



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



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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



