

## NON-TRADITIONAL ATTORNEYS COMMITTEE Salon

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Almost two years ago I decided to return to the practice of law after a ten-year "sabbatical." I quickly re-connected with GRAWA - a great place to start re-entering the legal community - and took on being chair of the Non-Traditional Attorneys committee. After several efforts to address the varied needs of the committee, it became obvious that meetings of non-traditional attorneys were difficult - the attorneys were spread out, and many were not practicing law at all. Some wanted to maintain connections to the legal community and the world of law, rather than get together with others who also weren't practicing law. A steering committee was formed, and it was decided among other things to try and host events which would bring all members of GRAWA together.

Flash back twenty years ago when a group of women attorneys were invited by Mary Jane Angelone to a casual dinner at her home. The group had such a great time they continued to meet monthly (more or less) at various restaurants for several more years, with new people joining the group. An outgrowth of that unofficial group was the hosting of a series of Salons. We had honored guests from outside the legal community (remember Barbara Zartman?), visited the historical home of a local attorney, a movie night (on a very snowy night with bad roads, but we didn't let that stop the festivities), etc. It was the fond memories of these Salons that was the model in organizing the recent Salon held the beginning of November.

Flashing forward once again, about a dozen ladies gathered earlier this month for the Fall Salon, sponsored by the Non-Traditional Attorneys committee, elegantly hosted by Pat Gallaher (sans paper products), and honoring our closet chefs Jessica Murray, Julie Finocchio, and Tracy Jong. Jessica made a terrific pasta dish. She previously submitted her original recipe (at the suggestion of her 10-year-old because he thought it was soooo good) to Gourmet magazine, and they published it :) Tracy made south Asian hors d'oeuvres - something similar to egg rolls or spring rolls - the authentic way (but admits if she had been at home she probably would have fried them like Americans tend to do) complete with homemade peanut satay (which turns out isn't all that difficult to make). An added bonus to tasting great - it was low carb. Julie made a scrumptious chocolate amaretti cake. All this was served with wine and tea.

We learned many interesting tidbits from amongst our members (all approved for publication). (1) One of us taught in Japan for two years, where rarely does money pass from one hand to another, and service workers are paid by giving the worker an envelope with money or check. The envelopes are sometimes a gorgeous work of art if used to

give a monetary gift. (2) One has the status of being forced out of a job by Bob Dole because she was doing it too well (and it wasn't even a job with party affiliation). (3) One of us is a former ballerina, and (4) another demonstrated the results of her tap dancing classes. (5) One was threatened by a Kalashnikov, but managed to get away not just with her life but also with the camera. We learned about deadly (figuratively, not literally) jobs people have held, (6, 7, 8,) found 3 bartenders (who really liked their jobs, BTW), and (9) an adrenaline junkie (among other things, has parachuted more than once!) We learned where the best roller coasters are - Cedar Point - and met June Castellano's delightful daughter (who also loves roller coasters). (10) One of the mothers had to get her husband's permission/blessing to register with her own last name when registering for her hospital admittance to give birth - and ever since she's been kicking herself for succumbing and asking her husband to tell the clerk behind the counter that it was okay to register under her own name even if his blessing did speed up the registration process. (11) At least two who have received the 40 Under 40 Award. (12) One moved here because of the weather. (13) One telecommutes 3000 miles, and occasionally commutes the old fashioned way, and one person (14) unwinds by going home and cooking dinner for the family (no matter how late it is!! Boy is that a lucky family).

If anyone can identify the people described above, you will be recognized in the next *GRAWA* news blast. Bonus points if you know who/what a Kalashnikov is/was and who Barbara Zartman is. Double points if also you know where she is now and why she left. In case of a tie, the winner will be those that get the correct answers without getting a crib sheet from those present. There will be honorable mention for anyone who can come up with their own stories of really horrible jobs. Send answers to [laurtayloresq@gmail.com](mailto:laurtayloresq@gmail.com)

Be sure to check out Jessica's terrific website, [www.freewebs.com/nogreenpeppers](http://www.freewebs.com/nogreenpeppers), with restaurant recommendations, recipes, and more.

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