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Pot Luck for Public Interest!

Posted by Laurie Barron on 09/15/2014 at 09:58 AM

How many students, alumni, faculty and staff can fit into the neither small nor large backyard of the Barron-Yelnosky home for the Fall Public Interest Pot Luck dinner? Turns out at least 112.

Last Friday night 53 first-year students, 28 second-year students, and assorted 3L’s (including families and children), alumni, faculty, and staff brought sumptuous food to the annual signature event hosted by the Association for Public Interest Law and the Feinstein Center for Pro Bono and Experiential Education. Greeted in the driveway by the question “savory or sweet” students set up their home-made meals and desserts on buffet tables for all to enjoy.

After a welcome by Dean Yelnosky and Feinstein Center Director Laurie Barron, students from the Association for Public Interest Law told students about the upcoming events for the year including the annual Public Interest Auction at the Providence Biltmore on Friday, January 30th, and plans for Alternative Spring Break where last year some 50 students spent the week immersed in volunteer work at 10 different public interest offices all over the east coast. 3L Andrew Aleman spent the evening as the APIL photographer to document the record-breaking crowd.

This event, begun several years ago to build community among the public interest-minded law students, has become an event that builds each year. One 2L student confessed that she primarily chose RWU School of Law because she had read about the Public Interest Pot Luck and it drew her in. She’s not sorry!