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A message from Marion, the NALS of Jackson County President and Editor.....

The NALS of Michigan annual meeting in Midland had some great seminars and you can read about them in this issue. The members from Jackson always have a great time and this year was no different. I hope more members can attend the meeting next year at the Livonia Laurel Park Marriott.

The tree we planted in memory of Carol Wrozek was just beautiful this year. I hope everyone had a chance to see it while it is blooming.

The financial review report and Law Day report are included in this issue.

Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Janette Carras, June 16

Laurie Kincanon, June 13



Minutes of the April 16 Meeting

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The monthly meeting of NALS of Jackson County was held Thursday, April 16, 2015, at Hard Knock Grill, President, Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Mary Jo Skojec, Recording Secretary, took the roll call of all members present. There were 12 members present and two guests (NALS of Michigan Vice President, Lucinda Broecker and Mary Steinmetz from Legal News).

VICE PRESIDENT: Jennifer Meade, CER – Tara was not able to make it tonight, but will invite her to another meeting (intern for Steve Makulski-not from Legal News). She is ready to pass the records onto Christine Kloack.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Mary Jo Skojec - The minutes of the March meeting were published. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved as published. Records are ready to be passed onto Jennifer Meade, CER.

TREASURER: LeeAnna Kloack, PLS - Financial report dated March 31, 2015, was distributed. It will be filed subject to review. No bills to present for payment.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Christine Kloack - Well wishes card sent to Patsy Hooker for recovery from surgery. Congratulations card sent to Brady LeConte for the birth of her baby girl. Sympathy cards sent to Kari Peterson, NALS of West Michigan, for the loss of her father and to Wil Antonides, NALS of Michigan, for the loss of his father-in-law. Sunshine Fund cash on hand is \$25.80.

DIRECTOR: Erin Carr, PP, PLS - Has tickets for sale for the NALS of Michigan raffle.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE: Jodi Snyder/LeeAnna Kloack - Suggested scrip cards again and also possibly a wine and canvas fundraiser.

PROGRAM/RESERVATION: Cierra Sowle – to be determined.

WEBSITE: Mary Jo Skojec – Nothing to report. Need to update.

NEWSLETTER: LeeAnna Kloack, PLS - Deadline is 1st of the month.

LAW DAY: Christine Kloack - Reservations are coming in. Good response so far. Brian Bailey will be there for Comerica.

AUDIT: Mary Jo Skojec will audit the books.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE LIST: List is being circulated for 2015-2016. Please sign up for a committee. Discussed the Legal Professional of the Year and Boss of the Year.

BYLAWS: Marion Stone, PP, PLS, reviewed Bylaws after change made at last meeting. Found other things we could change. Since NALS of Michigan's Bylaws allow student members to vote if they are allowed to vote in their chapter, we could make that change for NALS of Jackson County.

The Bylaws state the Vice President shall investigate the qualifications of a nominee for Honorary Membership and report to the Board of Directors, who upon a two-thirds vote, shall submit the nomination to the members. Honorary members do not pay dues. Do we have any individuals that qualify?

We should also change our regular meeting from the third Thursday to just say once a month or make it very generic. We would have to give 30 days' notice to make the change.

NALS OF MICHIGAN

Annual Meeting – April 24-25 in Midland, Michigan. Erin Carr still has raffle tickets available. NALS of Jackson County will do a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Anyone interested today?

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

PRESIDENT: Marion Stone, PP, PLS
VICE PRESIDENT: Christine M. Kloack
DIRECTOR/GOVERNOR: Erin Carr, PP, PLS
RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer Meade, CER
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Cierra Sowle
TREASURER: LeeAnna Kloack, PLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NALS of Michigan Annual Meeting – April 24-25, 2015, Midland, Michigan.
NALs of Jackson County - Board Meeting - May 11, 2015, at noon - Courthouse (second floor).
NALs of Jackson County - General Membership Meeting – May 19, 2015, at noon.
NALs 64th Annual Education Conference, October 8-10, 2015, Las Vegas, Nevada

Adjourn: 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Jo Skojec, Recording Secretary

NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY Director's Annual Meeting Report

April 30, 2016

I attended the 54th NALS of Michigan Annual Meeting and Conference in Midland on April 24-25, 2015. The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn of Midland and the location, conference/meeting space, meals, etc. were all perfect. The meeting started with President Renee Stout calling the meeting to order, followed by the chapter directors procession, Color Guard, singing of the Star Spangled Banner and reading of the NALS Code of Ethics. Marty Wazbinki, the Mayor Pro-tem of Midland welcomed our group and Ruth Schaub followed by an introduction of our 2014-2015 officers. She did this in a very touching power point presentation of various pictures of the officers. The board, committee chairs, past presidents and past legal professionals of the year were recognized. It was announced that there were five first timers in attendance.

Credentials reported there were 26 delegates. Last year's annual meeting minutes were approved and this year's annual meeting agenda was approved with a few changes.

Heidi Hopper presented the financial report and it was voted that under budget items be reallocated to over budget items, if any. It was reported that the treasurer's records were in good order. We selected candidate #2 as our scholarship winner. The scholarship recipient is Morgan Lavender, who is NALS of Michigan member, Sandy Lavender's daughter. She was in New York with her high school band and they let her know on speaker phone that she was our recipient. She was very grateful.

The bylaw amendments were put to a vote and there was a slight change to replace annual meeting committee with two committees - current annual meeting and future annual meeting. There was much discussion regarding the Certification Committee and the Clara LaGow plaque that is awarded to a chapter each year who has the highest percentage of members who are certified in the past year. It was agreed to change the standing rule regarding this to present an individual plaque OR \$50 to the chapter who wins in the future and do away with the traveling plaque.

The 2015-2016 budget as presented was approved, with the exception that 2 items were deleted (NALs President Gift Fund & State Bar Liaison) and those amounts were added to Miscellaneous.

The 2015-2016 board was elected, as follows:

President - Vicki Ballinger, PLS
President Elect - Wil Antonides, ALP
Vice President - Diane Berry, PLS
Executive Secretary - Lynn Philp
Treasurer - Jodi Velez
Parliamentarian - Julie Cowles
Executive Advisor - Sandy Lavender, CHRS

Nominations committee for the coming year was selected with Donielle Rikli, PP as Chair and Kathy Ann Blunck and Karen Rubin-Fortier, committee members. NALS of West Michigan bid on the 2017 annual meeting to be held in Grand Rapids. More will be reported at the next board meeting.

The NALS of Michigan raffle and local raffles were held. It was reported that the Past Presidents Chinese jewelry auction raised \$525 for our scholarship fund.

The next board meeting will be held at Foster Swift in Lansing in June. More information will be forthcoming.

I wish to thank the members of NALS of Jackson County for your support of our association and look forward to the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin C. Carr, PP, PLS
Director 2015-2016

NALS OF MICHIGAN 54th ANNUAL MEETING
Midland, Michigan
Strengthening Ourselves – Domestic Violence 101:
Complex Dynamics of a Common Cause
April 24, 2015
Domestic Violence Panel:
Daniel Duke, Criminal Defense Attorney
Janine Ouderkirk, Executive Director of Shelterhouse
J. Dee Brooks, Midland County Prosecutor
Hon. Michael D. Carpenter, 75th District Judge
Scott Stephenson, Midland County Sheriff

These five individuals are all members of the Domestic/Sexual Assault Coordinating Counsel in Midland, Michigan. They all offered a different perspective on the dynamics and procedures involving domestic violence.

Sheriff Stephenson, started the presentation by sharing some of the procedures and protocol taken by law enforcement. First there's a call to 9-1-1. This could be by a third party, the victim or simply a hang-up. If the call comes through the 9-1-1 operator gets as much information as he/she can; who's there, weapons, injuries, animals. Officer will check criminal history, check for possible conditional bonds and/or PPO's that may be in LEIN. When

they arrive, they'll observe the scene, look, listen. They will make contact and interview the victim, interview the suspect if he/she is present, interview witnesses and get relationship and history. Parties are interviewed separately on two occasions and then a report is filed with the prosecutor's office.

Ms. Ouderkirk, advises that Shelterhouse is contacted immediately by law enforcement who provides contact information for the victim and the victim is contacted by an advocate from the shelter. The victim is made aware of the availability of services through the shelter.

Mr. Brooks, Midland County Prosecutor, receives the report from law enforcement, which is reviewed within twenty – four hours to determine whether or not charges will be authorized. A charge of domestic violence is determined by, marriage, child in common, dating relationship, living together current/past, or roommates. Without intervention, the violence escalates. Defendants are made aware that the prosecution is brought by the State, not the victim. Hearsay statements (excited utterance), statements made to law enforcement by the victim at or near the time of the incident can be testified to by the officer. If the defendant enters a guilty plea at some point during the proceedings, the plea can be taken by the Court under MCL 769.4a, spouse abuse act. The file is made nonpublic, there is no conviction and ultimately a dismissal entered if all terms of any plea agreement and or sentencing are completed successfully.

Mrs. Ouderkirk then talked about sexual assault trauma. Interviews by victims can be confused, disorganized or inconsistent, but recall is accurate just fragmented. During an assault stress hormones, Catecholamine (natural adrenaline) Corticosteroids (Energy), Opioids (natural morphine), and Oxytocin (good feeling) can affect behavior during an assault. The victim's cognitive responses, after the incident, may result in could have, would have, should have thoughts, after the stress chemicals have disipated. First responders need to have patience, empathy and understanding. Shelterhouse works with both victims and batterers to stop the violence. They offer a twenty-six week batterer intervention program for defendants.

Mr. Duke, defense attorney, is the advocate for the defendant. He indicates that a thorough investigation and report prepared by law enforcement can make his job easier. Audio and/or video interviews can be used to support or discredit statements made by the defendant and/or the victim.

Hon. Carpenter, the judge presiding over the case takes some control over the defendant by handing down an appropriate sentence, possibly probation and/or jail. Victim's Rights and the Prosecutor's Office make sure the victim knows what to do based on their needs and can help provide long term sources. Again, first offenders can be eligible for a deferred sentence that is non-public and will ultimately result in a dismissal if all terms and conditions set out by the Court are met successfully.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Meade, CER
NALS of Jackson County Recording Secretary

Annual Meeting Report

The Exhibitors Luncheon was held on April 24 in conjunction with the Educational Sessions of the NALS of Michigan Annual Meeting and Education Conference held in Midland, Michigan. There were 13 exhibitors and vendors present this year. V. Kay Rushton gave the invocation and Beverly A. Bishop introduced the vendors and exhibitors. Nancy Sunday won a Panera gift card from Network Reporting and Patti Clark won a bottle of wine from Powers Kilburn & Associates.

The Certification Luncheon was held on Saturday. Beverly A. Bishop gave the invocation and following a buffet lunch, Teresa M. Garber introduced the speaker, attorney Diana L. Lamphiere. Ms. Lamphiere spoke on her ALP preparation class that she teaches at Davenport University. This is a stand-alone class which earns 3 credits. Teresa Garber then introduced the five newly certified the ALP members with only one in attendance, Jennifer Stratton from Grand Traverse. There were no members that sat for the PLS exam, and then she announced that one member attained her PP certification, Donna Raaymakers of West Michigan.

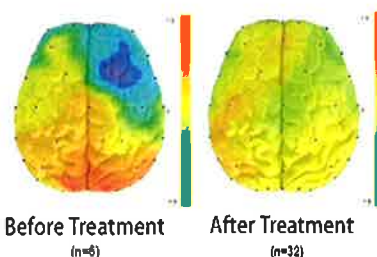
Janette Carras

NALS of Michigan
Annual Meeting 2015
Seminar – Traumatic Brain Injury
Friday, April 24, 2015

The seminar on Traumatic Brain Injury was very enlightening. It was fascinating to learn of the many ways the brain heals itself (with a little assistance).

Speakers: Jeffrey S. Leighton, professor of Biopsychology, Cognitive Psychology, and Memory and Learning; Todd Nadeau, a Pediatric Psychologist and Clinical Director of Cognitive Neuro Treatment and Traumatic Brain Injuries at Performance Psychology in Brighton.

Mr. Nadeau spoke of his work with soldiers exposed to IED bomb blasts, and the traumatic effects on the brain. His treatment uses specialized MRI's that locate micro-brain injury. The specialized MRI, in conjunction with EEG and a Neuropsychological evaluation, allows the treatment specialist to create a "brain map" to assist in treatment. This "brain map" shows areas of the brain that are damaged and, when compared to scans during various stages of treatment, can assess the actual progress made.



Technology is always evolving and can help not only people with traumatic brain injury, but also in cases of ADHD, and other disorders where there are actual differences in brain wave activity that can be read with this specialized equipment and new treatments to “train” the brain.

Interesting seminar with lots of information.

Patricia S. Clark

**NALS of Jackson County
Report on Annual Meeting
April 24-25, 2015**

My reports are about the seminar on Renewal Energy and the Saturday night banquet. The speaker was Kim Walton from the Michigan Renewal Energy Center at Grand Valley State University. Renewal energy is energy from natural resources, sunlight, wind, rain, tides and geothermal heat. She said there were 6.5 million jobs created by renewal energy. She talked about wind turbines in Michigan and I was surprised that the larger turbines produce exponentially more power than smaller ones. The most recent ones to come to Michigan came by boat from Spain.

The Master of Ceremonies for the Banquet was Terry A. Blakely, Lt. Col. USA, Ret. Who works with Vicki Ballinger at Foster Swift. The NALS of Michigan Scholarship was presented to Morgan Lavender, daughter of Past President, Sandy Lavender. Morgan was in New York but we saw a video of her. The Clara LaGow award was presented to Grand Traverse Area LP and the Legal Professional of the Year is Dolores Oliver. The officers were installed by Michelle Spiker, PLS from NALS of Lansing. The officers are:

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Treasurer	Jody Valez
Secretary	Lynn Philp, PLS
Executive Advisor	Sandy Lavender
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Submitted by: Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS



2014-2015 Committees

<i>Finance</i>	Jennifer Meade, Cierra Sowle
<i>Raffles</i>	Patti Clark
<i>Certification</i>	
<i>Program & Reservations</i>	Robyn Winneroski, Eva Paluck Julie Wartella
<i>Publication</i>	Marion Stone
<i>Scholarship</i>	Janette Carras
<i>Christmas Basket</i>	LeeAnna Kloack
<i>Nominations</i>	Mary Jo Skojec
<i>Public Relations</i>	Nancy Sunday
<i>Law Day</i>	Christine Kloack
<i>Court Observance</i>	Jodi Snyder
<i>Bosses' Night or Luncheon</i>	
<i>Boss of the Year</i>	
<i>Legal Professional of the Year</i>	
<i>Legal Education</i>	
<i>Web Site</i>	Mary Jo Skojec

If you would like to serve on a committee or have any questions, please contact President Marion.

Why not contact a fellow member and work together as co-chairs? This is a great way to get involved and working with another member not only shares the duties, but adds to the fun!

NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

FINANCIAL REPORT

On April 29, 2015, Mary Jo Skojec examined NALS of Jackson County's books. Treasurer LeeAnna Kloack provided information for my review.

I went through the checkbook, checking account statements and the savings account statements. The accounts seemed to be in order.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank LeeAnna Kloack for the excellent job she has done as our Treasurer this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Skojec

NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

**MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
AT NOON
JUDGE RAPPLEYE'S JURY
ROOM**

LUNCH \$5.00

**RECOVERY COURT
VETERANS TREATMENT TRACK**



**SPEAKERS:
JACOB STRESSMAN
NEWELL TRUPEL**

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PLEASE RSVP
(PERMANENT RESERVATION
MEMBERS, PLEASE CALL IF YOU'RE
UNABLE TO ATTEND)**

NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY LAW DAY COMMITTEE REPORT May 7, 2015

Law Day 2015 was held on May 6, 2015 at the Jackson County Country Club. Ms. Kerry Kona Chartkoff (retired Capitol Historian) was the speaker. She spoke about the importance and accomplishments of native Jacksonian Austin Blair. Her speech was enjoyed by all that attended.

The Country Club provided an excellent breakfast. Ms. Ryan Bailey of Comerica Bank welcomed everyone to the event. Mr. Richard Mills, Esq, introduced our speaker. Ms. Katie Braingan, Esq. introduced the Liberty Bell winner, Teasha J. Smith, she is a Domestic Violence Advocate.

We received coverage of the event from the Jackson Citizen Patriot by Theresa Ghiloni and the Legal News, by Frank Wier.

I want to thank Nancy Sunday for helping with the publicity 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