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Network for Professional and Executive Women

Enhancing Women's Lives Through Cooperation, Understanding, and Giving



Julia Slater
District Attorney

MAY PRESENTATION - HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Julia Fessenden Slater was raised in Columbus and graduated from Hardaway High School. She graduated from Stephens College with a degree in Musical Theatre and received her Law Degree from Washington and Lee University in 1993.

As an Assistant District Attorney, Julia prosecuted a variety of cases from shopliftings to murders. Julia became involved in the prosecution of child abuse and child molestation cases and prosecuted cases in Superior Court and Juvenile Court in Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Talbot and Taylor Counties.

Julia began prosecuting in Juvenile Court in 1996 and became the lead juvenile prosecutor from the DA's office in 1998. Julia was a member of the Department of Juvenile Justice District Eight Focus Board and was chosen to

represent District Eight to the Region IV Focus Board. Julia has also served as Judge Pro Temp for the Muscogee County Juvenile Court. Julia left the DA's office at the end of 2003 and began private practice. She practiced in many areas of law, concentrating on criminal defense. She accepted appointed cases and served as guardian ad litem for children who were the victims of neglect and abuse.

In January of 2009, Julia became the first female District Attorney for the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit. She manages an office of over 50 employees, including 25 Assistant District Attorneys, who service a six county circuit.

Julia is married to Steve Slater a Business Systems Consultant for TSYS. They have twin boys, Stephen and William, who are twelve years old and are magnet students at Arnold Middle School. Julia and her family attend St. Thomas Episcopal Church where she is a children's church leader.

WOMEN'S HISTORY TRIVIA* (Answers on page 3)

- 1) What President made Mother's Day an official national holiday in the United States?
- 2) What is the traditional Mother's Day flower in the U.S.?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 22 is the last day of school for Muscogee county. Where did this year go? I hope this finds everyone well and looking forward to some summertime fun with family and loved ones. What are your plans? We'd love to hear about them and post some pics (AFTER you return!) on our social media sites. Speaking of which, please make sure you "Like" our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter and, if you're like me, figure out Instagram so you can follow us there as well. ;)

Be sure to register for our monthly luncheon where we will hear

from our district attorney, Julia Slater. Ms. Slater will talk about a sobering topic - human trafficking in Georgia. This has become an horrific issue not only in the Peach State but across the world. Sadly, this "industry" is highly profitable for those who lure people into it. According to the website, thecoveringhouse.org, human trafficking generates a whopping \$9.5 billion yearly in the United States. The Department of Justice has identified the top human trafficking jurisdictions in the country and Atlanta is near the top of that list. The U.S. Dept. of Health & Human

Services reports an estimated 14,500 -17,500 people are trafficked into the United States each year and 50% of those are children. There are ways you can fight this battle, visit this [website](#) to learn more and, of course, pay close attention to Julia Slater's presentation.

Make it a great day,

Cheryl L. Myers



MAY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT — BETTY STEPHENS



Betty Stephens found herself leaving Arkansas for the Columbus area in the late 1960's, having followed an army man. She and her husband, Ed, have been married for ten years and between the two of them, there are four children and eight grand-kids. Betty became a Realtor in 1979 and has enjoyed helping people with their housing needs ever since. In her leisure time, she likes trying new recipes or sitting on her deck and enjoying the outdoors.

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MEMBER NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS



Birthdays:

Kim Boatner—May 30
Mary Heisey—May 15

2015 Meetings:

May 22
June 26
July 24
August 28

September 25
October 23
November 20

Help Needed

Network is collecting items and financial donations to benefit Hope Harbour. Please consider bringing items for some of the following or giving Laura Brooker a check or cash at Friday's meeting.

- *Stock the Kitchen*
- *Stock the Linen Closet*
- *Keep it Clean*
- *House Warming*
- *Welcome Bags for the children, moms, babies*
- *Personal Items*
- *Gift Cards*

Visit <http://www.hopeharbour.org/#!donate/c1lg1> for more on how to donate.

TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM PAGE 1

- 1) Woodrow Wilson—in 1914
- 2) The Carnation. The tradition started in 1906 when Anna Jarvis (the founder of Mother's Day) started wearing a white carnation - her mother's favorite flower.

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