



## WHAT IS PEARL SOCIETY?

The Pearl Society is an informed giving circle of women united in their support of BALS and desire to make a difference.

New members make a commitment of financial support for three consecutive years:

- Young professionals (under 40): \$500 a year
- Established professionals: \$1,000 a year

Donations may be made by check or credit card, and a matching gift from an employer is counted toward a member's total commitment.

At the end of each year, The Pearl Society selects a BALS program to receive its donation. By uniting our resources, we make a meaningful difference!

Since its inception in 2009, The Pearl Society has donated almost \$180,000 to support the following BALS programs:

- **Family Law Team Immigration Project for Victims of Abuse**
- **Senior Advocacy Unit**
- **The Domestic Violence Assistance Program**
- **The L. David Shear Children's Law Center**
- **The Relative Caregiver Program**



## PEARL EVENTS



Please join us for socializing and entertainment!

The Pearl Society organizes public events to promote Bay Area Legal Services and hosts private social enrichment events for its members. Past events include a Broad's Way Interactive Theatre event, Tampa River Cruise Tour (pictured above), Painting with a Twist social event, and the Annual Circle of Giving BALS Fundraising event.

**For more information please contact Pearl Society Community Liaison, Colette Duke, Esq. at [pearlsociety@bals.org](mailto:pearlsociety@bals.org)**



## WHY JOIN?

- Network with other professional, philanthropic women.
- Get the inside track on BALS and its programs.
- Connect with community leaders through educational programs.
- Gain experience and confidence to be a philanthropic leader.
- Decide how your contributions will make a meaningful impact on the lives in our community.

## How Else Can I Help BALS?

- Volunteer through the BALS' Volunteer Lawyer's program
- Donate . . . in any amount
- Designate BALS in your will
- Sponsor a Pearl Society event
- Join the BALS Board of Directors or Development Council

**To learn more: [www.bals.org](http://www.bals.org)  
813.232.1222 ext. 182**

WHAT IS  
BAYAREA  
LEGAL  
SERVICES?

Bay Area Legal Services Inc. (BALS) is a nonprofit, public interest law firm that provides civil legal assistance to low-income and disadvantaged clients.

BALS has more than 45 attorneys and paralegals assisting over 17,600 individuals and families by reducing time children spend in the foster care system, protecting seniors from fraud, preventing veterans from homelessness and ensuring victims of domestic violence have the legal security they need to start anew.



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PEARL  
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MEMBERS

**Pearl Society Members**

Ann Allen	Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe
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*Cathy J. Beveridge	Monica Ospina
Karen Buesing	Jane Rose
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Julia P. Eckart	Leslie Schultz-Kin
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Sarah Kay	Amy Stoll
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