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Albany Chapter Is Forming

A Capital District Chapter for alumni living in the Albany metropolitan area has been organized. Approximately 20 people met at the Steuben Athletic Club in July to form a Steering Committee. Plans were immediately made for the new chapter’s first event: a sunset cruise on the Hudson River aboard the Dutch Apple I. This maiden event, held in September, made a terrific splash.

Albany alumni gathered again to watch a Buffalo Bills game and to munch on beef-on-veck and wings at the OTB Tele-Theater in November. The chapter is off to a great start, according to Dennis M. O’Leary ’73, chair of the steering committee.


Greater New York

The New York Chapter started off the new year with a friendly and festive luncheon in the Tower Suite, in the Time & Life Building, that was held in conjunction with the New York State Bar Association Meeting. Dean David B. Filvaroff gave an update on the Law School, and Professor Kenneth Joyce recalled some creative — and hilarious — answers that students have written on exams. Over 100 alumni from the New York metropolitan area and Western New York attended the affair.

The luncheon was followed in May with a dinner and speaker event at La Maganette Restaurant. Philip H. Magner Jr. ’49, a senior partner in the multi-state law firm of Magner, Love & Morris, P.C., gave an informative and entertaining talk on Medical Malpractice and the Law.” Specializing in the area of medical malpractice, Magner is a nationally known authority on trial techniques and medical legal subjects.

In August, New York alumni escaped from the city’s heat on the Mystique, an elegant boat chartered just for UB Law. Sailing from the South Street Seaport, alumni “cruised and schmoozed” on the East and Hudson rivers while enjoying spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline and a superb dinner. Officers of the New York Chapter are: Neil E. Botwinoff ’82, president; Gina M. Peca ’86, vice president; Mitchell J. Lustig ’81, secretary; and Peggy A. Rabkin ’75, treasurer.

Serving on the Board of Directors are: Mason P. Ashe ’89, Susan L. Beberfall ’80, Leslie W. Berkovits ’81, Marcus I. Berkovits ’81, Harold S.
Professor Kenneth F. Joyce visits with Isaac Fromm '72 at the New York luncheon.


Rochester

Now in its fourth year, the Rochester Chapter continues a tradition of two events a year. In the winter, new lawyers were once again entertained at a lovely reception held in the atrium of Harris, Beach, Wilcox, Rubin & Levey. This was followed in May with a well-attended luncheon held at Stouffer's Rochester Plaza. Professor Wade J. Newhouse spoke on the constitutionality of mandatory pro bono for members of the New York Bar. Following his talk, new officers were elected: Julia A. Garver '83, president; H. Todd Bullard '87, vice president/president-elect; Gail A. Donofrio '85, secretary; and Raymond C. Stilwell '84, treasurer.

Chicago

Alumni living in the Chicago area were guests at a reception held in July at the Union League Club. Alan S. Carrel, associate dean, was the host, and he informed the gathering about what is happening at the Law School.