



Message from the President



Whew, February and March are finally over!!!! It has been a busy couple of months both in JLPA and otherwise. We had Boss of the Year/Award of Excellence (a wonderful program by the way), our Board Meetings and Membership Meetings and then we had Tulsa! Tulsa was a wonderful learning experience. Even though I had attended last year, the Incoming President's Leadership Training was well worth my money again this year. Immediately after the trip to Tulsa, my daughter, Jackie, married a wonderful fellow named Dusty Young and immediately gave me a new grand daughter, Hannah, who is almost three years old and darling. Hannah joins Katie, six and Wyatt, three.

We are now getting ready to begin a new year after the installation ceremony in April and we need your help! Get involved, work on a committee, CHAIR A COMMITTEE, run for office. Seasoned members, find a new member and latch on and mentor her/him. Spring is almost here,

let's plant some seeds and see what we can grow.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to those who have served this association for the last year as officers and committee chair-people and committee members. We have accomplished a lot this year and we could not do it without our members.

Remember the three Rs of NALS... Recruiting, Retention, and Recognition!

**Reba Peden, Certified PP, PLS
JLPA President, 2004-06**

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**Remember
Keep It Simple
Make It Fun!**

Board Meeting...

The date for the April Board Meeting will be announced as soon as we find out when the Mississippi Bar Center will be available. Lunch will be provided by Marie Mills and Shirley Mize from *The Clarion-Ledger*.



April Birthday Bouquets to...

- 6 Jennifer Hollingsworth
- 21 Deidre Harvey
- 24 Fay Pechloff
- 28 Joy Jordan
- 28 Michelle W. Tabb



Monthly Meeting...

The April meeting will be held on **April 19, 2005**, at **Dennery's Restaurant**. We will be moving to Mardi Gras beginning with the May meeting.





ALS/PLS/ PP Study Group...

The ALS/PLS/PP Study Group meets every Thursday night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bar Center, 643 North State Street. ❄️



Weddings...



Leslie Green & Jamey Welch

WHEN WE GOT ENGAGED

June 23, 2004

HOW IT HAPPENED

Jamey took me to the Oasis (for those of you who don't live in Austin, it is a restaurant famous for its spectacular sunsets overlooking Lake Travis). After a wonderful meal and delicious cheesecake, I proceeded to fall asleep on his shoulder. I know, the true romantic. Since the sun was taking its time setting, I told Jamey that we could go whenever he wanted because I was tired. He turned to me and said, "Do you want me to wake you up?" He pushed back his chair, got down on one knee and asked me to marry him with the ring in his hand. I was stunned. I nodded and

put the ring on. Applause rang out across the deck. I realized then that everyone had been watching us instead of the sunset. After turning several shades of red, I realized that Jamey was doing the pageant wave to everyone. It was more than I could have ever hoped for.

WHEN & WHERE July 16, 2005, Vicksburg, MS

Leslie is the daughter of Becky and Randy Green. Leslie is a former legal assistant from Watkins & Eager now working as the lead paralegal for one of the senior partners at Locke, Liddell & Sapp, LLP in Austin, TX. ❄️

More Weddings...



Reba Peden's daughter, Jackie, and Dusty Young were married on March 19th at Mt. Creek Baptist Church in Florence, MS, and now Reba has three grandchildren, Wyatt, Katie and Hannah, shown below. ❄️



New Grandbabies...

Congratulations to Shirley Mize on the birth of her granddaughter, Arly Ann Mize, who was born at King's Daughters Hospital in Brookhaven on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, at 12:07 pm to Lance and Ary Mize. She measured 19 inches long and weighed 7lbs. 2 oz. The expanded family went home Saturday morning, March 19th, and are doing fine. Arly is Shirley's second grandchild and her first granddaughter.

And Shirley Mize's grandson, Ethan Mize, celebrated his first birthday March 5. Friends and family gathered at his Nana and Pop Harris' house for a party that afternoon.



And congratulations to Linda Jones. Shown above is Linda's granddaughter, the beautiful and proud sister McKenzie Erin Ricks, holding her new baby brother, Benjamin Isaac, who entered our world on Monday, March 21, 2005, at 7 lbs 15 oz at 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Eric and Angela Ricks, Linda's daughter and son-in-law. They are all home and doing well.





Membership...

Reba Peden, PP, PLS, and I both attended the NALS Professional Development & Education Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 10-12, 2005. I was reminded while I was attending the conference that my favorite part of being a member of NALS is getting acquainted and socializing with others from all over the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska, who do the same kind of work I do and who are the only people in the world who understand each other's work conditions and settings.

Jackson Legal Professionals Association invites you to a "come & go" Mardi Gras Membership Party on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, at the Bar Center, 643 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202, 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Please come and bring a guest and see what NALS has to offer you and your guest. We want you to come and enjoy lunch with us. There will be a door prize awarded every 15 minutes.

Reba Peden, PP, PLS, has been named to the NALS Certifying Board.

**Roberta Welch, PLS
JLPA Vice President &
Membership Chairman**

JLPA Program Chairman's

Point of View

I know that a good meal is important to most of us, but focusing on the speaker is also as important.



Keep your ears open and learn.

The rewards are great.... ☸

**Felicia Turner
Programs Chairman**



Holly Connell is our JLPA Employment Chairman. If you would like a copy of the employment list please e-mail Holly at hconnell@brunini.com.

JLPA Member, Donna Marshall, is now a freelance legal secretary. You may reach her at home at 824-1957, or on her cell phone at 278-6389.

Recipe Corner...

By Roberta H. Welch, PLS



Glazed Chocolate Sour Cream Cake

1 pkg. (2-layer size) devil's food cake mix

1 cup plus 2 Tbsp. BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream, divided

3 Tbsp. MAXWELL HOUSE Instant Coffee, divided

1 Tbsp. hot water

1 container (7 oz.) BAKER'S Real Milk Dipping Chocolate

2 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
1 cup thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping

1 cup each halved strawberries and raspberries

GREASE and flour 2 (9-inch) round cake pans. Line bottoms of pans with wax paper. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, substituting 1 cup of the sour cream for all of the water. Stir in 2 Tbsp. of the instant coffee. Spread batter into prepared pans. Bake as directed on package. Cool 10 min.; remove from pans. Immediately remove wax paper. Cool completely on wire racks.

DISSOLVE remaining 1 Tbsp. instant coffee in water. Melt dipping chocolate as directed on container. Stir in butter, dissolved instant coffee and remaining 2 Tbsp. sour cream; mix until well blended. Place 1/3 cup of the chocolate mixture in medium bowl; gently stir in whipped topping.

PLACE 1 cake layer on serving plate. Spread with whipped topping mixture. Top with second cake layer. Pour remaining warm chocolate glaze mixture over top of filled cake, allowing it to drip over sides. Pile berries on top of cake. Refrigerate 30 min. or until chocolate glaze is set.

Courtesy of Kraft Foods



Please Mark Your Calendars...



Administrative Professionals Week

April 24-30, 2005

Administrative Professionals Day[®]

April 27, 2005

2005 Theme: The theme for the 2005 observance of Administrative Professionals Week will be "Innovation Advances Administrative Professionals."

May 13-15, 2005

MS Division of NALS Annual Meeting

Treasure Bay Resort
Biloxi, MS

July 29-31, 2005

Region 6 Meeting
Eola Hotel
Natchez, MS



October 20-23, 2005

NALS 54th Annual Education Conference & National Forum
Buffalo/Niagara Fall, New York -
Adam's Mark Hotel
Room Reservations:
1-800-444-2326



NALS Online Learning Center

The weekly online learning center sessions are held on Wednesday nights, at 9:00 pm Central Time.

April 6 Retention & Recognition

April 13 Education/Certification Q&A

April 20 NALS Marketing Plan: State/Local Marketing Chair Q&A

April 27 Assertive Communication Skills

NALS Online Study Group...

The weekly online study group sessions are held on Tuesday nights, from 8:00pm to 9:30pm Central Time, and Session 1 is scheduled for May 31, 2005.



JLPA 2004-05 Committee Chairs

Corresponding Secretary – Beckie Jones
Nominations & Elections – Faye Pechloff
Reservations – Marilyn Mills
Inspiration – Emily Kamber
Press & Publicity – Marie Mills
Bar Liaison – Romas Turner

Boss of the Year & Award of Excellence –
Rose Jones & Diane Bass
Certification – Karen Randall, PLS
Court Observance – Lena P. Lawrence
Employment – Holly Connell
Historian – Gilda Coleman
Newsletter – Roberta Welch, PLS
Program – Felicia Turner
Scholarship – Shivochie Dinkins
Seminars/CLE – Dorothy Jackson
Ways & Means – Kim Knox
Welfare – Shirley Mize
If you are interested helping on one of these committees, please contact Reba Peden, PP, PLS
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Welfare Committee...

Please continue to bring your used cell phones to the meetings and give them to me for the shelter for battered families. They don't use the actual phones themselves, but they get money for the phones they send in for repair.



Shirley Mize
Welfare Chairman

Congratulations to our 2004-2005 Member of the Year, Rose Jones. She and her Boss of the Year/Award of Excellence Dinner committee members, Felicia Turner and Diane Bass, all received nominations and they should be highly commended for the wonderful job they did. Good work, ladies



