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Newsletter



Message from the President...

Yesterday, May 23, 2005, I knew that I had friends who had sons, daughters, fathers and mothers who were serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places around the world. Today, it stopped being a generality and became personal to me when one of our own, Anita Campbell, PP, PLS, of the Metro LPA, lost her son-in-law, her daughter Amanda lost her husband, and her infant granddaughter, Jaden, and her half-sister, Hayley lost their daddy to a roadside bomb in Iraq. Bryan Barron was just 26 years old and never really got a chance to be a daddy to his youngest little girl, but he went to Iraq to fight for the basic freedoms that we take for granted every day. Our prayers are with Anita Campbell, PP, PLS, Bill Campbell, their daughter Amanda, and granddaughter, Jaden and Hayley as well as the rest of the Campbell and Barron families.

My message today is that we never know how long we will have our loved ones so we need to let them know every day how much they mean to us. We need to also show our support of those who lay their lives on the line for us everyday in places so far away from home and their families.

I am very proud of all my *Sisters-in-Law* and the attorneys here at my firm. I would like to personally thank the impromptu Bereavement Committee, Darlene Dunn, Diane Roark, Kathy Curry, and Alicia Sanford and Kim Knox for her assistance as well, for helping to get food and other necessities to Anita's family during this trying time. JLPA raised a total of \$372 and some of the attorneys at the Brunini Firm brought the total up to \$712 to give to the family to assist with their immediate needs. The generosity of our members and our attorneys never ceases to amaze me.

Reba Peden, PP, PLS
JLPA President, 2004-2006



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

Board Meeting...

The Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 21, 2005**, at the Mississippi Bar Center, 643 North State Street. Lunch will be provided by the members from the Watkins Ludlam firm.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June Birthdays...

- 8 Carolyn M. Barrett
- 10 Paula Dominick-Wilson
- 14 Cara J. Armstrong (CJ)
- 16 Vicki M. Phillips
- 19 Roberta H. Welch, PLS
- 20 Leigh Madden
- 23 Linda L. Jones
- Loretta Ellis
- 24 Lena P. Lawrence



Monthly Meeting...

The June meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 22, 2005**, at noon at Mardi Gras Restaurant.



Welcome New Members...

Gigi Sinyard, Shiell & Assoc.
Sandy Pruitt: Brunini

Wedding Anniversaries...



5 Betty & Jimmy Sutton
11 Kim & Rick Knox 6/11/71



11 Billie & Paula Dominick-Wilson
27 Peggy & Malcom McLain

And congratulations to Marie and Charles Mills, who celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on May 23, 2005.

Inspiration...

ARE YOU INTERESTED in presenting a JLPA monthly meeting inspiration? If so, please contact Renee Dean, Inspiration Co-Chairperson at 601-968-5505 or e-mail at rmd@wisecarter.com

ALS/PLS/PP Study Group...

The ALS/PLS/PP Study Group is being held every Thursday night, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bar Center, 643 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

Congratulations to Amy Jacob...

Renee Dean's daughter, Amy Jacob, graduated from East Rankin Academy on Sunday, May 15, 2005 with honors. Amy has accepted a scholarship to Hinds Community College where she plans to study to be a nurse practitioner. **GOOD LUCK to AMY!**



Words from the Parliamentarian...

This is just a reminder that I am here, not only for the Executive Committee and Board, but for every member. If anyone has any parliamentary procedure questions or anything regarding our bylaws or standing rules, please let me know. If I do not know the answer I will certainly find someone who does!

Bonnie Parkison

From Our Director...

The 2005 Annual Meeting of the MS Division of NALS was held at the Treasure Bay Resort in Biloxi, May 13-15th. The theme was "Magnolias in May." Ten members from JLPA attended. Two wonderful CLE

seminars were presented: Planning for the Future and Women's Health Issues: Identification and Prevention. Saturday evening was a star struck and eventful night! The theme was "Oscar Night - Magnolia Style" and all were met on the red carpet by "Joan Rivers." View some of the pictures at msnals.org.

Reminder: The Region 6 Conference is July 29-31, 2005 at the Eola Hotel, Natchez, MS. Early Bird registration is June 15, 2004; NALS Educational Conference is October 20-23, 2005, Buffalo, NY. Early registration is June 1, 2005.

Rose Jones, Director

Prayer List...

Renia Bennett: Renia caught Methicillin Resistant Staph from a pedicure and it went into her bloodstream in December 2004. She had four hospital stays and almost died. She has some nerve damage and muscle deterioration that has to be restored, and some central & peripheral neuropathy. She is now dealing with migraines and nausea on top of everything else. Renia has been on temporary disability insurance which has just exhausted and she is filing for permanent disability insurance right now until she can get back to work. The doctors are saying that it will probably take six more weeks to regain her strength fully enough to be able to sit at a desk and somewhat function. She has muscular atrophy over her entire body; cervical discogenic syndrome and some neuropathy. Please keep Renia and her family in your prayers. Renia's e-mail address at home is cbennett2061@Jam.rr.com if you would like to contact her.



Shirley Mize: Shirley Mize will be out at least through June 20, 2005, with a torn ACL in her knee and will have surgery around June 2, 2005, to correct!

Evelyn Harper, PLS, and Amy Alvis: Evelyn and Amy want everyone to know how much they appreciate the prayers and thoughts of everyone during this stressful time with all of their family members.

Membership...

Please check out our Mississippi Division of NALS, Inc. website at msnals.org. Each chapter in the state has a webpage and Banita Ford has done an excellent job on this. There are many more pictures of some of our conferences there too.

I want to welcome, all of our new members and our renewing members too. I was delighted to have thirteen new members sworn in at the May luncheon. Please ask Reba Peden, PP, PLS, for a committee preference sheet and get busy getting to know your sisters-in-law.

Roberta Welch, PLS
JLPA Vice President & Membership Chairman

Help Needed...

As some of you may or may not know, I sell Mary Kay products and the 24-years old son of a very good friend of mine, Pearlle Hubert, had a kidney transplant last week. Her husband got laid off his job and you know the rest of that story.....

Through the month of June I am going to give a portion of the profit from my Mary Kay sales to

her to help with the expenses. So if you are thinking about ordering or just want to order something for this reason, please let me know. If you do not have the Look Book let me know, and I'll get you another. Or go to my webpage and order via my webpage - just put in the comments "donation" and I'll mark it for Pearlle. Thanks for your help.

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To Be Popular

Perhaps the most arresting bit of personal advice I ever encountered was this:

If you want to be popular, live so that a blind person would like you.

The point is that lasting popularity depends not on having good looks or other surface personality traits but upon inner qualities that somehow communicate themselves to others.

Such qualities include a friendly voice, a sense of humor, kindness, thoughtfulness of the other fellow's tender ego, sincere praise, gratitude and encouragement.

How well would a blind person like you?

~Author Unknown~

It's not the difference between people that's the problem -- it's the indifference

The reason a dog has so many friends: He wags his tail instead of his tongue.



JLPA Program Chairman's

Point of View

C. Grant Hedgepeth, Special Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, will speak to us on "Identity Theft" at our June luncheon. Remember to focus on the speaker and keep your ears open and learn. The rewards are great!

Felicia Turner
Programs Chairman



"The Edge... there is no honest way to explain it because the only people who really know where it is are the ones who have gone over."



"People do not GIVE their lives for their country. Their lives are TAKEN from them."

--Andy Rooney

Recipe Corner...

By Roberta H. Welch, PLS



Mississippi Mud Brownies

By adding a layer of marshmallow cream to these fudgy brownies, you create a layer of heaven. Swirl in milk chocolate frosting and you deserve a halo!

Hands-On Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Servings: Makes 20 to 24 brownies.

The Ingredients:

- 1 (21 oz) pkg Duncan Hines® Family Style Chewy Fudge Brownie Mix
- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 (7 oz) jar marshmallow cream
- 1 1/4 cups Duncan Hines® Creamy Home-Style Milk Chocolate Frosting

Baking Instructions:

1 Preheat oven to 350 °F. Grease bottom of 13x9-inch pan.

2 Combine brownie mix, eggs, water and oil in large bowl. Stir with spoon until well blended, about 50 strokes. Spread in pan. Bake at 350 °F for 27 to 30 minutes or until set.

3 Spread marshmallow cream gently over hot brownies. Place frosting in microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high power for 15 to 30 seconds. Stir until smooth. Pour frosting over marshmallow cream. Swirl with knife to marbleize. Cool completely. Cut into bars.

Makes 20 to 24 brownies.

Duncan Hines®



Flag Day

Administrative Professionals Week Activities...

Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A.

Administrative professionals of Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, P.A. were recently honored at a 2005 Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon that recognized the invaluable services each and every person provides to the law firm on a daily basis. Luncheons were held in Jackson, Gulfport, Memphis and New Orleans to pay tribute to staff members in all of the firm's office locations. Individuals achieving ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five years of service through 2005 were given special recognition through a new program designed to show appreciation for their many years of service and ongoing support. Award recipients included - **25 year recipient:** Mary Griffin; **20 year recipients:** Iwanna Barbee, Kilby

Brabston, Amanda Davis, Suzanne Jochimsen, Theresa Keys, Tammy Kimbrough, Melanie Parker, Bonnie Parkison, Karan Payne, Karan Randall, and Marsha Turner; **15 year recipients:** Dorothy Aldridge, Margaret Brown, Brenda Carter, Patricia Dunn, Rose Jones, and Dru Thomas; and **10 year recipients:** Diane Bass, Sherry Boyd, Linda Brown, Linda Dale, Roy Greenfield, Beverly Herbert, Uvonda McMurtrey, and Joann Vincent.

Brunini Grantham Grower & Hewes

As a sign of their appreciation, the Brunini firm held a lunch for the Administrative Professionals (Secretaries, HR, Accounting, MIS, Runners, Switchboard Operator and Hostess) at the University Club. As always, the food was fantastic and the fellowship was wonderful. Because of our rapid growth, we have a large number of employees who are new and this is one of several opportunities we have to get to know our new colleagues very well. Our meal was fantastic, Surf and Turf in the best sense of the word. We thoroughly enjoyed the day's activity, and were additionally rewarded with other gifts. It is very nice to be appreciated.

Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada, PLLC

Butler Snow honored all of their support staff with a luncheon at the University Club, which was delicious, as usual. It's wonderful to be appreciated and in such a nice way.

Before you begin to give someone a piece of your mind, consider carefully whether you can spare any.



