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## 'JENNIFER'S JOURNEY'

You know a dream is like a river  
Ever changin' as it flows  
And a dreamer's just a vessel  
That must follow where it goes  
Trying to learn from what's behind you  
And never knowing what's in store  
Makes each day a constant battle  
Just to stay between the shores

*The River* - Garth Brooks

Finally it's summer! I'm loving the sunshine, the flowers and starting to bloom, and the smell of fresh cut grass. The only thing better is the long awaited vacation I'll be taking with my daughter and granddaughter.

Congratulations to Marion Stone, PP PLS on your retirement from all your sisters-in-law with NALS of Jackson. Hopefully, if you're willing, we can look forward to some gatherings at the lake.

Jennifer G. Meade, CER  
President

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<b>Janette Carras</b>	<b>June 16</b>
<b>Christine Kloack</b>	<b>June 16</b>



# Minutes of the May 17 Meeting

## OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The monthly meeting of NALS of Jackson County was held Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Vice-President, Cierra Sowle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m..

Robyn Winneroski, Recording Secretary, took the roll call of all members present. There were 12 members present and 2 guests – Mary – Legal News and Wendy Gonzalez, Director of CPCAN.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Cierra Sowle: Present and conducted meeting.

**TREASURER:** Erin Carr, PP, PLS:- The financial report for April 2016 was distributed for review. There were no corrections to the report. It is filed subject to review. Invoices presented for payment were Andy's coney lunch costs from Cierra Stowe. Brownies from Kelsee Bearinger. Money of \$5.00 per person was collected for lunch.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Robyn Winneroski: The minutes of the April meeting were published. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved as published.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Kelsee Bearinger: Report Submitted of a Sunshine balance of \$64.30. Raffle last month brought in \$16.00. Raffle was held for a several prizes of bear and book, mixers, blanket, cup, etc.

**DIRECTOR:** Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS:

### NEW BUSINESS

Law Day – Christine Kloack: report will be published.  
Programs/Reservations: June Speaker will be Honorable Judge Filip. It will be lunch with Judge Filip and it will be a question and Answer session. Lunch will be subs, salad, chips, pop and dessert.  
Raffle Prizes: Asked the members to donate prizes for upcoming raffles.  
Publication: Marion Stone, PP, PLS – submit publication by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.  
Website: Mary Jo Skojec – Having a NALS of Jackson County Facebook page was discussed.  
JBCA Golf Outing – Lakeland Hills Golf Course, Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

### NALS OF MICHIGAN

NALS of Michigan is hosting its 2016-2017 summer CLE seminar in conjunction with its summer membership meeting. There is an opportunity for excellent CLE points toward re-certification.

NALS of Michigan 2017 Annual meeting Finance Committee is looking for donation for a Chinese Auction. Any gift that is really nice, but you will never use it. Would love to re-gift it, but to whom? Re-gift to NALS of Michigan, Paula Steffey will be collecting all of those brand new, never used gift between May 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017. Memo from NALS of Michigan Finance Committee to be published.

### NALS

It's that time again for tax-exempt organizations to file the IRS Form 990. Please note: The Form 990-N electronic filing system was moved. All organizations must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

NALS of Michigan Summer Meeting – Saturday, June 4, 2016 at State Bar Building, Lansing, Michigan.

NALS of Jackson County June Board Meeting – June 14, 2016 at 12:00 at Judge Mazur's conference room.

NALS of Jackson County General Assembly Meeting – June 21, 2016 at 12:00 – Judge Rappleye's Jury room

NALS 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference, October 6-8, 2016 – Murfreesboro, TN

### GUEST SPEAKER – WENDY GONZALEZ–CPCAN

Wendy was born and raised in Detoit, Michigan. Earned a B.S. In Liberal Arts from Columbia College, Chicago, IL. She has worked in the graphics communications field for over 20 years. In 2009, she earned a graduate certificate in Non-profit management from EMU. She was hired as Executive Director for CPCAN in 2010.

CPCAN –primary focus on to educate and strengthen the community and focus on prevention. It seeks to prevent child abuse and neglect before it happens through education. In 2014, 35,351 children under 17, 8,274 living in poverty, 24% in Jackson County. 1001 abused, 27.8% confirmed abuse and/or neglected.

CPCAN has trained over 800 people. It is made up of 73 local councils and is funded by the Michigan children's trust fund. \$20,000 Jackson gets this amount and most of this is Wendy's salary, she has 1 bookkeeper. CPCAN has gotten a lot smaller in the last few years. CPCAN has many training programs they have done. 2015 – "How to deescalate child abuse situations in public places". They have trained the library staff on this. "Basic Discipline- working with strong willed children" – trained ABC academy. "Mandated Reported Training" 2015 – 15 trainings – over 800 people. For every adult trained, it will protect 10 children. Another area they focus on is Safe Sleep Practices. A-Sleep Alone, B – on their back, C-empty crib. One child dies in Michigan every 3 days due to sleep related environments. P-U-R-P-L-E – prevent shaken baby syndrome, period of purple crying. Teaching parents to know when things are escalating and what to do. Also have the Nurturing Father's Programs. The pinwheel represents all children deserve a great childhood. CPCAN also does educational neglect assessments. Helps

families deal with truancy. They have many educational messages, ways to show love to your children, safe sleep practices, positive summer activities for teens, tips for new parents, importance of nurturing Father's and celebrating parents awareness month. This presentation was very interesting and humbling. It's amazing that this director is so com passionate.

Robyn Winneroski, Recording Secretary

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#### PERMANENT RESERVATION LIST

These are the members we currently have on the permanent reservation list for general assembly meetings as of April 19, 2016. If you'd like to add/remove your name from this list please contact Robyn Winneroski.

Mary Jo Skojec  
Cierra Sowle  
Coletta Crews (lunch only)  
Erin Carr  
Jennifer Meade  
Patti Clark  
LeeAnna Kloack  
Robyn Winneroski  
Julie Wartella  
Pam Maynard

If you are not going to be attending a meeting, please contact Robyn Winnerowski prior to the scheduled meeting.

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#### MEETING/INVOCATIONLIST

##### 2016

Tues., April 19	luncheon	Jennifer Meade
Tues., May 17	luncheon	Cierra Sowle
Tues., June 21	luncheon	Robyn Winneroski
Tues., July 19	luncheon	Kelsee Bearinger
August	(no meeting)	
Thurs., Sept. 22	evening (NALS of MI )	Marion R. Stone
Tues., Oct. 18	luncheon	Pam Maynard
Tues., Nov 15	luncheon	Jody Snyder
Tues., Dec. 20	luncheon or open house	

##### 2017

Tues., Jan. 17	luncheon	Erin Carr
Tues., Feb. 21	luncheon	Coletta Crews
Thurs., March 16	evening – Elections	Patti Clark
Thurs. April 20	evening – Installation	Jennifer Meade

All general assembly meetings will be held at the Courthouse in Judge Rappleye's jury room unless otherwise announced. Lunches will be \$5.00 and dinner order off the menu.

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## NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

MONTHLY MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016  
NOON

Judge Rappleye's Jury Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
312 South Jackson Street  
Jackson, MI 49201

PROGRAM:  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
WITH  
HON. JOSEPH FILIP

**12<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

312 South Jackson Street, Jackson, MI 49201



Lunch: Subs, salad, chips,  
pop and dessert, \$5.00

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:  
Robyn Winneroski (517) 788-6290  
Or email  
[robyn.girodatmarienfeldlaw@comcast.net](mailto:robyn.girodatmarienfeldlaw@comcast.net)  
(Permanent reservation members-  
Please call if you are unable to attend)

## FROM THE EDITOR

I want to thank everyone for attending my retirement party. It was great to have the support of all of our members.

Marion



NALS OF MICHIGAN 55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING  
MICROSOFT OUTLOOK SEMINAR REPORT  
"WORK SMARTER (NOT HARDER) TO MANAGE YOUR OUTLOOK ACCOUNT"

The seminar was presented by Richelle McFate who works at Foster Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C., as the Help Desk and Training Coordinator. For 15 years, she has provided technical support and software training to legal professionals. At Foster Swift, she uses remote access to troubleshoot a variety of software applications and develops custom databases, manages SharePoint site, and does web design. She is also a contributor of articles for Facts and Findings, which is a national bi-monthly magazine published for paralegals.

Richelle suggested that when we start the day on Outlook, our first impulse is to open our new mail in the inbox. She feels it is better to review the calendar and tasks before dealing with e-mail so that we can deal with the tasks of the day. Outlook can be customized to start in "Outlook Today" view or in Calendar Mode. She suggested we keep the in-box clean and to make folders and keep them in categories, such as work related, personal matters, newsletters that you receive, vendors, etc.

Quick tips to improve calendaring efficiency: Show more calendars in the navigation pane on the left by dragging down on the bar just above the list of available calendars. There is no need to open every appointment to manage its details. From your calendar view, click once on an appointment to select it, then use the tools provided in the ribbon to add reminder time and/or tones, set recurrence, invite attendees, and more. Quickly change appointments on the calendar by dragging and dropping them on a date on the mini calendar in the navigation pane. If you work on a team and schedule meetings on a regular basis, consider creating a calendar group with all the team members so that you can quickly review all the calendars at once for availability. To review all the calendars in a group, check the box beside the group name in the navigation panel.

Richelle's handout covered many tips for Outlook, and If anyone would like a copy of the handout, please let me know, and I will send you a copy.

LeeAnna Kloack, PLS

**NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT  
May 9, 2016**

April's Prize Raffle brought in \$16.00 for the Sunshine Fund.

A Get Well card was sent to Attorney Steve Conley.

A Congratulatory Card was sent to Terri Garber, NALS of Michigan outgoing chair and parliamentarian.

A Sympathy card was sent to Judge Falahee on the loss of his mother.

A Sympathy card was sent to Attorney Charles Perlos on the loss of his father, Judge Alex Perlos.

Sunshine Fund Balance is \$64.30.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsee L. Bearinger

**NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY  
LAW DAY COMMITTEE REPORT  
May 9, 2015**

Law Day 2016 was held on May 5, 2016 at the Jackson County Country Club. Mr. Jerry Jarzynka (Jackson County Prosecutor) was the speaker. He spoke about the History of Miranda.

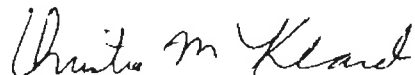
The Country Club provided an excellent breakfast. Mr. Andrew Fries of Comerica Bank welcomed everyone to the event. Ms. Cierra Sowle introduced our speaker. Ms. Katie Braingan, Esq. introduced the Liberty Bell winner, Mr. Schuette of the Jackson County Police Department.

We received coverage of the event from Legal News, covered by Mary Steinmetz.

I want to thank Cierra Sowle and everyone else that has been so helpful this year.

Comerica Bank and the Jackson County Bar Association shared the cost of the event (\$ 570.00 each).

Respectfully submitted,



Christine M. Kloack

TO: Chapter Presidents  
FROM: Paula Steffey, CLP, Finance Committee Chair  
SUBJECT: Chinese Gift Auction  
DATE: May 14, 2016

The Finance Committee is already working on a fundraiser for the 2017 Annual Meeting and we need everyone's help. We will be having a Chinese Gift Auction where brand new "gifts" will be put together to make beautiful gift baskets of various themes.

I would greatly appreciate you passing along this information to the members of your chapter. With everyone's help I know we will be successful!!

**So how can you help? That is easy!!**

Have you ever received a gift that is really nice, but you will never use it? Have stuck it in your bottom drawer? Would love to re-gift it, but to whom? Re-gift it to NALS OF MICHIGAN!!!

That beautiful set of stationery that you received, despite never writing letters, is too good to use for scrap paper. What about the soft, fuzzy pair of slippers that is a size too small? Or the one too many coffee mugs you received this year – doesn't anyone know you don't drink coffee? What about the jewelry you received that doesn't go with a single outfit you own (and doesn't make your eyes sparkle)? You get the idea.

Maybe you are a bargain shopper and picked up several items that were on clearance for 70-90% off.

We are collecting all of those brand new, never used gifts between May 1, 2016 and February 1, 2017. Please bring your items to Paula Steffey at any of the board meetings, chapter meetings, or get in contact with her for a special meeting time and place.

Contact information for Paula Steffey  
Address: 3240 Pondview Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
Phone: (269) 377-9341  
Email: westernmom40@gmail.com



# 2016 Golf Outing & Picnic

## Thursday, August 4th @ 12 noon

4 Person Scramble  
Non-Members Welcome



LAKELAND HILLS GOLF COURSE  
5119 Page Avenue, Jackson, MI

Golf \$30.00 per person  
(includes 18 holes, cart, prizes)

Not a golfer? Please join us for a  
picnic dinner after the scramble!

Sponsored by:



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enhance  
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Free Picnic @ 5:00 p.m.



### 2016 JCBA/NALS GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM: (Please RSVP by July 28<sup>th</sup>)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Average score (9 hole game): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's Average score (9 hole game): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select which events you will attend:**

Golf and Picnic (\$30.00 per person) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Only (\$30.00 per person) x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Picnic Only (@ 5:00 p.m.) x \_\_\_\_\_ = FREE

**Please mail Registration Form and Payment to:**

JCBA, P.O. Box 487, Jackson, MI 49204

\*\* Registration forms may also be emailed to Judge Mazur at [dmazur@co.jackson.mi.us](mailto:dmazur@co.jackson.mi.us) \*\*