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2013 Insurance Professional of the Year Award Winner and Ceremony



2013 Award Winner, Francis X. Bellotti

There were a number of excellent nominations made in response to our last newsletter. As so often is the case, it was a very tough decision to make. We are very proud to announce that Francis X. Bellotti, Vice Chairman of the Board of the Arbella Insurance Group and Of Counsel at Mintz Levin has been named the 2013 Insurance Professional of the Year Award winner.

Mr. Bellotti has been a prominent figure in the Massachusetts legal and political community for nearly 40 years. He was a well respected lieutenant governor and attorney general. He is also credited with saving a number of jobs and limiting disruption to the Massachusetts Auto Insurance Industry when Kemper Insurance announced it would no longer write auto insurance in Massachusetts. Through Mr. Bellotti's hard work the legislature approved the formation of Arbella, the first mutual company to enter Massachusetts in nearly 50 years. Mr. Bellotti joins an illustrious roster of previous Insurance Professional of the

Year Award Winners. For more information about the award, as well as a longer biography on the current and past recipients, see the Library's website at http://www.insurancelibrary.org.

Mark your calendars now, the award ceremony will take place on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2013, beginning at 11:00 AM, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. As in past years, we will begin with a social hour and silent auction. The luncheon will take place at noon with speeches and the presentation of the award to follow. You can reserve tables and seats through the <u>"courses"</u> section of our website.



Attendees peruse some of the exciting donations at last year's silent auction.

Also, as in previous years, we will be sure to keep you updated periodically as we receive donations for the silent auction. We have been the recipients of some very tempting items in the past including: Patriots and Celtics tickets, helicopter tours of Boston, Boston Symphony Orchestra box seats and Musuem of Fine Arts Memberships as well as gift certificates to a number of very popular restaurants. Hope Aldrich of Eastern Insurance (and last year's Insurance Professional of the Year Award recipient) has already donated a golf threesome for TPC Boston. If you or your organization is interested in donating an item, please email Sarah Hart at <u>shart@insurancelibrary.org</u>.

Make New Friends but Keep the Old...



Insurance Library Association of Boston Executive Director, Glenn Cryan

We are pleased to announce a new addition to The Library team. Glenn Cryan, formerly of The National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research (and prior to that OneBeacon and Commercial Union), will be joining us in early August. He is eager to meet with our members and those who utilize our educational services. Don't be surprised if you get a call from him sometime this fall. Can't meet with him early on? Don't worry; we have a solution for you!

We mentioned in our last newsletter that when Jean Lucey retired in November 2012 a portrait had been commissioned. The portrait is now finished and we're planning a light luncheon reception for its unveiling. Mark your calendars; we plan on hosting the reception the same day as The Library's annual meeting, *November 19, 2013*.

While our annual meeting takes place from 8:00AM-9:30AM, the reception honoring Jean will take place from 11:00AM-1:00PM. Please note that there is a slight gap between the two events.

This reception is a great opportunity for members to tell Jean how valuable her tenure at The Library was to them. It's also a wonderful time to meet our new Executive Director. I know that both Jean and Glenn are looking forward to this reception, and we hope our members are too!

## Speaking of Old Friends

We would be remiss if we didn't take a moment to talk about the contributions *Donald Malecki* and *Greg Deimling*, of *Malecki*, *Deimling*, *Nielander & Associates*, *LLC* have made to our organization. Greg and Don have come out to Boston for the last several years to teach topical insurance seminars. This year, Donald Maleki co-taught a seminar in conjunction with *Nancy Adams*, of Mintz Levin, on insurance coverage issues in recent insurance cases. As in past years, it proved to be a popular seminar.

Don has also been generous to The Library via our Adopt-a-Book program where he has adopted several books for repair. He has contributed publications from his personal library to our collection which is certainly valuable to our patrons. Don and Greg have demonstrated that support of The Library can take many forms, whether through inkind donations, purchases from our Amazon wish-list or by utilizing industry experience and donating time to teach others through our educational arm.

Though they have been generous to The Library in a number of different ways, they have also financially supported us. With the publication of the newest edition of *The MCS-90 book*, they, as well as their co-authors, *Kathleen J. Robison* and *Maureen C. McLendon* agreed to donate all the book residuals to our organization (a \$2,500 donation this year). For that donation, among others, we are very grateful.

# We Get by With a Little Help From Our Friends.... Annual Fund 2012-2013

That article on donations brings us to our next order of business. We have a number of others to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude. This year, 120 companies and individuals contributed to the Insurance Library's 2012-2013 Annual Fund effort. Through their incredible generosity, this year's campaign garnered a total of \$73,539. Words cannot express how grateful we are to each of the organizations and individuals who supported us through the annual fund this year. It is only through such magnanimous support throughout the last 125 years that the Association has been empowered to realize the goals of the Library founders in 1887. Listed below are those who supported this year's effort:

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## If anyone has been inadvertently omitted from this list, we apologize profusely and will make special mention of you in the next newsletter!

Thank you for making these results possible: we are very grateful to all of our Annual Fund supporters!

## A Question from This Quarter (we only have space for one this time)

Q: My doctor has recommended an oral cancer treatment rather than traditional chemotherapy. I have heard that this should be covered by insurance, but my insurance company doesn't seem to know about this law and I can't find a copy of the law, please help!

*A:* While we see Oral Cancer Therapy on the <u>Massachusetts Mandatory Benefits</u> <u>Guide</u>, we too were having trouble tracking down the laws cited on the Mass.gov website. We were able to provide her with a link to the <u>session laws</u> which state the laws will go into effect as of May 1, 2013 and we provided her with a copy of the laws from Lexis.com.