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## President's Message

By Stephanie M. Marchman



### The Bar's Response to Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System

The Eighth Judicial Circuit is well known for its exceptional caliber of lawyers and judges, high standards of professionalism and integrity, and strong commitment to serving its community. However, our reputation and the principles on which we stand were challenged by a series of stories that ran in the *Gainesville Sun* this past December, one of which alleged that criminal sentences differed based on race.

The methodology used by the reporters to conduct their investigation has been called into question, and their ultimate conclusions have been denounced. [See](#) the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court [home page](#) for a collection of responses to the investigation.

But damage has been done and the troubling perception remains – some members of the public believe their outcome in court will be different because of the color of their skin. Moreover, racial disparities – or an over representation of African Americans in the criminal justice system in terms of arrest and incarceration rates – is a fact.

Because of these serious charges, the public's perception of our system, and the very real racial disparities that exist within our system, we, as members of the bar, have a duty to respond.

On April 21, 2017, we will have the opportunity to do just that.

African American History Professor and National Book Award Winner Ibram X. Kendi will speak at our monthly bar luncheon about the history of racist ideas in America, with a focus on the criminal justice system, based on his 2016 bestselling book [Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#).

Following his luncheon remarks, we will host our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Roundtable. During the roundtable, our very own Peg O'Connor will lead a workshop and panel discussion with stakeholders in the Eighth Judicial Circuit's criminal justice system – including the bench, bar, and law enforcement – about racial disparities in the criminal justice system, likely causes of these disparities, potential solutions to address these disparities, and the public's concerns with our system. Professor Kendi and the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding will assist us during the roundtable in developing strategies to address the disparities and the public's concerns.

It is my hope that this year's roundtable will provide us a forum to dialogue concerning racial disparities in our community in a manner that is meaningful and respectful. I am confident that with everyone at the table, we will be able to better understand the problem, formulate potential solutions we can collectively implement, and think of ways we may connect with the public to address their concerns.

I invite you to be a part of this conversation, even if you are not a criminal practitioner. For this is an issue that affects our justice system and the principles we all stand for. Thank you for considering participation in this vital discussion.

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**Deadline is the 5th of the preceding month**

# Alternative Dispute Resolution

By Chester B. Chance and Charles B. Carter



## Win Dinner At Embers: “If....”

### You may win dinner at Embers!

Yes, this month’s article is a contest. The prize is a gift certificate at **Embers**.

In this article you will read nine questions. The questions, for the most part, relate to legal issues. Below each question is an answer.

Following the list of questions and answers is a list of nine local lawyers. Your job is to match the local lawyer with the answer to a specific question. Some lawyers answered more than one question and for some questions, two lawyers gave the listed answer (you can guess one or two for those questions, you get a point for each correct guess.) We can tell you that all nine lawyers are associated with at least one answer.

Why are we doing this?

First, it sounds like fun. Second, we think the questions are rather thought provoking.

Third, several years ago a book came out entitled “If....”

The book contains several hundred questions and is often used to ignite conversations at parties, as a catalyst for dinner conversation, etc. According to the authors, “each of its questions is meant to spark and tantalize the imagination.”

We went through and tried to select questions which are arguably related to the law. Of course, out of the hundreds of questions, not all of them involved legal concepts. Many of them were silly. We decided not to ask questions such as: if you could be the underwear of one person for a day, who would that person be? If you could have seduced one person from history, who would it be? If you could only keep one of your five senses, which would you save?

In other words, some of the questions were risqué, some of the questions were thought provoking but not legally oriented, some of the questions were, oddly, both thought provoking and silly.

So we decided to turn it into a game. Here is what you have to do in order to be eligible to win the prize of a gift certificate at **Embers**:

Email your list of answers to [cartercdpa@bellsouth.net](mailto:cartercdpa@bellsouth.net) on or before **4 p.m.** on **April 16, 2017**.



The email needs to match a question with someone from the list of lawyers. In other words, your answers will be in the following form (by way of example): 1-A and B; 2-C; 3-D; etc.

You need to make sure your email contains **your** name and **your** email address.

The winner will be the **first** person who matches the most lawyers to the answers, in other words, the date/time we receive your email is important.

We are not sure that this newsletter has ever had a contest like this, but, it seems like a good time to have one.

### Here are the questions and answers:

If you were on trial and someone you know (who is NOT a lawyer) had to act as your legal representative, who would you want to defend you? ANSWER: “My mom.” (a hint: 2 people gave this answer; you only have to guess 1)

- If you could commit one crime without being caught, what crime would you commit? ANSWER: “I would like to successfully pull off one intricate “Oceans-11” style heist.”
- If you were to be successful in another profession, what would you want to do? ANSWER: “I would like to be an Event Planner.”
- If you could resolve any single dispute, anywhere in the world, what would you solve? ANSWER: “The dispute between Russia and Ukraine over Crimea.”
- If you could have been a jury member in any court case in history, which trial would you choose? ANSWER: “The trial of Socrates.”
- If you could add one sentence to the U.S. Constitution, what would it say? ANSWER: “Be kinder than necessary.”
- If you could solve one unsolved crime, which would you solve? ANSWER: “Jon Benet Ramsey.” (hint: 2 people gave this answer; guess 1)

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# Criminal Law

By William Cervone



Those of you who know me know that I have a few pet peeves. Those of you who don't know me but read these columns now and then rightfully suspect that to be so. Today's pet peeves come to you courtesy of one Joseph Salvo

Joseph currently lives in Dade County, more specifically at the Dade Correctional Institution. He will be living there for life,

having earned such a sentence under any number of statutes like Habitual Felony Offender, Habitual Violent Felony Offender, and Prior Prison Releasee when convicted of Robbery With A Firearm in Broward County soon after his release from prison on some earlier cocaine charges, those being merely the culmination of a rap sheet that would choke the proverbial horse. I stopped counting after the first 30 entries.

I don't know much about Joseph's current criminal lapse but apparently at his trial there was some issue over how much he robbed the victim of at gunpoint. Immediately after the robbery, the victim told the police that Joseph had helped himself to \$90. At trial, however, the victim testified that he believed the amount was between \$90-\$140. He wasn't exactly sure because, to my and I'm sure your surprise, he'd been drinking. None of this matters, of course, because robbery is robbery and it wasn't Grand Theft regardless even should the jury somehow have chosen to excuse Joseph's use of a gun to help himself to however much it was and opted for a simple theft conviction.

So now for my pet peeves, and they fall under the heading of impeachment. Make that Impeachment, Capital I, and how to do it. When Joseph's lawyer tried to impeach the victim with the different amounts he'd said were stolen the prosecutor objected and the trial judge sustained those objections, essentially because the defense attorney was doing it all wrong.

There were three reasons Joseph's lawyer ran into trouble. All turned out to be unavailing, at trial or on appeal, but in any event the first was that he had failed to lay the proper predicate to impeach. So here is Pet Peeve #1: Predicates are there for a reason and you have to meet them. To quote the 4th DCA in its opinion leaving Joseph right where he is at Dade CI, "before a witness can be impeached with prior inconsistent statements the proper foundation must be laid. Prior to questioning a witness about the contents of a previous inconsistent statement, counsel must call to the witness's attention

the time, place and person to whom the statement was allegedly made." In other words, you do not start with "Didn't you say that...?" Ever. That line comes only after you establish the required predicate. If you're unsure what it is, there are books full of predicates around. Check them out, like Joseph's lawyer should have.

The next problem for Joseph's lawyer was that the impeachment must "involve a material, significant fact rather than mere details." In Joseph's situation, whether the amount was \$90 or \$140 or between the two was a mere detail and not materially different. And thus Pet Peeve #2: Don't beat a dead horse with inconsequential things. To again quote the 4th DCA, "Nit-picking is not permitted under the guise of prior inconsistent statements." So please, stop picking nits. Please. It doesn't get you the awesome love of the jury that you think it does. Rather, it bores them and makes them think you are more interested in sophistry and yourself than anything else.

Joseph's lawyer's final problem was that, the first two areas aside, the same testimony had come into evidence from other witnesses anyhow so any error, and there wasn't any, was harmless. And hence Pet Peeve #3: There is a limit to how many times we have to hear the same thing over and over and over again. This gets back to that boring the jury thing. Believe me, they fell asleep long ago while you droned on. Sometimes I think that there is no longer a premium on being a better lawyer than the other guy. We take the easy way out, we let it go for whatever reason, we don't bother with the technical aspects of a trial examination, we're lazy. Please. Learn your craft and how to do it right. If you don't, someday someone is going to object and some judge is going to sustain the objection and you're going to be totally flummoxed because you won't know how to do it right. And your client, like Joseph, will be mightily unhappy with you.

## It's that time again!

The Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association Nominations Committee is seeking members for EJCBA Board positions for 2017-2018. Consider giving a little time back to your bar association. Please complete the online application at <https://goo.gl/forms/fTwMzr0QbaRncwHs2>. The deadline for completed applications is May 5, 2017.

# Florida Supreme Court Reaffirms Sanctity Of Public Labor Contracts

By Laura Gross



On March 2, 2017, the Supreme Court of Florida issued its long awaited opinion reaffirming the sanctity of public sector labor contracts and the public employer's lack of power to modify such contract absent a compelling state interest. *Walter E. Headley, Jr., Miami Lodge No. 20, Fraternal Order of Police, et al, v. City of Miami,*

No. SC13-1882 (Fla. March 2, 2017). Donnelly + Gross appeared in this case as Amicus Curiae on behalf of Communications Workers of America.

Specifically, the court addressed the City of Miami's unilateral decision to implement changes to public workers' contractual wages, pension benefits, and other economic terms of employment based on the employer's declaration of "financial urgency" under section 447.4095, *Fla. Stat.* The court initially stated:

The right to contract is expressly guaranteed by article 1, section 10 of the Florida Constitution. It is equally enforceable in labor contracts by operation of article 1, section 6 of the Florida Constitution.

*Id.*, p. 6.

Section 447.4095 purports to allow a public employer to declare "financial urgency" in an effort to avoid contractual obligations. The statute says the bargaining that follows should be no longer than 14 days during which the union cannot file an unfair labor practice. While the statute does not expressly allow the employer to make changes without completing the lengthy impasse process, the Public Employees Relations Commission (PERC) has long taken that position. The statute also does not define "financial urgency." Both PERC and courts were accepting employers' claims of financial urgency as evidence in fact, not subject to rigorous contest, allowing employers to make significant, insignificant, financial and nonfinancial changes to the labor contract.

In the recent decision, the court affirmed that "financial urgency," a term not defined in section 447.4095 or elsewhere, is "a dire financial condition requiring immediate attention and demanding prompt and decisive action, but not necessarily a financial emergency or bankruptcy." *Id.* at pp. 8-9. Modification of the contract must be required, meaning there are

"no other reasonable alternative means" of addressing the financial condition and "preserving its contract with the public workers, either in whole or in part." *Id.* at pp. 11-12 (emphasis in original). For instance, in this case, the union had suggested that the City of Miami raise the millage rate, install red light cameras, impose non-union employee layoffs and furloughs, freeze the current cost of living adjustment, and change the pension funding method. The employer cannot make any unilateral change until the parties have bargained the changes – not just the impact of the changes – and completed the impasse resolution process under section 447.403, and failed to ratify the agreement.

What does this decision mean to public workers in Florida? A public employer who declares "financial urgency" under section 447.4095, may not unilaterally modify the labor contract unless and until:

1. the employer demonstrates a dire financial condition requiring immediate attention and demanding prompt and decisive action;
2. the employer demonstrates no other reasonable alternative means of preserving its contract with public workers, either in whole or in part; and
3. the parties have bargained over said changes – not just the impacts of said changes – and completed the impasse resolution proceedings and failed to ratify the agreement.

## Circuit Notes

Donnelly + Gross is pleased to announce that Jung Yoon has become a partner with the firm. Ms. Yoon focuses on Labor & Employment Law, Business Litigation and Administrative Law.

On March 21, 2017, Stephanie Marchman was elected to succeed Carl Schwait as the Eighth Circuit's Board of Bar Governors Representative when his term expires at the end of June. Congratulations, Stephanie!

# LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE



Sponsored by the Clara Gehan Association for Women Lawyers, Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, The Florida Bar Diversity Leadership Grant, Josiah T. Walls Bar Association, North Central Florida Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and the University of Florida Levin College of Law

## IS JUSTICE BLIND? Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System

April 21, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Leadership Roundtable immediately follows the Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association Luncheon beginning at 11:45 a.m. with Featured Speaker:

**African American History Professor and National Book Award Winner  
Ibram X. Kendi**

### **Diversity Award**

*Please send your nomination to recognize a member of our legal community who advances diversity, inclusion, and equality in the legal profession to the email address below by April 14th!*



**We encourage you to read Professor Kendi's book before the luncheon!**



To purchase, visit  
<http://a.co/hH8dksT>

### **Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America**

### **Workshop and Panel Discussion on Racial Disparities in the Eighth Judicial Circuit**



Peg O'Connor will lead a workshop and panel discussion with stakeholders in the Eighth Judicial Circuit's criminal justice system – including the bench, bar, and law enforcement – about racial disparities in the criminal justice system, likely causes of these disparities, potential solutions to address these disparities, and the public's concerns with our system. Professor Kendi and the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding will assist us in developing strategies to address the disparities and the public's concerns.



**The Woolly, 20 North Main Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601**

**Cocktail Networking Reception from 4:00-5:00 p.m.**

The Roundtable is free for members of sponsoring organizations; \$50.00 for non-members. The Luncheon is \$17.00 for EJCBA Members; \$25.00 for Non-EJCBA members. Register for the Roundtable and/or Luncheon by April 17th at <http://www.8jcba.org/event-registration/apr-2017-luncheon-roundtable/> Space is limited and will be guaranteed on a first come, first serve basis only.

4 hours of Bias Elimination CLE anticipated. Contact Stephanie Marchman at 352-393-8816/[marchmansm@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:marchmansm@cityofgainesville.org) with questions.

# Florida Supreme Court Declines to adopt Daubert or “Same Specialty” as Rules

By Robert O. Stripling, Jr.



On February 16, 2017, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an opinion refusing to adopt, on procedural grounds, the *Daubert* Amendment amending sections 90.702 (testimony by experts) and 90.704 (basis of opinion testimony by experts), Florida Statutes (2012). These sections purport to change the standard of admissibility for scientific expert evidence from

the *Frye* standard to the *Daubert* standard, which is the standard found in Federal Rule of Evidence 702. The Court held that the *Frye* test only applies to expert testimony based on new or novel scientific evidence, and that such evidence must be sufficiently established to have gained general acceptance in the scientific community.

The federal courts, in interpreting Federal Rule of Evidence 702, have followed what is known as the “*Daubert* Rule,” providing that “the trial judge must ensure that any and all scientific testimony or evidence admitted is not only relevant, but reliable.” In applying this rule, the federal courts have empowered the trial court to be the “gatekeeper” for exclusion of opinion testimony. This approach was codified by the Florida legislature in the so-called *Daubert* Amendment.

In refusing to adopt the *Daubert* Amendment, the Florida Supreme Court held that the legislative amendment to the evidence code in section 90.704, Florida Statutes, raised “grave constitutional concerns” by undermining the right to a jury trial and denying access to the courts.

The “Same Specialty” Amendment amended section 766.102(5)(a), Florida Statutes (2012), to require a standard-of-care expert witness in a medical malpractice action to specialize in the same specialty, rather than the same or similar specialty, as the health care provider against whom or on whose behalf the testimony is offered. The Supreme Court of Florida declined to adopt the “Same Specialty” Amendment, also commenting on constitutional concerns. It held that the creating section 766.102(12) raised similar concerns that the statute is unconstitutional, since it has a chilling effect on the ability to obtain expert witnesses, and is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

This case is a long-awaited decision which settles the law on admissibility of expert opinions. You can find the entire opinion at the following link: [SC16-181 In Re: Amendments to the Florida Evidence Code](#).

# Ask-A-Lawyer Celebrates Two Years of Collaboration

By Marcia Green

Just over two years ago, the Ask-A-Lawyer project began a unique and successful collaborative venture. Under then-EJCBA President Ray Brady’s inspiration and direction, volunteer attorneys came together with Three Rivers Legal Services (the local non-profit legal aid program) and Southern Legal Counsel (a statewide public interest non-profit law firm located in Gainesville). The idea was to provide legal advice and assistance to the very underserved population of persons experiencing homelessness.

Since that first breezy February morning in 2015 at Grace Marketplace, a local onestop assistance center and shelter for people without housing in Gainesville, more than 25 attorneys have volunteered with Ask-A-Lawyer providing more than 230 hours of assistance and advice to approximately 224 clients. Added to the project have been attorneys from the Public Defender’s Office and close to 80 volunteer law students.

During the past two years, the monthly project has expanded to additional locations where those vulnerable members of our community may seek services, including the downtown Library and Peaceful Paths Domestic Violence Shelter. We have been able to reach out to homeless veterans by attending the annual Veterans Stand Down as well as set up at the HONOR Center, a facility for services to homeless veterans.

This year, the project is expanding to reach out to families who may not seek services at the homeless shelters. These families are often doubling-up in the homes of friends or relatives or are participating in the services of Family Promise of Gainesville. The good news is that under the McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children Act, the children in the families are able to attend the same school regardless of where the family is living. The difficult part, however, has been finding a centrally located and accessible venue to reach out with Ask-A-Lawyer. In March, Ask-A-Lawyer provided services for the first time at the Library Partnership location on NE 16th Avenue.

In April, Ask-A-Lawyer travels to Chiefland to reach out to those facing homelessness in the rural areas of the Eighth Judicial Circuit. The Tri-County Community Resource Center, a full-time facility established by Partnership for Strong Families, will hold their second annual birthday celebration on April

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## Submit Your Nominations Now For Leadership Roundtable Diversity Award

This year's Leadership Roundtable Planning Committee would like to recognize a member of our legal community who advances diversity, inclusion, and equality in the legal profession. Please send your nominations for the Diversity Award with a short statement of support to Stephanie Marchman at [marchmansm@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:marchmansm@cityofgainesville.org) by April 14, 2017. The Diversity Award will be awarded at the Leadership Roundtable on April 21, 2017.

## Nominees Sought For 2017 James L. Tomlinson Professionalism Award

Nominees are being sought for the recipient of the 2017 James L. Tomlinson Professionalism Award. The award will be given to the Eighth Judicial Circuit lawyer who has demonstrated consistent dedication to the pursuit and practice of the highest ideals and tenets of the legal profession. The nominee must be a member in good standing of The Florida Bar who resides or regularly practices law within this circuit. If you wish to nominate someone, please complete a nomination form describing the nominee's qualifications and achievements and submit it to Raymond F. Brady, Esq., 2790 NW 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 200, Gainesville, FL 32606. Nominations must be received in Mr. Brady's office by Monday, May 1, 2017 in order to be considered. The award recipient will be selected by a committee comprised of leaders in the local voluntary bar association and practice sections.

## Ask-A-Lawyer

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22 and Ask-A-Lawyer volunteers will be there.

This impressive group of volunteers – attorneys and law students alike – provide needed services in a wide variety of areas. Often, the need is advice only with someone to review some documents, explain a situation or answer questions. Sometimes there is a need to investigate further, for example, into a complicated probate question or to clarify what might be going on in a criminal case. Regardless, the variety of volunteer attorneys participating is almost always able to answer the questions. Thank you Ray Brady for your continued inspiration and coordination!

Interested in joining the Ask-A-Lawyer team? Let me know at [marciagreen@gmail.com](mailto:marciagreen@gmail.com) or contact Ray Brady at [rbrady1959@gmail.com](mailto:rbrady1959@gmail.com).



The Guardian Foundation was presented with a check in the amount of \$11,566.00 as proceeds from "The Gloria" Charity Golf Tournament.

## Free CLE

The Family Law Section will hold a free CLE on Qualified Domestic Relations Orders with Tim Voit on Tuesday, April 18, Chief Judge's Conference Room, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center.





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INVITES YOU AND A GUEST TO JOIN US FOR OUR

# 3RD ANNUAL SPRING FLING

AN EVENING FULL OF LIVE MUSIC FROM THE CALM COOL  
COLLECTIVE, FOOD, AND CRAFT BEER AND WINE!

VENUE : BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR GARDEN  
ADJACENT TO THE THOMAS CENTER

DATE : APRIL 5, 2017

TIME : 6PM TO 8PM

*This event is free for EJCBA members and thier guest.*

Reservations are encouraged and must be received no later than April 1, 2017.  
The event is limited to current EJCBA members, who may bring one guest  
(provided the guest is not eligible for EJCBA membership).

- If you could be the only one to hear the confession of one criminal from history, who would it be? ANSWER: “Judas. Judas, what were you thinking?”
- If you were to decide on a new punishment for convicted murderers, aside from life in prison or the death penalty, what would it be? ANSWER: “A term of years in prison to be determined by a three judge panel: one chosen by the family of the deceased, one chosen by the accused person, and, the third chosen by the other two.”

The answers were submitted by the following lawyers, and your job is to guess which lawyer gave which answer. Everyone answered at least one question. Where 2 people have provided an answer, you get a point by guessing either person.

(Send your email guess in the following form: 1-B; 2-H; 3-A; etc.)

Here is the list of local lawyers:

- A. William Cervone
- B. Larry Turner
- C. Mary K. Wimsett
- D. Stacey Scott
- E. Frederick ‘Rick’ Smith
- F. Mark Avera
- G. Paul Brockway
- H. Gloria Walker
- I. Meshon Trinette Rawls

Send us your emails and we will announce the winner in a future article and discuss some of the answers not listed in the contest because the answers these nine lawyers submitted were very interesting, as you will see.

## April 2017 Calendar

- 5 Deadline for submission of articles for May Forum 8
- 5 EJCBA Board of Directors Meeting – Thomas Center, 5:00 p.m.
- 5 EJCBA 3rd Annual Spring Fling, Thomas Center Outdoor Garden, 6-8 PM
- 12 Probate Section Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, 4th Floor, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 18 Family Law Section Meeting and free CLE on Qualified Domestic Relations Orders with Tim Voit, 4:00 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 21 EJCBA Luncheon, African American History Professor and National Book Award Winner Ibram X. Kendi, “Is Justice Blind? Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System,” The Wooly, 11:45 a.m.
- 21 EJCBA Leadership Roundtable: Moderated Workshop and Panel Discussion on Racial Disparities in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, with Networking Reception (CLE), The Wooly, 1-5 p.m.

## May 2017 Calendar

- 3 EJCBA Board of Directors Meeting – 5:30 p.m., UF Law, Faculty Dining Room
- 5 Deadline for submission of articles for June Forum 8
- 10 Probate Section Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, 4th Floor, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 16 Family Law Section Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Chief Judge’s Conference Room, Alachua County Family & Civil Justice Center
- 19 EJCBA Luncheon, UF Basketball Head Coach Michael White, The Wooly, 11:45 a.m.
- 29 Memorial Day, County & Federal Courthouses closed

Have an event coming up? Does your section or association hold monthly meetings? If so, please fax or email your meeting schedule to let us know the particulars, so we can include it in the monthly calendar. Please let us know (quickly) the name of your group, the date and day (i.e. last Wednesday of the month), time and location of the meeting. Email to Dawn Vallejos-Nichols at [dvallejos-nichols@avera.com](mailto:dvallejos-nichols@avera.com).