
News-N-Notes

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"TOGETHER WE CAN"

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National News

Our assistance is needed in preparing for a state & chapter presidents/presidents-elect session in Tulsa. She would like anyone (everyone) who served as a state or chapter president within the last five years to answer these questions.

What was the biggest challenge you faced during your term as president?

What do you wish you had known prior to beginning your term as president?

If you attended the state and/or chapter leadership sessions in Tulsa, is there any information you wish had been covered but wasn't?

Please indicate whether you are responding as a state or chapter leader.

Mary Jo Denman, Certified PP, PLS
Smith, Basett, Purcell & Koenig
NALS Secretary/Treasurer

Special Reminder to all NALS Board members registered for Tulsa that they are required to attend all social events including the networking dinner and to be in attendance during all sessions and planned meetings. There will be a 2004-5 Committee Orientation meeting on Wednesday March 10th. In addition, there is a special offer to those attending Thursday and would like a shopping trip to the "Top Dollar Jewelry and Pawn." If you find you are at loose ends on Thursday

and would like to go shopping please e-mail Tammy Hailey with a copy to carolj@nals.org.

Tammy Hailey, CAE
NALS Executive Director

State News

The Columbus Chapter of the Mississippi Division of NALS Inc will be hosting the Board of Directors' Meeting on February 21st at the Mississippi University for Women, Reneau Hall, room 404.

Friday night: Cocktails at 6:00 at Harvey's with dinner at 7:00.

Most people, if not all, will be coming in on Highway 82 to Columbus. Take the "Main Street" Exit. Harvey's is the first building on the left. You can't miss it. The number to Harvey's if you get lost is 662-327-1639.

You can also get to the MUW from Main Street. There are signs for the school everywhere since it is the main attraction in Columbus. I am serious when I say Columbus is small and you will have no problem getting around.

Deadline for reports for the Profile is March 1st but Glenda Gregory, PLS would appreciate receiving them by February 23rd. You can deliver them to either Glenda Gregory, PLS or Theresa Wilson, PLS, at the February meeting (please provide a copy of your report on disk if passing them at the meeting) or e-mail them to tlwilson@bellsouth.net

Glenda Gregory, PLS
State President 2003/2004
Mississippi Division of NALS, Inc

Local News

We have added two new members to the local chapter since the last printing of this bulletin. Please join me in welcoming

JANINE WILLIAMS and JOHNNY HARRIS

The February meeting will be held at the Board of Directors Training room, Harrison County Courthouse, Gulfport, on February 12th at 5:45 p.m.

Local elections will be coming sooner than you can believe, please be thinking about nominations for officers.

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season. Every year at this time I reflect on the past year and the blessings I have had throughout the year. I feel compelled to share a few of my personal blessings with you because 2003 was an exceptional year for me. Professionally, I received the Award of Excellence not just on the local level but on the state level as well. I feel honored to have been the recipient of this prestigious award. I am now serving as your President which is something I could never have done in the past. I was also elected as President-Elect on the state level for the 2004-2005 term. I believe the majority of my professional and personal growth is a direct result of my association with members of NALS on all levels. When you surround yourself with winners, you become one and I certainly have felt like a winner. Thank you for your confidence in me, it means a great deal to me.

Our next state Board of Director's meeting will be held in Columbus on February 21. This will be the first meeting our Columbus chapter has hosted so we really need to have a good turnout. Please begin making arrangements now to attend the meeting.

Thank you.

Karen Kuhn, PLS, President

Program Chairman

Guest Speaker - TBA

Due to the recent move of the District Court and reassignment of Judges, Ms. Carter from the District Court will be unable to speak at the February meeting. Hopefully she will be available later in the year.

Due to the absence of so many of our members to Tulsa in March selection of Boss of the Year will be conducted at the February meeting.

Banita Ford
Program Chair

Secretary's Message

Please see the minutes from the January General Membership meeting.

Mary Bibey
Secretary

Care Committee Report

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Shanna Border	Jan 9
Henrietta Caranna	Jan 9
Karen Kuhn	Jan 18
Lisa Dickson	Feb 7
Abraham Lincoln	Feb 12
George Washington	Feb 22

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ivory Smith	Feb 23
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Our sympathy, love and support goes out to:

Karen Kuhn, PLS on the loss of her brother-in-law on January 22nd and to Ellen Bonner, Attorney at Law for the loss of her husband in early January.

Please call me at work 374-2685 or home 831-9312 if you know of any illness, accident or death in a member's immediate family so that I may send out the appropriate card. It's never too late to send a card

but I would like to get them out as close to the occasion as possible.

Sheila J. Schultz
Care Committee Chairman

Lunch N Learn

The Gulf Coast Association of Legal Support Professionals is sponsoring Lunch-N-Learn seminars the third Friday of each month. This month's seminar will be February 20, 2004, from 12:15 to 12:45. I have attached the registration form in .pdf and .wpd formats. Please pass this form along to other personnel in your office. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 867-6005 or reply to this e-mail. I hope to see everyone at the seminar.

Banita Ford

Special news for Those Taking the Certified PP Exam in Tulsa

There will be special CRAM for those planning to take the exam in Tulsa on March 6 at Babs Dekeyser's office in the Mobile Government Plaza Bldg. Please let Karen Kuhn know if you would like to attend as she will be driving her van and is willing to take passengers.

NALS Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility

Members of NALS are bound by the objectives of this association and the standards of conduct required of the legal profession.

Every member shall:

- *Encourage respect for the law and the administration of justice;*
- *Observe rules governing privileged communications and confidential information;*
- *Promote and exemplify high standards of loyalty, cooperation, and courtesy;*
- *Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence; and*
- *Pursue a high order of professional attainment.*

This Code is promulgated by the NALS and accepted by its members to accomplish these ends.

NALS Mission Statement

NALS is dedicated to enhancing the competencies and contributions of members in the legal services profession. NALS accomplishes its mission and supports the public interest through:

- *Continuing legal education and resource materials;*
- *Networking opportunities at the local, state, regional, and national levels;*
- *Commitment to a Code of Ethics and professional standards;*
- *Professional certification programs and designations.*

Integrity and high standards of conduct are fundamental to the success of our professional association.

Editor's Notes

The deadline for next month's issue of News-N-Notes is Nov 25th. Contributions for publication are greatly appreciated! Please let me know if you have any suggestions on ways to improve our bulletin.

Jeannie Shaw, PLS
Editor

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