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"JENNIFER'S JOURNEY"

"Leaders don't force people to follow; they invite them on a journey." Charles S. Lauer

April showers, bring May flowers. The flowers in my yard are coming up, some have bloomed already. Time to do the yard work, mow the lawn. I don't know about you, but I love the smell of fresh cut grass.

As we discussed at our last meeting, Cierra Sowle and I will be assisting the Jackson County Bar Association on behalf of NALS of Jackson County to plan their annual golf outing. We had our first meeting on April 21, 2016. The event will be at Lakeland Hills Golf Course on August 4th, 2016 at 12:30.

If you haven't received an invoice from NALS for your membership dues, please go to the NALS website to check your status. Nancy Sunday and I received an email that our membership was about to expire. We had not received any invoice prior to the email. I was able to make my payment on line. I have received confirmation of payment.

Jennifer G. Meade, CER
President



Minutes of the April 19 Meeting

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The monthly meeting of NALS of Jackson County was held Tuesday, April 19, 2016. President, Jennifer G. Meade, CER called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m..

Robyn Winneroski, Recording Secretary, took the roll call of all members present. There were 14 members present and 2 guests – Mary – Legal News and Bruce Van Eyck of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

VICE PRESIDENT: Cierra Sowle: Present.

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 pizza lunch costs from Marion Stone. Money of \$5.00 per person was collected for lunch.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Robyn Winneroski: The minutes of the March 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 \$47.30. Cards will go out this month for Attorney Steve Conley who is ill and Charles Falahee's mother passed away. Raffle was held for a prize of a picnic set.

DIRECTOR: Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS: Ms. Stone reported that all members can now vote. She will now be acting as a liaison.

COMMITTEES:

New Committees List: Passed around for sign-up and will be published.

Meeting dates/invocation list will be published.

Programs/Reservations: Robyn Winneroski, Eva Paluck, Julie Wartella, Kelsee Bearinger. May 17, 2016 –Speaker, Wendy Gonzalez, Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse (CPCAN). Discussed permanent reservation list – decided everyone will be on the list and will call if cannot make it to the meeting.

Scribae: Marion Stone, PP PLS – submit articles for the 1st of the month for publication by the 10th.

JBCA plans to sponsor a golf outing this summer/early fall. There is a committee meeting next Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 12:00 at the Hunt Club. We have not picked a date or location for the event but we thought it would be nice to

include NALS as a potential partner/sponsor and open the event up to attorneys and legal professionals. The group was interested in helping and possibly participating.

NALS

NALS Docket will merge with our current NALS Industry News and Viwes weekly email beginning mid May 2016. All content and articles will link directly to NALS.org website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NALS of Michigan Annual Meeting Reports: To be published.

NALS of Jackson County Board Meeting – May 10, 2016 at 12:00 at Courthouse.

NALS of Jackson County General Assembly Meeting – May 17, 2016 at 12:00 – Courthouse.

NALS 64th Annual Education Conference, October 6-8, 2016 – Murfreesboro, TN

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS SPEAKER

GUEST SPEAKER – BRUCE VAN EYCK – BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF JACKSON

Bruce is the Director, but will be retiring in June of 2016. Big Brothers and sisters started in the Court 49 years ago by Jackson Catholic Charities. Jerard Jarzynka is on the board. Historically has always been here to serve the children, they take no money from the national organization.

The program interviews prospective children, parents and guardians. There needs to be a long term “fit”. It is all about mentoring in this program. They check out all references. “He who hesitates is lost”. They have a large school program in which Big Brothers and Sisters mentor children in the school environment. 1 hour per week for a minimum of 9 months is the commitment for volunteers. Less than that has a negative impact. They plan a variety of activities for the children like Breakfast with Santa, roller skating, horseback riding, Tigers trips, fishing, museums, etc. Volunteers do not put out any money, just their time. There are 50-70 kids on the waiting list ages 6-16.

They have many fund raisers in the community such as bowling tournaments, golf outing, comedy event, eats. Consumers Energy, United Way, Center for Family Health, a big sponsor.

Started a Jr. Big Program for the older kids, focusing on leadership. They can step up to be a Big Brother, Big Sister. Our member Pam Maynard is a Big Sister in the program.

Robyn Winneroski, Recording Secretary

REPORTS FROM ANNUAL MEETING

My reports are about the seminar on estate planning and the NALS of Michigan annual meeting.

The speaker for the estate planning seminar was Attorney Arlyn Bossenbrook. The topic was "What Happens to You and Your Estate when You Don't Plan." Most of what he covered were things that we already know and he just explained that we needed an estate plan. The presentation was one that he gave prospective clients. If anyone is interested in seeing his handout, let me know.

The annual meeting was very interesting and very long. NALS of Michigan currently has \$20,394.64 and the scholarship account has \$7,473.70. The proposed budget of \$11,200 was adopted. Most of the proposed bylaws were adopted including all member voting and changing president-elect into two vice president positions. The officers can also serve two year terms in the future. Voting will take place at annual meetings for officers, scholarship winner, budget, future annual meeting sites. Voting on the Standing Rules was put over to the next meeting.

A representative from the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City gave a presentation to bid for the 2018 annual meeting. However, the Grand Traverse chapter placed a bid and it will be up to them to find a location for the meeting.

The following were elected:

Vice President of Membership/Marketing	Kathy Ann Blunck
Vice President of Certification/Education	Julie Cowles
Executive Secretary	Paula Steffey
Treasurer	Jodi Velez

Wil Antonides will be president and Teri Garber will be parliamentarian. Annette Jeltma will be the chair of the Nominations committee.

Submitted by: Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS

Seminar on Ethics-How & Why the Legal Profession is Restructuring Certification Luncheon

Ethics: Victoria Vuletich was the speaker on ethics. She teaches Professional Responsibility at WMU Cooley Law School and formerly was staff ethics counsel for the State Bar of Michigan. She explained to us the revolution of the law system in the U.S. we are now experiencing, and compared it to how legal services are being administered in the U.K. She quoted Richard Susskind who wrote *The End of Lawyers*, saying "there will be more changes in the legal profession in the next 20 years than in the last two centuries." She explained how the U.K. authorizes entities to provide legal services. The "entities" may or may not employ attorneys. We are seeing this in the U.S. as Legal Zoom. In Canada there are "Access Law" offices in Walmarts! Many states are providing paralegals with limited licensure to practice law. Ms. Vuletich told us (but we already know) that overall lawyers aren't resilient. Attorneys for the most part don't like change, but to thrive they must embrace change.

Certification Luncheon: The Certification Luncheon on Saturday was exceptional, as always. Kathy Ann Blunck did the invocation. We had a wonderful lunch of sandwiches, soup and salads. Kathie Amirante was the speaker and she informed us of the challenges to keep abreast of new changes in the profession. She informed us that NALS has a task force in place to evaluate the current textbooks that are used for the exams. She also informed us that on the NALS website there is a Certification Relevancy forum, which I haven't had a change to look for yet. We were informed that the NALS practice exams (formerly "mock" exams) are being updated and would be available on the NALS website, and that the Certification Resource Manual would also be available on-line. As many already know, the PLS certification will be known as either the PLS or CLP. Renee Stout introduced the members who had attained the ALP, PLS (or CLP) and PP designations since the last annual meeting.

Submitted by: Erin C. Carr, PP, PLS

The Exhibitors Luncheon was held on Friday, April 8 in conjunction with the Educational Sessions of the NALS of Michigan Annual Meeting and Education Conference held in Livonia, Michigan. There were 9 exhibitors present this year. Jeanette L. Ranson, PLS gave the invocation and Vicki Ballinger PLS introduced the exhibitors. Patti Clark won a gift basket with gift cards.

One of the afternoon sessions was titled "What Happens to You and Your Estate When you Don't Plan?" presented by Arlyn Bossenbrook, an attorney from the Lansing area. While his presentation was not exactly on topic, in that he really didn't touch on what would happen if we didn't have a plan in place, I was able to gain the following information: Planning takes time and we should plan for the future. Mr. Bossenbrook indicated that all estate plans should be updated regularly.

Submitted by Janette Carras

DESTINATION SUCCESS

I am reporting on the Awards & Installation of Officers Banquet which took place on Saturday night at the Annual Meeting.

The evening began with Sandy Lavender as the master of ceremonies. Lynn Philp swore in the new board. Our new President, Wil Antonides, ALS, spoke about beginning a new year with our first "male" President. Teri Garber won Legal Professional of the Year and The Lagow Award was presented to Grand Traverse Chapter.

After a delicious dinner, the band "Soul Practitioners" performed. The Soul Practitioners area an all-lawyer band from Washtenaw County. They played primarily R & B and Motown with some rock and pop thrown in. There was dancing and fun had by everyone.

Report by: Pam Maynard

WE'RE MOVING!

As of May 1, 2016, Ronald L. Marienfeld II, formerly of Girodat & Marienfeld, PLC will be in a new location in our building!

Please make note of our new name, address and phone number:

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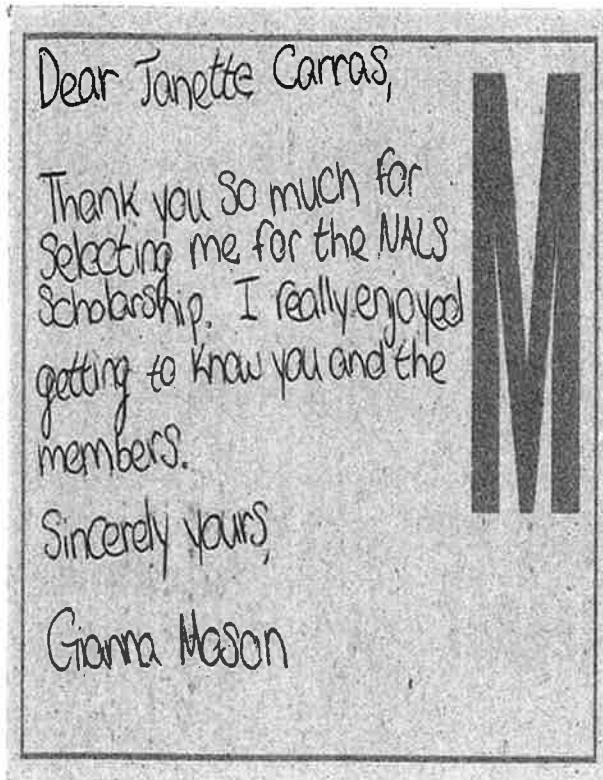
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(We are in the same building, Suite A)

Word Seminar

Apparently, Microsoft Word has a language of its own, and it is called "Styles". Taming the Demons was the name of the seminar presented by Valerie Wertheimer of Clark Hill Law Firm. Using Styles can streamline your production with faster formatting, and giving a consistent look and feel to your firm's documents. Styles allow you to save time when you need to make formatting changes across your entire document. Your document will have a more polished appearance. Styles also makes creating an Index or Table of Contents a snap. Overall, working with Styles can make your life much easier. It may take some practice if you are not already used to using them, but will be well worth the effort in the long run.

Submitted by: Patti Clark



Fun Report

Friday Morning travel to Livonia was different than normal. Since everyone was coming from different directions at different times, I was on my own travelling down my favorite highway (NOT!) Travel was not bad once I figured out my way around the orange barrel maze that is Michigan in Spring. Upon arriving in Livonia, I promptly checked in and browsed the Exhibitors while waiting for the next session to begin. As the second session was dismissing for lunch, I heard my name being called. Much to my surprise, I had won the first Exhibitors drawing of the day.....a fabulous basket of Ghiradelli Chocolate AND \$75 in VISA gift cards!!! WOW!!! Since I usually never win anything like that, this weekend is starting off well!!!

After an afternoon of seminars, we finally got checked into our room and were ready to go in search of a dining spot for the evening. We settled on a lively pub in the Mall attached to the hotel. Since nobody was really that hungry, we each ordered an appetizer and passed them around. Just right! Good food and conversation. A walk around the mall after dinner, and gathering in the room once Marion got back from the Past President's dinner. Nice quiet night reminiscing with great friends on past employers and past meetings.

Saturday meetings were interesting with all the new changes.....no more Delegates and Alternates!

Saturday night banquet was fabulous. The Soul Practitioners (all attorney band) were amazing! Great time had by all! Sunday morning breakfast and closing, then travel back to Jackson and the SNOW awaiting us. First half of my drive home was NOT fun at all. Snow and slippery roads. All in all a quiet weekend for annual meeting, but always fun to spend time with my Sisters in Law!

Submitted by: Patti Clark

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.

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	

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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.

NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY 2016-2017
COMMITTEE LIST

Committee/Chair

FINANCE/ RAFFLES

Jennifer Meade, Cierra Sowle, Erin Carr

CERTIFICATION

PUBLICATION

Marion Stone

SCHOLARSHIP

Janette Carras

CHRISTMAS BASKET

Patti Clark

NOMINATIONS

LeeAnna Kloack

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Nancy Sunday

LAW DAY

help - Erin Carr

COURT OBSERVANCE

LEGAL EDUCATION/SPEAKERS

Cierra Sowle, Robyn, Winneroski,
Jennifer Meade

WEBSITE

Mary Jo Skojec

PROGRAMS/RESERVATIONS

Robyn Winneroski, Kelsee Bearinger,
Eva Paluck, Julie Wartella

NALS OF JACKSON
COUNTY

MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016
NOON

Judge Rappleye's Jury Room, 4th Floor
312 South Jackson Street
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PROGRAM:
WENDY GONZALEZ
OF



Lunch: Coneys, pop and dessert
\$5.00

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