



JACKSON LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION



Newsletter

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Message from the President



Well folks, October has been a busy month for JLPA. We had Court Observance, the 3rd Annual Bosses' Day Golf Scramble, and the Lunch-N-Learn with Anne Sanders. I would like to thank those who attended the various functions this month and encourage those of you who did not to try to attend the upcoming events. You never know what you are missing until you get out there and just do it! I'd like to recognize our Court Observance Chair, Lena Lawrence, for her hard work in assisting Metro with the Court Observance activities. They did an outstanding job. Kim Knox and CJ Armstrong had way too much fun at the Golf Scramble, and Bonnie Parkison saved the day on the Lunch-N-Learn when we found out at the 11th hour that we had no room in which to meet. **TEAM WORK WORKS!**

We will be holding the Chili in the Park on November 12 and I encourage you all to purchase tickets and to sell tickets to everyone in your firm. In fact, Kim and I challenge you to sell the most advanced tickets and **the top two salespeople (10 ticket minimum) will receive prizes** at the December Membership Meeting. Tickets will go on sale on November 1 and the competition will conclude on November 10. Just turn in your ticket money with the number of tickets sold and your name to Kim Knox, Ways & Means

Chair, to enter. Don't forget to volunteer to cook too.

I am pleased that several of our members have already registered for the National Education Conference in Biloxi, November 4-7 and would like to encourage anyone who wants to go to get their registration in.

Our State Meeting will also be held on Sunday, November 7 at the Imperial Palace Hotel in Biloxi. Even if you are unable to make it to the National Meeting for the entire weekend, please try to come to the State Meeting at 11:00 a.m. or as soon as the National Forum is over (scheduled for 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.). The cost of this meeting is only \$10 if you register on or before October 31, 2004, after that date there is a \$5 late charge. This is the meeting where your State Officers will be elected and if you are not in attendance at this meeting you will not get a vote. We have several folks nominated for office on the State level and need you to participate and vote for your choice for the officers who will be running YOUR STATE ASSOCIATION.

Thanks for all the support I've received so far this year. I hope you are enjoying it as much as I am. Remember, Keep It Simple, Make It Fun!

Reba Peden, PP, PLS
JLPA President



Board Meeting...

The Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 16, 2004**, at the Mississippi Bar Center, 643 North State Street. Lunch will be provided by the members from the Forman Perry firm.

Monthly Meeting...

Our meetings usually fall on the 4th Wednesday of the month; however, because of the holidays, our November and December luncheons will be on a different date. The **November meeting is rescheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2004**, at noon at Demncy's Restaurant.



November Birthdays...

- 2 Sandra Inman, PLS
- 4 Reba Peden, PP, PLS
- 7 Lynn J. Gibbs
- 9 Dunal M. McCurdy
- 10 Emily Kamber
- 14 Holly T. Connell
- Nikita Thomas
- 18 Cheryl H. Rushton
- 25 Dorothy Aldridge
- Rebecca Usry
- 30 Marilyn Mills
- Nancy J. Vosika

Wedding Announcements...

Tammy Rogers married Joel W. Renfroc on Friday, October 1, 2004, at Rehobeth Baptist Church in Pclahatchic, Mississippi. Not only did she gain a husband, but she is now the proud



mother of four -- her children (Camille (14) and Mason (11)), and two wonderful stepchildren (Kristin (14) and Evan (7)). Although she only recently joined JLPA, Tammy was a member of Jackson Legal Secretaries from 1986 to 1990, and several of JLPA's present members are friends or acquaintances of hers from that time period. is employed with the Butler Snow law firm, and Joel owns his own security business, Advance Consulting Technology, and is in his third year at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

More Weddings...

As if Beckie Jones doesn't have enough irons in the fire with a full-time job as legal secretary/ paralegal to two partners, she has two year old twins and a preteen, and now her two oldest children have both gotten married within six months!!!

This is Beckie's oldest son, Christopher Jones, and his new wife, Amy. They are currently stationed in Ramstein AFB, Germany.



This is Beckie's daughter, Heather, and her new husband, Clifford. Heather and Clifford are now living in Louisiana and Heather is going to accounting school.



From Our Director...

This is my last chance to encourage all of you to attend the Annual Forum November 4-7 at

the Imperial Palace in Biloxi. You will be delighted with the opportunities available and the great fellowship that you will feel with our sisters-in-law from all over the country. We would like to thank Angela Cossar and Henjum Goucher Reporting for sponsoring the Mississippi Mudbugs in our competition with the other states' chapters at the NALSwear event, and we're proud to have Angela participating as one of our team members. We're studying up on our NALS, baseball and baseball movie trivia so that we will be ready for all those questions!

I want to remind you that our next fundraiser is the Chili in the Park on November 12th. I hope each of you will be able to participate in some way, be it making chili or serving. This is a great event.

Kim Knox, Director



Membership.

I really learned a good lesson about our membership while I was recently stuck at home trying to mend a broken collarbone and want to thank our members for all the cards, telephone calls, visits, gifts and other things that y'all did for me while I was out of the office. Our members really stick together to get the job done, even if some of our team players are sitting in the dugout and can't get on the playing field. Don't ever hesitate to volunteer to help on a committee or whatever is going on with our association because you will not be working by yourself.

And when I say our members, I mean our NALS members not just our JLPA members. Stephanie Floyd, PP, PLS, even stepped up to the bat and put together the newsletter for two months and got it out to our members while I was out and she is a member of the Metro Legal Professionals Association. I have the pleasure of working in the same firm with her and really appreciate her help on this and other things. You will never be alone when you take on a job at JLPA. There will always be others willing to help you. So step out of your comfort zone and volunteer!

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



Let's Gossip a While . . .



Happy fall, although it seems like the heat of summer! Chili in the Park is coming up. Maybe we need to pray in a cold snap.

I appreciate your allowing me to serve as your recording secretary. When my tenure is up, it will certainly have been an experience I won't soon forget!! Most of you see your executive committee once a month, behind the front table conducting business at the membership meetings. But we are oh so much more than that!!! Case in point - we had our 3rd Annual Bosses' Day Golf Scramble on October 15th at Patrick Farms in Brandon. Now, it's not my job to report to you regarding the Scramble, however, I am bringing you the dish', the 411' on a certain director that should remain nameless. I wouldn't want to bring personal nor public embarrassment. But this woman is CRAZEEE!! Let me tell you.....we arrived at Patrick Farms and the weather was absolutely gorgeous! We go into the Pro Shop to drop things off and pick up the golf cart. I thought it a little funny that she almost jumped over the counter to be the first to the cart key. THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MY FIRST CLUE! Once in that cart, she began telling me how her father is an avid golfer. She didn't know a thing about the GAME of golf, but she knew more than I anticipated finding out about DRIVING A GOLF CART! Believe me when I say I am proud

to be fluffy because those things don't have seat belts.....but they need em!! Going the wrong way on the path?? No problem! Golfers proceeding THE RIGHT WAY on the path...no problem! She heads straight for them like she's playing chicken out on the highway! She would never admit it, but she reached down for the horn' that wasn't there several times....I know she did, I saw it! Nothing was a obstacle to this madwoman....mud puddles, forget about em...sped right through them - flying golf balls.....not a thing to her.....she'd try to out-run them to the hole! And excuses! Any excuse to make a beer or snack run was right up her ally. She even recruited beer runs for several golfers that WEREN'T EVEN WITH JLPA! Hey, we were on our way to awarding the trophies and what does she do??? Gets in the golf cart to take pictures of the sponsor sign on the 16th hole!!! I have to admit, it was a blast. We had the most fun legally allowed. And you think all we do is have boring meetings and work all the time. NOT!

It is shaping up to busy a busy year-end. Your chapter has plenty more exciting things planned for you to get involved with. I hope you pencil them into your schedules if not to help, to show your support in attendance. This is your association....we need you! Sure hope I see you in Biloxi.

CJ Armstrong
Recording Secretary
(See following picture!)



Ways and Means...

This is the time of year when we begin our fund-raising events, and if your firm didn't participate in the Golf Scramble, they missed out on an extraordinary opportunity. Let's face it, golf is golf, but we had the most incredible weather on Friday, October 15th, and our golfers had a wonderful afternoon. We are happy to report that the Golf Scramble netted a profit of \$838.89. We had three teams to enroll so each team won a trophy, and eight of the golfers received door prizes.

Our teams were as follows:

FIRST PLACE:

Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes

SECOND PLACE:

Wise Carter Child & Caraway

THIRD PLACE:

Nick Strickland's Quick Print

(more pictures next month...)

We received monetary contributions from Blair & Bondurant and Capitol Copying, and had door prize contributions from Dennery's, Millsaps Buie House, Office Environments, Patrick Farms (Rounds of Golf), Dr. David N. Tullos (two x-rays, consult, & exam), and Office Products Plus (Black Leather Folio).

Our next fundraiser is our Chili in the Park which will be held on Friday, Nov. 12. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend this event in the past, I encourage you to sign up now to spend your lunch hour with us. We have a lot of fun with this event.

Kim Knox,
JLPA Ways & Means Chairman



What does membership in NALS mean to you?

I am sure this has been done before, but let's have a little fun with the word "membership."

M Mentor – How great it would be if all of our new members could have a special person assigned to them until they felt comfortable not only coming to our local, state, regional and national meetings but until they were on a committee or served as an officer and felt part of our group.

E Effort – We all know what NALS offers its members but do we put enough effort into our association to receive all its offerings?

M Mission – As members of NALS, we are on a mission to serve our members in whatever format they desire to the best of our ability.

B Best – We always strive to be the best we can be.

E Education – Are you taking advantage of all of the education through your local, state, regional and national meetings/conferences?

R Responsible – As members of NALS, we are responsible for our obligations, including our families, our jobs and our association, in that order.

S Smile – Don't underestimate the power of a smile!

H Homer – In baseball, the ultimate hit, in our association reaching our goals. We may set high goals but we know, with the help of our members, they are attainable.

I Integrity – The best word to describe our members.

P Poised and Positive – To move into the future of our association with our excellent leaders. ↗

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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**



Recipe Corner...

By Roberta H. Welch, PLS



TOASTED BUTTER PECAN CAKE

Melt-in-mouth butter cake with pecans.

- 2 cups pecans, chopped
- 1 1/4 cups butter
- 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 unbeatn eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Toast pecans in 1/4 cup butter at 350° F. for 20 to 25 minutes. Stir frequently. Sift flour with baking powder and salt.

Cream 1 cup butter; gradually add sugar, creaming well. Blend in eggs; beat well after each addition. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Blend well after each addition. Stir in vanilla and 1 1/3 cups pecans. Turn into three 8- or 9-inch round layer pans, greased and floured on bottoms.

Bake at 350° F. for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool; spread Butter Pecan Frosting between layers and on top.

BUTTER PECAN FROSTING

Cream 1/4 cup butter. Add one pound (4 to 4 1/4 cups) sifted powdered sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, and 4 to 6 tablespoons evaporated milk or cream until of spreading consistency. Stir in remaining pecans and spread between cake layers and over top and sides of cake.

