



Queen's bench

1921 ~ 75th Anniversary ~ 1996



75th Anniversary
Gala Celebration Dinner
October 17, 1996
ANA Hotel, San Francisco

Queen's Bench was formed in 1921 by a group of pioneering women lawyers in response to resistance to their participation in the male-dominated local bar association. The organization seeks to advance the interests of women in law and society, and to further the progress of women in the legal profession. We are attorneys, judges, and law students, gaining inspiration from our long and proud tradition of women lawyers standing up for equal rights and equal opportunity, and working together to achieve our goals.

Queen's Bench Mission Statement

- To further the honor, integrity, dignity and public service of the legal profession and of the judiciary; to promote and maintain a skilled, humane and independent judiciary; and to promote and maintain the sound administration of justice.
- To stimulate interest in the activities of the State Bar of California, local bar associations, and in municipal, state and federal legislation.
- To encourage discussions on legal problems; to promote a spirit of mutual aid, cooperation and service; and to encourage social contact among its members.
- To further equal opportunity for all women and in particular for women in the legal profession and the judiciary, and to provide an organization for collective action or expression in matters germane to the aforesaid purposes.

Frontispiece:

Mary A. Wetmore, a Founding Member of Queen's Bench, its President in 1923, and the first woman judge in San Francisco.

Program

Queen's Bench 75th Anniversary Song.....Past Presidents Chorus

Welcoming Remarks.....*Nancy J. Newman, 1996 President*

Video Presentation.....Introduced by *Jill Schlichtmann*,
Co-Chair, Oral History Project

Presentation of Lifetime Achievement Award

— *Honorable Adrienne Jacobs Miller*
— *Honorable Charlene Padovani Mitchell*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

— *Paula Bauer, First Vice President*

Keynote Speaker.....*Bella Abzug*

Queen's Bench Anthem....Past Presidents Chorus

Queen's Bench and the Oral History Project wish to thank *Mildred Levin* and *Charlotte Danforth* for their wisdom and inspiration in support of the video project, and express deep appreciation to the Videographer, *Marie Christine Yue* for the countless hours she devoted to making the video a reality.

Keynote Speaker

Bella Abzug



Bella Abzug, honored guest and keynote speaker, has been a tireless and compelling advocate for women's rights for over fifty years. From her early work as a civil rights lawyer, feminist, and organizer in the peace movement, to her career as a U. S. Representative to Congress, to her leadership role in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing last year, she has won national and international recognition as a dynamic and creative leader, and a pioneer in broadening the economic, social, and political rights of women in the nation and the world.

Sponsors

Queen's Bench gratefully acknowledges the following organizations and firms whose generous support has made this Diamond Anniversary evening a success.

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Chair: *Nancy J. Newman*

Committee Members: *Paula Bauer,
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Maggie Murray Courtney*

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**Queen's Bench thanks
Charles Graphics
for printing this
commemorative program.**
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**Queen's Bench thanks the law firm of Bronson, Bronson
& McKinnon for its generous donation of the corsages
for the Past Presidents.**
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**Queen's Bench congratulates See's Candies on its 75th
Anniversary in business and thanks it for its generous
donation of chocolates for this event.**
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**Saluting Nancy J. Newman, Queen's Bench President, 1996
and her inspiring President's Messages**
— *Thomas B. Newman, M.D.*
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Congratulations and many thanks to Queen's Bench
— *Doris Brin Walker, Esq.*
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Queen's Bench Honors the Outstanding Legacy of Leadership Provided by its Past Presidents

1995 Elizabeth Mohr
1994 Mary Patricia Hough
1993 Jill Schlichtmann
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1990 Betty C. Bullock

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1948 Lois Fish
1947 Elizabeth Craig
1946 Harriett Haas
1945 Katherine Hanrahan
1944 Edith Wilson
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1942 Laurel Waller Streiff
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1940 Mathilde Lacau

1939 Anne McDonald Christensen
1938 Bertha Ast
1937 Marie M. Nelson
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1935 Wanda Quinlan Lahanier
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1933 Naomi Hammond Groshong
1932 Eloise B. Cushing
1931 Margaret Torryson
1930 Eloise B. Cushing

1929 Esther B. Phillips
1928 Henriette W. Steinegger
1927 Julia M. Easley
1926 Charlotte MacGregor Boggs
1925 Geraldine McCown
1924 Enid Childs Coate
1923 Mary A. Wetmore
1922 Gail Laughlin
1921 Christine Turner

Past Presidents Chorus

Director: Hon. Isabella Horton Grant ('64)

Members: Hon. Lee D. Baxter ('81)
Angela Bradstreet ('89)
Betty Bullock ('90)
Hon. Marie B. Collins ('68)
Charlotte Danforth ('62)
Hon. Ina Levin Gyemant ('79)
Hon. Barbara J.R. Jones ('83)
Hon. Ollie Marie-Victoire ('74)
Hon. Adrienne Jacobs Miller ('87)
Hon. Charlene Padovani Mitchell ('86)

Piano: Andrew Cheng

**Fresno County Women Lawyers congratulates
Queen's Bench on 75 Great Years.
Let's celebrate by defeating 209!**

— *Kathleen Bakergumprecht, President*
Hilary Chittick, CWL District 5 Governor
Howard Watkins, CWL Affiliate Rep.

Congratulations to Queen's Bench from:
— *Mildred W. Levin, and her family, Judge Ina Gyemant, Irene Dietz, S.F.P.D. Inspector Jeffrey T. Levin, Debra Levin, Grandchildren Douglas Dietz and Danielle Dietz, Robert Gyemant Jr., Anne Gyemant, Elizabeth C. Levin.*

75 Anniversary Song:

Words: Nancy J. Newman – 1996

Music: Battle Hymn of the Republic

Back in nineteen hundred twenty women finally got to vote
Still, the Bar Association wouldn't let them on the boat
And it was just one year later, into history they wrote:
That Queen's Bench thus was born

Chorus: Glory, glory hallelujah
 Glory, glory hallelujah
 That Queen's Bench thus was born

Women lawyers joined together, heart and soul, and hand in hand
To fight sex discrimination in the law and in the land
To improve the law profession as more women only can
For Queen's Bench made them strong

Chorus: Glory, glory hallelujah; etc.
 For Queen's Bench made them strong

Starting with our bright brave founders, many presidents have there been
To bring sense and inspiration to the crazy world we're in
They are lawyers, judges, leaders, for equality to win
For Queen's Bench makes us strong.

Chorus: Glory, glory hallelujah; etc.
 For Queen's Bench makes us strong

Through our many fine committees, Queen's Bench makes our voices heard
In the courts and legislature, there is power in our word
And we all support each other, through adversity endured
For Queen's Bench makes us strong

Chorus: Glory, glory hallelujah; etc.
 For Queen's Bench makes us strong

Now three quarters of a century have passed since we began
So that rights and opportunities be not limited to man
We are here tonight to celebrate, hooray, strike up the band!
For Queen's Bench makes us strong

Chorus: Glory, glory hallelujah; etc.
 For Queen's Bench makes us strong

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You've come a long way since some wag
in the 1950's hung a "Queen's Bench"
placard on the door of the ladies "Loo" in
the Mills Tower Bar Association Lounge.
Now that you are bigger and stronger, I bet
it is easier to take a joke! Congratulations.

— Anna Garlund, Past President
Queen's Bench, 1957
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Greetings and congratulations to all
Queen's Bench Past Presidents
and especially to future
Past President, Nancy J. Newman.
— Edward F. & Carol J. Newman
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Congratulations on your 75th year!
The California Association of Black Lawyers
supports you in the continuing struggle for
Equal Opportunity for All People.
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The Bar Association of San Francisco
Salutes Queen's Bench for 75 years of
Service to Women and the Legal Profession,
and for its Heroic Work in the Fight to
Defeat Proposition 209.
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To those who came before us, we thank you for creating and nurturing Queen's Bench from its inception to its 75th birthday. We are grateful that Queen's Bench exists and proud to be a part of it.

A special thanks to our 1996 President, *Nancy J. Newman*, for leading us through an excellent year and spearheading this celebration. Your example was a constant reminder to us that we did, in fact, have the time and energy to do what was needed.

Our best wishes to the future presidents, officers, directors, committee chairs and members of Queen's Bench. Here's to another 75 years of support, service and great accomplishments!

— 1996 Officers and Directors of Queen's Bench



Congratulations on the first 75 years!
Looking forward to even greater
accomplishments in the next 75.

— *Judith L. Bloom*



American Association of University Women celebrates 75 years of Queen's Bench's commitment to gender equity. After defeating Proposition 209, we'll work together to bring the Teen Information Project on Reproductive Rights into all of our communities.

— *Deirdre Araújo, President, San Francisco Branch, AAUW (established 1886)*



Queen's Bench Anthem

Words: Forrest Cobb, Jr.

Music: O Tannenbaum

Oh dear Queen's Bench, we pledge to thee
Our everlasting loyalty
Thy precious name we'll never mar
At this or any other bar.

We'll be as gracious as a queen
We'll be refined and not obscene
In other words, we'll keep it clean

There is no R in August

In court we're always dignified
We're often sober, seldom fried
No legal duty do we shirk
Except we don't seduce the clerk.
We hardly ever come to grief
Because we always seek relief
On information and belief

There is no R in August

We know of men who rant and rave
That woman's place is in the home
But any Man's a dirty louse
Who wants his woman in a house.
Our lemonade we never spike
We're all to goddam ladylike

There is no R in August



We held the line with dignity.

— *Lois S. Fish "48"*



**Congratulations on 75 years of
invaluable service to women lawyers
and their communities.**

— *Jettie Pierce Selvig "75"*





U.S. President Harry S. Truman and Ruth Church Gupta,
Queen's Bench President, 1953

Queen's Bench

Means coming together, and rising up
Support and friendship, and not giving up
Donating time, when you have no time to give
Improving the law, how we work, how we live
Fighting bias, and protecting choice
Finding our power, and finding a voice
Learning from leaders, brave women before
Inspired by progress, committed to more
Till equality's banner through the law is unfurled
We work for our daughters, our future, our world
Happy 75th Anniversary, Queen's Bench!

—Nancy J. Newman, 1996 President

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**Congratulations to Queen's Bench on 75 years
of outstanding service to women attorneys,
the Bar and the community.**

— *The Honorable Kathryn Mickle Werdegarr
Justice – California Supreme Court*

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**Thank you Queen's Bench for the true
and lasting friendships.**

Past Presidents

— *Moirra Buxbaum Bourhis ('91)*
— *Maggie Murray Courtney ('92)*
— *Jill Schlichtmann ('93)*

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**Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Younger salutes
Queen's Bench on 75 years of success.**

— *www.buchalter.com*

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**Congratulations and best wishes from the
Women's Section of the Contra Costa County Bar
Association**

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 I first saw Queen's Bench after I moved to California in 1989. It had the coolest banners of all of the groups in a pro-choice march down Market Street. I joined it then and have stayed with it since because of the camaraderie, friendship, mentorship and class it has as an organization. Queen's Bench has a kindness of heart and gentleness of spirit that is coupled with an indomitable power and will to change the world around it for the better. What a combination. Here's to the next 75 Years.

— Paula Bauer, 1st Vice President

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**Congratulations to Queen's Bench
 on its 75th Anniversary.**
**Your accomplishments are a tribute
 to women and to the legal profession.**

— The Honorable Fern M. Smith
 U. S. District Court Judge



Equal Rights Advocates
 salutes Queen's Bench
 for its 75 years of
 outstanding service.

Since 1974, Fighting for Women's Equality



Wanda Quinlan Lahanier, President 1935

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**Congratulations on
 75 years of outstanding
 service to the community**
 — Mary E. Wiss "88"

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**Congratulations to Queen's
 Bench for 75 years of Service
 and to our 1996 President,
 Nancy J. Newman.**
 — Adrienne Jacobs Miller "87"
 & Piera J. Miller

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Congratulates Queen's Bench on its 75th Anniversary

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Salutes Queen's Bench
 on its 75th Year of
 Leadership in
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Queen's Bench welcomes all members of the legal profession and law students, who share our commitment to equal rights and equal opportunity, to join our proud tradition, to share in our activities, and to work for the achievement of our goals.

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1996 Champagne Reception

Front Row, L-R: Elizabeth Mohr, Paula Bauer, Sally Walstrom, Nancy Newman, Jennie Walstrom,
Laurie Watkins, Elizabeth Franklin, and Mark Walstrom
Rear Row, L-R: Harriette Treloar, Deborah Hall, Barbara Ann Caulfield, Hon. Charlene Padovani Mitchell,
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