



Message from the President



Dear Fellow JLPA Members:

First, I would like to congratulate you all on making Christmas a happy time for one family who really needed our help. I would also like to thank you for raising about \$300 for the Ways & Means Committee through the Chinese Auction we had at our December meeting. I am sure they will put the money to good use.

We are entering a brand new year with brand new hopes, dreams, and aspirations. A lot of interest has been shown in a new study group for the ALS/PLS/PP certifications through NALS and I hope to have the details hammered out very soon. If you are interested in joining a study group, contact me at rpeden@brunini.com.

We try to have a good time at our meetings for JLPA, but as I told you at the December meeting, every month it seems I get an email, a call, or someone stops me in the hall to discuss the problem we seem to have with folks visiting during our business and speaker's time.

This is embarrassing to us as a group because **we are all professional people** and should know better. We have sent out numerous reminders to please respect the speakers and your fellow members by maintaining quiet during the speaker's time and when business is being conducted from the podium. I know it is easy to be drawn into visiting with those you do not see all the time, but please refrain during these times. At the December Board Meeting, the Board voted to implement a new strategy and begin charging "talkers" \$1 each time they are caught talking during business or speaker time beginning with our January meeting. I certainly hope we never have to collect the first dollar!

On a lighter note, nominations have been made for the Executive Committee for next year. I encourage each of you to exercise your right to vote and place the members you believe will do the best job for JLPA on the incoming EC. Good luck to all those who have been nominated and have accepted their nominations.

I hope the New Year holds everything you want and need.

Reba Peden, PP, PLS
JLPA President



KISMIF
Remember
Keep It Simple
Make It Fun!

New Members...

Laura P. Jackson - Wise
Carter Child & Caraway



January Birthdays...

- 1 Lori L. Miksa
- 2 Amy Alvis
- 8 Laminda K. Minor
- Felicia V. Turner
- 9 Thelma McNair
- 14 Diane Roark, PLS
- 22 Leslie M. Alexander
- 23 Marie Mills
- 29 Renee Dean
- 30 Melissa Feazell
- Laura Slaven



Board Meeting...

The Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 18, 2005**, at the Mississippi Bar Center, 643 North State Street. Lunch will be provided by CJ Armstrong and Reba Peden, PP, PLS.

Monthly Meeting...

The January meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 26, 2005**, at noon at **Dennery's Restaurant**.



Birth

Announcements...

Congratulations to Jennifer and Tony Blaine on the birth of their first baby, Kassidy Elizabeth Blaine. Kassidy was born Monday, December 27, 2004, at 4:40 p.m. and weighs 7 pounds 9 ounces and is 20 inches long. Jennifer is a receptionist at the Butler Snow law firm.

Let me not be understood as saying that there are no bad laws, nor that grievances may not arise for the redress of which no legal provisions have been made. I mean to say no such thing. But I do mean to say that although bad laws, if they exist, should be repealed as soon as possible, still, while they continue in force, for the sake of example they should be religiously observed.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

Membership...

I would like to welcome Laura Jackson as a new member of JLPA. Get in the game with NALS and invite someone to join today. If you need an application, please let me know and I will get one to you.

Roberta Welch, PLS
JLPA Vice President &
Membership Chairman
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

JLPA Program ***Chairman's***

Point of View

Our speaker for the January 2005 monthly luncheon will be Lurlene Irvin, Community Relations Director, Nissan North America... Topic has not been confirmed yet. Hope you all have enjoyed the speakers for this year. Happy New Year Everybody!

Felicia Turner
Programs Chairman



Boss of the Year/ Award of Excellence Dinner...

We will give honor to Boss of the Year and Award of Excellence winners on Friday, February 18, 2005 at the Hilton Hotel, Penthouse Ball Room. Please invite your boss/bosses to attend. You wouldn't want to miss an evening of good food, door prizes and just a wonderful time. So we encourage all to attend.

Co-Chairs: Diane Bass, Rose Jones and Felicia Turner.

EARNING CLE CREDIT WHILE SERVING AS A STUDY-GROUP LEADER...

REMINDER - If you plan to take either the ALS, PLS or PP exam in March, you should order your study materials and begin reading, reviewing and studying immediately. If you are currently certified, you may want to consider serving as a study-group leader. It is a great way to refresh your memory and earn CLE credits while performing the awarding duty of leading others toward attaining the goal of certification. For each hour that you lead or teach a study group you earn 4 hours of CLE credit. NALS requires 75 credits earned over a 5-year period (which is an average of 15 credits per year), and this can be difficult to attain. For each



monthly membership meeting that you attend where there is an educational speaker, you earn 1/2 CLE credit. CLE credits can also be earned by attending seminars, participating in on-line study group sessions and chat sessions, reading professional publications and various other methods. However, there is no more rewarding and time-efficient way to earn the credits than to serve as a study-group leader.

Karen Randall, PLS
CLE Chairman

Recipe Corner...

By Shivochie L. Dinkins

Frosted Fruit Salad

Makes 15-18 servings

2 3-oz. pkgs. Strawberry gelatin
 2 cups hot water
 24-oz. pkg. Frozen strawberries, thawed
 2 large ripe bananas
 20-oz. can crushed pineapples, undrained
 8-oz. container sour cream
 2.25-oz. Pkg broken nuts
 lettuce leaves

1. Dissolve gelatin in hot water.
2. Stir in thawed strawberries.
3. Mash bananas in separate bowl. Stir pineapples into bananas. Fold into gelatin mixture.
4. Pour into rectangular dish. Refrigerate for 8 hours.
5. Half an hour before serving, spread top of fruit salad with sour cream. Sprinkle with nuts. Cut into squares and serve on lettuce-lined salad plates.

New Year's Champagne Punch

32 ozs. White grape juice
 sliced fruit- lemon, lime,
 oranges, cherries
 25.4 ozs. Non-alcoholic
 sparking white grape juice
 2 liter ginger ale
 32 ozs. White grape juice
 6-oz. Can frozen lemonade,
 undiluted

1. Make ice ring with sliced fruit and 32 ounces. white grape juice.
2. Chill remaining ingredients.
3. Combine sparkling grape juice, ginger ale, 32 ozs. Grape juice, and lemonade in punch bowl. Add ice ring just before serving.

Note: If you prefer a less sweet beverage, substitute sparkling water in place of the ginger ale.



Newsletter...

Well, now that the dust has settled back into the chimney, it's time to get back to work. It seems that the week between Christmas and New Year's should be a holiday too. We get so used to being off during Christmas, it makes coming back to work harder. And for those of you who have school aged children, it hardly seems fair that they are out of school and we have to come to work.

Thank all of you who continue to keep me advised about what is

going on in the various committees and in your personal lives too. You are what make the newsletter interesting. Keep up the good work!

Roberta Welch, PLS.
Publication Chairman



NALS Online Learning Center...

The weekly online study group sessions are held on Tuesday nights, from 8:00pm to 9:30pm Central Time. You will earn 1.5 hours CLE for each session.

January 4, 2005: Interviewing and Investigation/Trial Preparation

January 11, 2005: Criminal

January 18, 2005: Legal Research/ Computer Assisted Legal Research/Computer Information Systems

January 25, 2005: Legal Writing
 The Online Learning Center sessions are held on Wednesday nights at 9:00 p.m. CST. You may earn 1.0 hour of CLE for each session.

January 5, 2005: Marketing the New Plan - Membership Campaign

January 12, 2005: Word Usage and Sentence Structure

January 19, 2005: So You Think You Are a Leader?

January 26, 2005: Continuing Your Education - Pros and Cons of Full-Time, Night School, Online or Distance Learning





JLPA 2004-05 Executive Board

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PLS
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PLS
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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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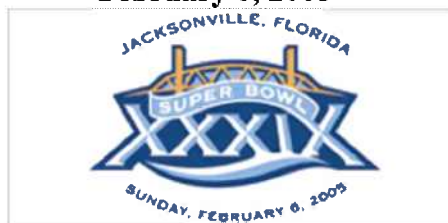
Please Mark Your Calendars...



January 18, 2005
JLPA Board Meeting
The Bar Center

January 26, 2005
JLPA Luncheon/Meeting
Dennery's Restaurant

February 6, 2005



February 18, 2005
Boss of the Year/Award of Excellence Dinner, Hilton Hotel, Penthouse Ball Room
Jackson, Mississippi

February 19, 2005
MS Division of NALS Board of Directors Meeting
at The Meadows in Seminary, MS



March 10-12, 2005
NALS Professional Development & Education Conference
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Hotel Doubletree Warren
Place
Room Reservations: 1-918-495-1000

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 Falls, New York
Adam's Mark Hotel
Room Reservations: 1-800-444-2326



Even when laws have been written down, they ought not always to remain unaltered
Aristotle, Politics
Greek critic, philosopher, physicist, & zoologist (384 BC - 322 BC)

Christmas Gifts...

"Thank you" to all the JLPA members who donated items/money for Webbie and her children for Christmas (being cared for by the shelter for battered women run by the Center for Violence Prevention. You were more generous than ever. C. J. Armstrong did some of the shopping, and I did the rest. Some merchants were generous with

