

Recap of an Evening of Enlightenment

By Martha D. Burkett

The Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program's Brighton Hospital Richard Steinberg Memorial treatment fund benefit dinner, "Evening of Enlightenment," was held April 15 at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Of the 100 people in attendance, 10 were judges; the 36th District Court held the record in the unofficial category for best showing with 16 people in attendance. Net proceeds for this year's event totaled \$8,600, all of which will be used to assist attorneys who are in need of mental health or substance-use treatment and face financial challenges. Donations to the treatment fund are tax deductible and may be made in any amount at any time. To make a donation, visit <https://www.brightonhospital.org/Events/fundraisingregistrationform.aspx>.

Thank you to all who showed support for this year's event! Please mark your calendar for April 14, 2011, and watch for details about the third annual "Evening of Enlightenment" in upcoming issues of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. ■

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"It far surpassed my expectations—definitely a worthwhile event."

"Not what I expected, but better; I will mark my calendar for next year's event!"

— SBM President-Elect W. Anthony Jenkins and Vice President Julie Fershtman, commenting on their respective experiences at the second annual "Evening of Enlightenment," featuring international guest speaker Amiram Elwork



1. L–R: Lawrence Ghannam, St. John Providence Hospital; and keynote speaker Dr. Amiram Elwork. 2. L–R: Jeffrey McMichael, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law student; and Tim Batdorf, Tim Batdorf, PC. 3. L–R: SBM Executive Director Janet Welch and Ted Everingham, Brighton Hospital Board of Trustees. 4. L–R: SBM Executive Director Janet Welch; Denise Bertin-Epp, Brighton Hospital president; Stephanie Brady, St. John system administrator; and Martha Burkett, SBM program administrator, LJAP.



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