two minutes). Further, if the panel has remaining questions after the opening statement, the remaining time is certain to include questions from the commissioners on those issues.

Generally, some unanimity exists upon the key criteria for a judicial candidate—intellectual capacity, civic commitment, and temperament—although the relative importance of each criterion may differ among the commissioners. While intellectual capability is a component of the analysis, Marlene Quintana emphasized this point. "You don't have to have been the president of a voluntary bar association although we do want to see that you have a commitment to service in the community."

Judge Bloom likened the opening statement for the JNC appointment process to a trial which reminded prospective applicants of the importance of preparation. She shared her process for preparing for her application and highlighted the importance of understanding the composition of the JNC in terms of their individual interests and priorities and framing some aspect of your application to ensure that your candidacy resonates with each JNC member.

Judge Gayles shared his strategic utilization of the "Five Most Significant Cases" question in the application and reminded prospective applicants of the importance of contacting individuals who are listed in your application to advise them that you have applied. "You may need to remind opposing counsel or a judge of the role you played in the litigation or clarify whether they have any particular issues with you and/or your performance." This sentiment was a recurring theme in that an applicant cannot presume to know what the JNC's questions will be, what the background will reveal, or how an application is being received without doing the extensive homework necessary to examine one's own application from various perspectives.

John Kozyak debunked the myths associated with the notion that you have to have an "in" by noting several of the recent lists have been comprised of individuals who were totally unknown to him before he received their applications. Recent nominations from the JNC like Deborah White-Labora and recent appointee Charles Johnson were tremendous discoveries for him.

Although the JNC's deliberations are executive sessions that are confidential, the applications and interviews are open to the public. I was one of the very few people who took advantage of the opportunity to observe the interviews as a member of the public before I even submitted my application to serve as a JNC commissioner. I can attest to the transparency of the process. Even without the opportunity to participate in deliberations, the short lists that came from those processes were reflective of the quality of what I had observed in the interview.

I am now the "baby of the bunch" in terms of being the most recently appointed member of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission. As of March 1, 2011, however, I have already participated in nominations for five seats—three circuit court seats and one county court seat. In fact, the remainder of this year is anticipated to be extremely busy as well. Certainly the anticipated volume of vacancies makes this an appropriate time to revisit the JNC process for potential applicants.

We hope that the event provided an opportunity for the legal community to better appreciate the diversity of practice areas, the diversity of perspective and the diversity of relationships reflected among JNC members. These concentric circles are key to ensure that each candidate is thoroughly vetted.

On behalf of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, I commend the Miami-Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers, the Dade County Bar Association, the Cuban American Bar Association, the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association, the Haitian Lawyers Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association, the Florida Muslim Bar Association and the Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr. Bar Association on recognizing the value of collaboration in hosting this event. We appreciate the opportunity to share this information that we expect will help to improve the quality of the process.

Miami-Dade FAWL and Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. Present the Lotus House Street Law Project

By: **Deborah Baker**, Miami-Dade FAWL Board Director

Miami-Dade FAWL, in conjunction with Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc., recently held a six week Street Law Project at the Lotus House. Lotus House is a women's shelter located in Miami's Overtown district, which provides its residents with a year-long residency program. The Lotus House's holistic approach is designed to ensure that women are able to sustain themselves and their families upon departure from the shelter. With the support and participation of the Honorable Rosemary Barkett and the Honorable Laurel Isicoff, Miami-Dade FAWL and Legal Services have created a six week program for the Lotus House residents on financial fitness.

Lotus House residents meet once a week and attend interactive workshops taught by Miami-Dade FAWL members and volunteers using curriculum designed by Legal Services staff attorneys. The Street Law workshops are taught by teams, comprised of attorneys, including the Honorable Laurel Isicoff, as well as bankers or financial planners. The workshop on identity theft was co-taught by an identity theft public educator from the State Attorneys' Office. This diversity in presenters provides the attendees with legally relevant information, as well as the practical day-to-day logistical information that a banker, financial planner or the State Attorneys' Office identity theft experts can provide. The six week series taught the Lotus House members about the importance of good credit, how to repair credit and settle debts, protecting oneself from identity theft, what victims of identity theft need to do, and how bankruptcy laws might be relevant.

The positive response from the Lotus House has been overwhelming, with the residents actively and enthusiastically engaged at each workshop.

National Association of Women Lawyers Hosts Mid-Year Meeting in Miami

By: **Alexandra Bach Lagos**, Miami-Dade FAWL President-Elect

On February 16 and 17, 2011, the National Association of Women Lawyers held its Mid-Year Meeting at the Epic Hotel in downtown Miami. Miami-Dade FAWL co-sponsored this terrific event. The meeting kicked off with a poolside reception on February 16th, where guests were able to meet and network amongst themselves. On February 17th, over one hundred guests gathered for a day-long meeting featuring panels of experts addressing a variety of relevant topics. Presentation topics ranged from alternative careers in the law to compensation models. During the awards portion of the luncheon, former Miamian Dorian Denburg, NAWL's president, presented the Leadership Award to Supreme Court Justice Peggy A. Quince and the Challenge Award to Elisa Garcia and the Office Depot Legal Department. A judicial roundtable featured judges from the Southern District, Third District Court of Appeal, and Miami-Dade's Circuit Court. Also in attendance, numerous in-house counsel from the legal departments of Fortune 500 companies, including AT&T, Office Depot, and E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Company. The meeting concluded with a discussion with Raquel Libman, Executive Vice-President and General Counsel for the HEAT Group and American Airlines Arena.

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President's Column

By: **Kristy Johnson**, Miami-Dade FAWL President



Maybe to a fault, I strive to have a "half-glass full" perspective. However, in looking at recent reports on the progress of women lawyers in the large law firm environment, it's difficult to maintain a positive attitude. No doubt, women lawyers have progressed in the last 20 years in private practice, politics, government, on the bench, and in corporate legal departments. Since 2006, the National Association of Women Lawyers ("NAWL") has conducted a national survey to gauge the progress of women lawyers in large firms. This annual survey reveals that since 1990 women progressed to about 43% of graduating law students, and that percentage increased to 48% by the year 2000. See e.g., Report on the Fifth Annual National Survey on Retention and Promotion of Women in Law Firms, October 2010, which can be found at www.nawl.org.

However, the top echelons of large law firms remain largely out of reach for women. Although women entered large law firms at about the same rate as men since the year 2000, women have continued to lag behind in rates of promotion to equity partner. Indeed, in the last five years, women lawyers have made almost no advancement in the number of equity female partners or in law firm leadership. NAWL reports that "[i]t thus continues to be much more difficult for women than men – by a factor of almost 6 to 1 – to become equity partners in large firms." This statistic is startling.

Of course, the main factor in advancing to equity partner in any large law firm is rainmaking. Victoria Pynchon, a blogger for Forbes Magazine with a blog entitled She Negotiates, wrote a piece entitled "The Four Magic Words for Women Lawyers: Portable Book of Business." But, these are the magic words for most private practice lawyers. If you have a portable book of business, you are more valuable to a law firm. The larger the book of business, the more valuable you are to the firm, with such value often translating into leadership positions and higher compensation. However, according to NAWL, in the largest law firms in the country "almost 80% count either one or no women at all among their top 10 rainmakers."

Since I joined Miami-Dade FAWL in 2003, we have hosted numerous programs to help women improve their rainmaking skills, so women can expand their portable book of business. Miami-Dade FAWL has offered networking events and programming on mentoring, career development, business development, marketing, self-promotion, and participation on corporate boards. Women bar associations across the country host similar programs. Many large law firms have launched women's initiatives to help women build these same types of skills, because large law firms have a financial incentive to help women lawyers develop business. Having interacted with so many amazing women lawyers, it is clear that women lawyers are keenly aware that they must take control of their own careers – and they try to. But, even though women lawyers have tried to improve their business development skills, their progress has not advanced in proportion with such efforts.

This begs the question: Are women taking the right steps to develop a book of business to advance their careers? Or, are there intrinsic characteristics of large law firms that hinder the advancement of women. This is a complicated issue and one that is debated across the country. We may get frustrated with the lack of progress of women lawyers, but we cannot become complacent. Law firms and bar leaders must continue to evaluate this issue for the sake of the future of our profession. NAWL published a report in 2008 entitled "Actions for Advancing Women Into Law Firm Leadership." Last month, NAWL held a conference in Chicago to discuss the NAWL survey and best law firm practices in order to supplement its 2008 report. I was fortunate to attend this event with about 60 dynamic leaders from across the country. NAWL intends to issue a supplemental report on the best law firm practices in the near future.

But, we need to continue to work on diversity issues at the local level as well. To this end, several local bar associations are joining together to establish a Diversity Consortium that will develop a local diversity action plan to identify the unique challenges facing diverse lawyers in our legal community. A Diversity Summit was held on May 20th and you can still get involved. If you are interested in working with the Diversity Consortium, please contact me at kjohnson@carltonfields.com.

Table For 8

January By: **Linda Leali**, Miami-Dade FAWL Director

On January 12, 2011, great food and even better conversation and company were shared by various members of Miami-Dade FAWL at its January Table for 8 held in downtown Miami. Serving as the evening's guest "celebrity" was The Honorable Laurel M. Isicoff who presides over the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida. The January Table for 8 follows a long line of successful monthly dinner events held at various restaurant locations throughout Miami-Dade County providing an opportunity for members to hob-knob with each other as well as members of the local judiciary.

March By: **Dora Acherman**, Miami-Dade FAWL Director

On March 9, 2011, Judge Barbara Lagoa of the Third District Court of Appeals co-hosted a Table for 8 dinner with Miami-Dade FAWL Director, Dora Acherman, at Seasons 52 restaurant in Coral Gables. Judge Lagoa was gracious and generous in answering questions about the workings of the appellate courts; she provided practical procedural advice; described the challenges of working under budget constraints; and demonstrated her respect and appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a judge. The participants included experienced attorneys in private practice, newer attorneys in public practice, and law students, who enjoyed getting to know Judge Lagoa and each other.

April By: **Deborah Baker**, Miami-Dade FAWL Director

On April 26, 2011, Miami-Dade FAWL held its monthly Table for 8 at Fratelli Lyon in the Design District. Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Milton Hirsch attended the dinner which was hosted by Miami-Dade FAWL Director, Deborah Baker, Esq. of Lipscomb, Eisenberg & Baker, P.L. Judge Hirsch shared his insights with the attendees regarding his transition from private attorney to judge. The attendees, all members of Miami-Dade FAWL, ranged from senior partners in law firms, to an FIU 1-L. Judge Hirsch, known for his quick wit and sense of humor, ensured that the evening was not only informative, but enjoyable for all.

Miami-Dade FAWL Hosts its First Meet and Greet for Moms: Converging Business Opportunities with Motherhood

By: **Tara Elfering**, Miami-Dade FAWL Director



On March 5, 2011, Miami-Dade FAWL hosted its first networking event for professional mothers. The event was held at Miss Jane's Music Studio in Miami Shores. The "meet and greet" portion of the event was followed by a "Musikgarten" class for newborns to eighteen month old children. During the class, the children were encouraged to play instruments, bounce, and move to songs; the class is designed to increase a child's curiosity about music and establish the foundation for musical thought.

This event offered women lawyers a unique opportunity to mix and mingle with each other while spending time with their little ones. Miami-Dade FAWL looks forward to hosting future events aimed at converging business opportunities with motherhood.



READY FOR THE FUTURE? Emerging Legal Landscapes for 2011 and Beyond

By: **Kristy Johnson**, Miami-Dade FAWL President

On February 2, 2011, Miami-Dade FAWL co-sponsored an event featuring Deborah Epstein Henry, a nationally recognized author and consultant, to discuss her book "Law & Reorder: Legal Industry Solutions for Restructure, Retention, Promotion & Work/Life Balance." Ms. Epstein was interviewed by David Lyons, Editor-in-Chief of the Daily Business Review, in front of approximately 100 attendees. Following the interview, Mr. Lyons moderated a discussion with Ms. Henry, as well as Patricia D. White, Dean and Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law, and Cesar L. Alvarez, Executive Chairman, Greenberg Traurig, LLP. For more information about Ms. Henry's book, check out www.lawandreorder.com. Miami-Dade FAWL thanks the University of Miami for hosting the event and the Dade County Bar Association for co-sponsoring the event.

Women Making History: A Reception Honoring Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Professor M. Minnette Massey

By: **Marisol Gomez-Decena**, Miami-Dade FAWL Secretary

On March 24, 2011, Miami-Dade FAWL held its annual "Women Making History" Event at Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust in Coral Gables, Florida.

The recipients of Miami-Dade FAWL's 2011 Women Making History Award were Commissioner Sally A. Heyman and Professor M. Minnette Massey.

These phenomenal award recipients have and continue to pave the way for others through their personal achievements and accolades. Commissioner Heyman was elected to the Miami Dade Board of County Commissioners after having served the House of Representatives for four consecutive terms. She is a Crime Loss Prevention Specialist and Attorney and is an adjunct professor. She has been and remains active in charitable, women's issues, political and community organizations and activities. She was also a past recipient of a Miami-Dade FAWL Scholarship.

The second award recipient, Professor Massey, served as acting Dean at the University of Miami School of Law from 1962 to 1965. She has also served on the Federal Judicial Nominating Committee, is an author of three books in civil procedure and federal jurisdiction, and currently teaches courses in those fields.

Local judges, attorneys, community leaders, and law students gathered to honor these remarkable award recipients as they are "Women Making History". We thank Gibraltar Private Bank and Trust for their continued support and hospitality in hosting this annual event.



Miami-Dade FAWL Presents Its "Taking Control of Your Career" Luncheon

By: **Sherril Colombo**, Miami-Dade FAWL Treasurer

On January 20, 2011, Miami-Dade FAWL hosted the "Taking Control of Your Career" luncheon at the Banker's Club. The speakers for this event were Karen Evans (Litigation Resolution, Inc.), Cynthia Evertt (Cynthia A. Everett, P.A.), Dwight Hill (Sabadell United Bank), and Patricia Redmonds (Stearns Weaver et al). There was a full-house in attendance for this event. This distinguished panel discussed successful strategies they have used to take control of their careers and how women can empower themselves by creating their own path. The attendees asked numerous questions leading to a lively discussion on such topics as work/life balance issues, moving up the ranks in a law firm environment, becoming a successful mediator, starting a new law firm, expanding practice areas, networking, among other great topics. The Miami-Dade FAWL Board expresses its gratitude to the speakers and the attendees for contributing to such a wonderful event.



Demystifying the Investment Process: Financial Planning for Attorneys

By: **Deborah Baker**, Miami-Dade FAWL Board Director

On March 29, 2011, the law firm of Lipscomb, Eisenberg & Baker, P.L. hosted a CLE luncheon for twenty Miami-Dade FAWL members on financial planning for attorneys. A presentation was given by Ana Harris, Founder and President of Cela Advisors, a registered investment advisory firm. Ms. Harris is a certified financial planner™ and attorney. By drawing upon her twenty years of experience as an estate tax planning attorney, Ms. Harris discussed how participants can take control of all aspects of their financial lives, from managing investments, to handling budgeting and cash flow issues, to implementing estate tax and retirement planning strategies. Ms. Harris provided insight and clarified the distinction between the varieties of available financial planning firms and professionals and helped the participants determine which types of services and professionals might be more suitable for them.

Miami-Dade FAWL Hosts "Building Career Opportunities: Resume Building and Other Career Tips" Luncheon

By: **Annette M. Strauch**, Miami-Dade FAWL Newsletter Editor

On April 22, 2011, Miami-Dade FAWL and the law firm of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP hosted a luncheon on career building that was packed with tips on resume drafting, interview skills, and approaches to landing the perfect job. The luncheon featured Abbe Bunt, the well-known legal recruiter, and Lori Lorenzo, Associate Director at the University of Miami School of Law, Career Development Office. The attendees appreciated their valuable advice for navigating and understanding the changing dynamics of South Florida's legal market.

MIAMI-DADE FAWL CHANGES LEADERSHIP

On June 17, 2011, Miami-Dade installed the officers and directors for the 2011-12 year.

The incoming officers are:

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In addition, Alex Bach Lagos has appointed the following committee chairs:

Membership: Lindsay Haber and Kimberly Kanoff
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Diversity Committee: Maria Enriquez and Marlene Fernandez-Karavetsos



Miami-Dade FAWL Hosts the 28th Annual Judicial Luncheon

By: **Laura K. Wendell**, Miami-Dade FAWL Director

This year, Miami-Dade FAWL hosted its Annual Judicial Luncheon at the Ritz Carlton in Coconut Grove on December 3, 2010. As in past years, the event was well-attended by both the Bar and Judiciary alike.

Following an invocation by the Honorable Betty Butchko of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court, Miami-Dade FAWL President, Kristy Johnson kicked off the event by welcoming the many members of the federal and state court judiciary who were present.

Kristy also presented a Special Recognition Award to Ellen Freidin, Chair of FairDistrictsNow, for her tireless efforts on behalf of Florida voters, culminating in the passage of Amendments 5 and 6 by the electorate in November to limit the influence of politics on the drawing of voting district boundaries—one covering legislative districts and the other covering congressional districts.

Alex Bach Lagos, President-Elect, presented this year's Honorable Ted Klein Award to Ben Reid of Carlton Fields. Despite his demanding litigation practice, Ben Reid has served as both role model and mentor to a host of young attorneys— providing guidance and encouragement to countless female litigators.

Scholarship Chairs, Amy Huber and Laura Wendell presented this year's scholarship awards to six talented, hard working, and very deserving local law school students. Congratulations goes to Gracia Cuzzi, recipient of the 2010 Gamba & Lombana Scholarship; Sharon Merrill, recipient of the 2010 Scholarship in Memory of Judge Linda Dakis; Lana Naghshineh Aponte, recipient of the 2010 Sonia "Sunny" Yahr Memorial Scholarship; Charlyn M. Stanberry, recipient of the 2010 Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton Scholarship; Geannina Andrea Burgos, recipient of the 2010 Leesfield & Partners Scholarship; and Kendra Stephen, recipient of the 2010 Miami-Dade FAWL Scholarship. A very special thanks to those firms and individuals making these scholarships possible.

Lastly, Miami-Dade FAWL greatly appreciates the generosity of its many program sponsors without whom the event would not have been possible.



Miami-Dade FAWL Helps Raise Over \$30,000 for Court Care

By: **Kristy Johnson**, Miami-Dade FAWL President

On April 10, 2011, Miami-Dade FAWL co-hosted a fundraiser for the Court Care program, raising more than \$30,000.00. Sabadell United Bank and Gerald Kornreich also generously co-hosted the event, which was held at Sabadell United Bank. Gerald Kornreich has been a staunch supporter of Court Care over the years, and Miami-Dade FAWL is honored to help him with his effort to raise money and awareness about this important court program.

The Court Care program is a day care center housed in the Family and Domestic Violence Courthouse and the Criminal Courthouse, where children and infants are cared for while their parents attend court proceedings. This program was established in 2000 through collaboration between the YWCA of Greater Miami-Dade, Inc., the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida and the Administrative Office of the Courts after judges began noticing increasing number of children accompanying their parents to court where often shocking detail of physical or emotional abuse and conflict are present. Children who are equally traumatized by the violence in their families were victimized yet again by listening and observing their parents/caregivers recount the details of the ongoing hostility in their families. Judges also found witnesses to abuse or trauma increasingly reluctant to recount the details of the abuse in the presence of children. Before the creation of this program, children would often be removed from the courtroom and placed in open hallways without any supervision.

The Court Care program provides an environment for children that is friendly, welcoming and supportive and staffed by individuals with knowledge and training in working with children. Each center has age appropriate material, and developmentally appropriate practices are followed. The staff provides support and comfort to the children, serving as a protective resource that may be missing as their parent/caregivers address the violence and discord in the own lives. The staff also provides support to the parent/caregiver upon their return to the center lending a supporting ear to the parent when appropriate and providing them with information on community resources, as well as guidance on dealing with conflict, positive discipline, speaking with their child, etc.

If you are interested in supporting this worthwhile program, please contact Miami-Dade FAWL.

Miami-Dade FAWL Celebrates its Annual Past-Presidents' Brunch

By: **Laura K. Wendell**, Miami-Dade FAWL Director

The Past Presidents' Brunch, held annually, provides an opportunity for current members of the Miami-Dade Board to socialize informally with Past - Presidents—as well as an excuse for the Past - Presidents themselves to visit with one another.

This year, Miami-Dade FAWL kept up its annual tradition of hosting a "Past - President's Brunch" and did so with flair — thanks in no small part to this year's Past - President, Julie Braman Kane and her twin daughters — who, together with their mom, hosted the Past President's Brunch at their home.

While Julie's daughters entertained the daughters of Rosana Hernandez, Kristy Johnson, Sherril Colombo and Linda Leali (all of the girls on their best behavior and keeping to the twins' very stylish bedroom), the "grown-ups" enjoyed a picture-perfect, stunning South Florida morning on the back porch of Julie's home.

Socializing this year with several members of the Miami-Dade Board were the very accomplished Past - Presidents of Miami-Dade FAWL, including May Cain, Judge Abby Cynamon, Dyanne Feinberg, Judge Gill Freeman, Allison Hockman, Magistrate Deborah Magid, Stacey Koch Lieberman, Judge Ellen Leesfield, Ameli Padron-Fragetta, Adrienne Promoff, Judge Jackie Scola, Linda C. Singer, Judge Lisa Walsh, and Deborah Weiss Goodstone.

Thanks to Julie and her daughters for being such fabulous hosts! We all had a wonderful time.

