



JACKSON LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION



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Message from the President...



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and whatever other holidays I am unaware of. This has been quite a year so far. We have had so much happening in the world around us and in our NALS family this year, but hopefully, the bad is past and there will be nothing but good things in our future! Optimism has always been one of my strong points. ☺

Nominations have been made for next year's leaders and I hope you will all vote for the folks you believe will lead JLPA into the future. However, we still have to make it through until April. Please keep supporting me and the rest of the Board as you have for the last year and a half for the remainder of our terms.

As a reminder, we will have our Holiday Raffle at the December Membership Meeting at Mardi Gras on December 14. Please bring items to be raffled and your money/check books to buy your tickets. By the way, Henjum Goucher Reporting Services will be picking up the tab for our luncheon on December 14. Let's hear it for HG!

Remember also, that Mary Griffin will be collecting Christmas gifts and/or money for our adopted family at the December meeting. We are also collecting coats for children on the Gulf Coast. CJ Armstrong is the contact for the coats.

I look forward to serving you for the remainder of my term as President and want you all to know how much I appreciate all the help, cooperation and kind words I have received over the last year and a half. May all of you have a happy and safe holiday season and be as blessed as I am to be able to call all of you my sisters-in-law.

Reba Peden, PP, PLS
JLPA President



Monthly Meeting...

Our meetings usually fall on the 4th Wednesday of the month; however, because of the holidays, our November and December luncheons are on a different date. The **December meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2005**, at noon at Mardi Gras Restaurant. **Thank**

you to Henjum Goucher Reporting Service for sponsoring our December luncheon. This is their way of saying Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah, etc. to our members. Thank you for supporting our activities so wholeheartedly!



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Happy December Birthdays to...

- 4 Rebecca Green
- 14 Dru Thomas
- 27 Beckie B. Jones

Welcome New Member...

Welcome to Ellen V. Yeates, Forman Perry Watkins Krutz & Tardy. We are glad to welcome you. If you would like to serve on a committee, Reba Peden, PP, PLS, will be glad to send you a committee preference sheet.





Wedding Anniversaries...

- 16 Robert & Tandra Dodd
12/16/1994
- 18 Stan & Elizabeth Madrak
12/18/1987
- 21 Leslie & Wayne Dill
12/21/96
- 21 Susan & Mark Chrislip
(celebrating their 31st
anniversary on 12/21/05)



Board Meeting...

The Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 13, 2005**, at the **Mississippi Bar Center, located at 643 North State Street** at 12:00 noon. Renee Dean is bringing lunch, which is being provided by Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway.



Newly Certified...



Congratulations to Charlotte Simmons, PLS, our newest certified member. Charlotte was pinned at our Mississippi Division of NALS Mid-Winter Membership meeting by President, Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS, while President Elect, Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS, looks on.

Sisters-in-Law Helping Sisters-in-Law

Vicki Phillips of the Brunini firm has a standing offer to JLPA members who want to donate food to the coast. Just bring your items to the next JLPA meeting or get them to Vicki at the Brunini office and she will take care of delivering them to the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center in Waveland. Items of particular need are cooking oil, canned goods, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, spices, coffee, tea, coffee filters, coffeemate, peanut butter, pasta, rice, and boxed cereals. You can reach Vicki at 601-948-3101 ext. 6946.

Coats Needed for Coast Children...

It has come to JLPA's attention through FEMA that there is a need for coats and jackets, specifically in the Long Beach area of the coast. There have been literally tons of clothes donated after the storm, but there is a lack of coats. CJ Armstrong has volunteered to collect and get them to FEMA for distribution in the Long Beach area. The project began because a school teacher brought it to FEMA's attention that children didn't have coats. However, everyone that lost everything is in need of a coat!

Please bring any coats or jackets you want to donate to the December luncheon to CJ. If you would like to donate money for the purpose of purchasing coats and jackets, CJ will purchase accordingly.

If you have a donation, please let CJ know as soon as possible at

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so she can remind you plus get a tally to FEMA as she plans to deliver the 19th of December. Thank you for your support.





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For Immediate Release

NALS Katrina Relief Fund Helps Members Affected By Tragedy...

Jackson, MS, November 12, 2005 – NALS Region 6 Director Julie Abernathy, PP, PLS, presented checks to members affected by the Hurricane Katrina tragedy at the Mississippi Division of NALS, Inc. meeting held at the Mardi Gras Restaurant in Jackson, Mississippi. Abernathy traveled from Austin, Texas, to personally distribute the checks to those members affected.

NALS...the association for legal professionals is comprised of legal assistants, paralegals, legal secretaries and other legal support personnel from around the country. NALS has been supporting legal professionals for over 75 years and has always worked for its members to provide them with whatever they need whether it is related

to their careers or their personal lives. Shortly after Hurricane Katrina ravished the Gulf Coast NALS members rushed to the aide of their sisters affected by creating the NALS Katrina Relief Fund. The NALS Katrina Relief Fund was established as a 501(c)(3) organization on September 8, 2005, in response to the outpouring of love and concern of NALS members across the country for our NALS sisters affected by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. In less than eight weeks, NALS members and others contributed over \$20,000 to the fund. NALS members in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana applied for assistance.

NALS continues to focus on improving the careers of legal professionals by providing education, certification, and networking to members of the profession across the country. It is in times of need when NALS members rally around one another to show their support for their peers. While these acts of kindness have become commonplace among charities and celebrities, rarely do you see a group of professionals such as paralegals, legal assistants, and legal secretaries raise the support to benefit one of their peers having been devastated by a natural disaster. This is what makes NALS members special, as they truly are a family and will do everything in their power to help their “sisters-in-law.”

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Mississippi Division of NALS Mid-Year Membership Meeting on 11/12/05...



Our seminar was entitled Computer Security 101 and was presented by April D. Jordan, Project Manager, Enterprise Software Unit, the University of Southern Mississippi. April is Karen Kuhn's sister and she is very knowledgeable about computers and gave us a very interesting seminar.



These were a few of the items we got to bid on in the Chinese auction. We plan to have one at the JLPD December luncheon, so y'all get ready to buy your



tickets and get in the swing with NALS.



Enjoying lunch between the seminar and the meeting.



Julie Abernethy, PP, PLS, NALS Region 6 Director, opens the Fed Ex envelope containing the NALS Katrina Relief checks as Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS, President of Mississippi Division of NALS, Inc. looks on.



Recipients of checks from the NALS Katrina Relief Fund are: from left Banita Ford, Renee Roddey, Jamie Roddey, PLS, Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS, Beth Steverson, Theresa Wilson, PP, PLS, Glenda Gregory, PP, PLS, Karen Kuhn, PP, PLS, and Julie Abernethy, PP, PLS, our NALS Region 6 Director.

Newly Elected Officers of The Mississippi Division of NALS, Inc.



From Left: Jeannie Shaw, PP, PLS, President; Kim Knox, Vice President; Rita Smith, PLS, Executive Secretary; and Misty Lewis, PP, PLS, Treasurer. Anita Campbell, PP, PLS, is not shown in this picture because she was busy getting her daughter comfortable in the hospital and later that day welcoming her new granddaughter, Revonda Elizabeth (Rea Rea) Renfrow, born 11/12/05 @ 3:12 p.m., 7 lbs. 12 oz., 19-1/2 inches long, Parents are Brian and Liz Renfrow of Pelahatchie, MS.



Miss Rea Rea Renfrow. It was well worth having to miss the meeting to welcome this little bundle of joy!



Rose Jones is our Employment Chairman. The list of jobs available is provided to our members once a month. If you need a copy in the meantime, please e-mail Rose at rjones@watkinsludlam.com.

Member News...

I won a trip to Branson, Missouri for three nights and four days. The price of the trip was to listen to a 90-minute condo sales presentation. My husband and I left on Wednesday morning, the day before Thanksgiving and drove to Branson. Someone and the internet both said that the best way to go was to go I-55 to Memphis, then over to Little Rock on I-40 and up to Branson on Highway 65. It took us forever but the views, especially after we got into the Ozark Mountains, were wonderful.

We went to the Ray Stevens show and he is delightful. He has always been one of my favorite entertainers, but I had never seen him in person. I'm glad we did get to see him because this coming Saturday night is his last performance in Branson. He is closing his theater and moving back to Nashville to write music.

I got to go on my first helicopter ride and loved it. We took the 15-mile helicopter ride that went over Table Rock Lake

