

By Joan Stapleton

# Maggie Frankland: 47th President of the Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary

There is always an added ingredient in the way this mostly Irish lass goes about doing things: the French call it *joie de vivre*. She just calls it fun. Whether she is arranging one of her fabulous baskets of fresh vegetables, chairing a meeting, decorating a home or office, or planning a party, Margaret Mary (Maggie) Frankland's winsome smile is evident.

Maggie's involvement with the Lawyers Auxiliary began 31 years ago as a member of the Ingham County Bar Auxiliary shortly after she and her husband, Ken, moved to the greater Lansing area. Anxious to meet new people and become involved in the community, she found a wonderful group of women dedicated to educating and supporting law-related programs in Ingham County and throughout the state of Michigan. She chaired numerous committees and board positions prior to her presidency of the Ingham County Bar Auxiliary in 1994-95. She has also served as secretary and membership chair of the MLA prior to assuming the presidency.

This dedicated volunteer, who credits her parents for making her aware of the value of volunteering, also has involved herself in a variety of ways in the community. She is past-president of Inner Circle at Wharton Center and Welcome Wagon of Lansing. As a member of the Junior League of Lansing she was chair of the Admissions and Provisional Committees, copy and layout editor for their monthly magazine, as well as co-chair of the Cookbook (*Temptations*) Committee, which sold 20,000 copies. In addition to these accomplishments, she has been a board member of Impressions Five Museum, Greater Lansing Downtown Business Association, and Little Saint Nursery School.



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With her attorney husband, who served with the Justice Department in Washington, D.C. and as legal counsel to Governor Wil-

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liam Milliken, Maggie naturally became involved in the excitement of the Governor's re-election campaigns (1974 and 1978), and in President Gerald Ford's 1976 campaign. She greatly enjoyed her brush with politics.

Other organizations that have captured her interest and utilized her skills are Sparrow Hospital Guild, American Cancer Society, Festival of Trees, St. Thomas Aquinas Church and School, and the Greater Lansing Amateur Hockey Association. Why hockey? She married a Canadian who loves to play the sport and coached it for 20 years. And how do you suppose their son spent his youth? Uh-huh—hockey. And Maggie? She was cheerleader, of course.

In addition to her volunteer work and family obligations, this talented and energetic lady also has her own interior design business, Maggie Frankland Interiors. Occasionally, she joins her sister, Joan Knight, a decorator in Bloomfield Hills, for some intriguing and challenging opportunities in that area that have included being a participating artist for several Designer Showhouses for the Junior League of Detroit and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Association.

The business world was no stranger to Maggie; after receiving her B.S. degree from

the University of Detroit and pursuing graduate studies there, she worked for six years at the university as administrative assistant, admissions counselor, and assistant director of admissions. She served as the first female

admissions counselor for an all-male Jesuit institution. When she did recruiting at the boys' prep schools, people were surprised to see this attractive young woman walk into the office. Is that when this twentyish young woman discovered that a job could be fun?

Maggie, who has two sisters and hails from Detroit, will quickly tell you that the most important thing in her life is her wonderful family. She has been married for 34 years to Ken, an attorney and administrative law judge, and they have two married children: Kerry, a technology systems administrator for Sedgwick, CSM, married to Golda and living in Memphis, TN, and Julie, a dentist, married to Scott Montgomery and living in the Columbus, Ohio area. Adding to her joy are two positively perfect grandsons, Kip and R.H. and a new grandchild due in December from her daughter.

In her spare time, one might find this capable and efficient lady reading, cooking, playing golf or bridge, going to the theatre, or exercising. She seems to express *joie de*

*vivre* in all that she does, finding simple pleasure in volunteering, work, family, and friends, doing it all with an easy charm and grace. She will make a wonderful contribution to the Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary as the 47th president. ♦

*Joan Stapleton, an East Lansing resident, is the past-president of the Ingham County Bar Auxiliary, past-president of the Junior League of Lansing, past-president of the Wharton Center Inner Circle of MSU, a member of the Community Chorale, St. Thomas Aquinas Altar Society, and a leading member of Matinee Musicale.*

#### **A Note from Maggie Frankland to All Attorney Spouses:**

I would like to thank Joan Stapleton for all of her kind words about me. It is indeed an honor to be the new president of the Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary. The president's job is an easy job, especially when she has a dedicated and hard working board such as I have. I am looking forward to working with all of you and hope to see our many worthwhile programs continue to grow throughout Michigan.

All attorney spouses are invited to become a member of MLA by paying dues of \$10, which helps us continue our many programs such as Law Day, the "You and the Law" book, and Drug and Alcohol Awareness Programs, just to name a few. If you are interested in starting up a new auxiliary in your area or would like to get more information about MLA or a local auxiliary in your area, please contact me at (517) 337-0863 or at MFrank26@comcast.net, or check our website <http://www.michbar.org/localbars/mla/home.html>

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
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