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## 'JENNIFER'S JOURNEY'

*At times our own light goes out  
And is rekindled by a spark from another person...  
Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude  
Of those who have lighted the flame within us.*

*Albert Schweitzer*

At this month's meeting our guest speaker will be Rick Mills. The topic will be taxation and charitable giving. I hope you all can join us.

We will be making plans for a get together in December. We will not be hosting our December open house this year. We are thinking of doing a craft project. Jodi Snyder has found an adorable snow man painting that we can all do. However, it may take more time than we have at lunch. We're considering an evening so we're not rushed.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Jennifer G. Meade, CER  
President



# Minutes of the October 18 Meeting

## OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY

The monthly meeting of NALS of Jackson County was held Tuesday, October 18, 2016. President, Jennifer Meade called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m..

Robyn Winneroski, Recording Secretary, took the roll call of all members present. There were 15 members present and 2 guests – Mary – Legal News, Kati– Chief Prosecutor

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Cierra Sowle: contacted baker college for the legal assistants program.

**TREASURER:** Erin Carr, PP, PLS:- The financial report for October 2016 was distributed for review. There were no corrections to the report. It is filed subject to review. No bills presented for payment.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Robyn Winneroski: The minutes of the October 2016 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 \$65.16. There was a raffle this month. There were knives, a candle and Halloween bag for the raffle. Card to Betty Knoll for bypass surgery. Cards were donated by Erin Carr.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

### COMMITTEES:

Programs/Reservations: November Guest Speaker – Attorney Richard Mills. November meeting, Tuesday 15, 2016, lunch to still be determined.

December meeting – discussed doing the craft, possibly painting.

Publication: Marion Stone, PP, PLS – submit publication by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

Law day 2017- 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, transforming democracy. Judge Mazur's has been approached.

Children's challenge next August Nals volunteers needed August 17, 2017. \$300.00 will be donated back to NALS for scholarships. There is a meeting, food, raffles, drawings for prizes. Fun for a good cause.

Fund Raising –Schwan's flyers passed out previously.

U of M Health System – collecting ribbons and buttons – donations to Eva Paluck by 11/7/16.

## NALS OF MICHIGAN

Will Antonides, NALS of Michigan President, sent out an update from the fall meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

NALS of Jackson County Board Meeting – November 8, 2016, at 12:00 at Judge Mazur's conference room.

NALS of Jackson County General Assembly Meeting – November 15, 2016, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Courthouse. Guest Speaker attorney Richard Mills.

**GUEST SPEAKER – Attorney Kati– Chief Prosecutor**

Kati graduated from the University of Michigan in 1991 and U of M Law School in 1994. She has 17 years as a prosecutor and began as a DV prosecutor. She spent several years in private practice as well with always a focus on “special victim” crimes – including CSC, Murder, Cold Cases.

In her personal life she has a husband of 22 years (together for 27 years) and 3 children. When she is not working she is running, knitting, crocheting and spending time with her family. She is also is obsessed and loves U of M football.

“The Comfort Dog” –“Canine Advocate” the Prosecutor's office is in the beginning stages of getting the canine advocate dog. They have made the application. Jerard Jarzynka was the big supporter of getting a dog and it has been a lengthy process so far. They have several unanswered questions such as training, owner, budget, food, vet bills, etc. There is a lot that goes into this and a lot of unknown things. In fact, they do not know of another court in Michigan who is currently doing this program. The main objective is to have the comfort dog be a supportive comfort mainly to children while testifying, etc. The dog will actually be allowed in court and will be on the child's side as they testify. The court has made strides in allowing different types of support in the Courtroom. Statute – Victim/MCL 600.2163(a) and Judge's control their own courtroom.

- a. Support person is ok.
- b. Can close the courtroom – although supposed to be public.
- c. 2014 video recorded depositions instead of child in courtroom. Although you have a right to sit in court so witnesses can confront the attorneys on the case and it's also more difficult to lie when you are present on the witness stand.
- d. Can use a witness screen.

We did not have much time to finish Kati's talk on the comfort dog. There are many unanswered questions but this a justifiable option for children and adults so they can confidently testify in court. There are a lot of unanswered questions as far as the dog and all that goes along with it. We are proud of the Prosecutor's office for taking this exciting step to benefit children and adults that need this type of

service. We look forward to the day when this is all put in place.

Robyn Winneroski, Recording Secretary

**Director's Report  
NALS 2016 Annual Meeting,  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

I attended the NALS 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference October 6-8, 2016. Seminars I attended included the keynote address by Dale Smith Thomas, "Should I Transfer my House to Kids," "Investigation into the Disappearance of Janet March," Entertainment Law, Grammar, Criminal Law, and "The Pokemon Go Phenomenon." The Janet March investigation was covered in 48 hours and was very interesting as the speakers were the actual prosecutor and investigating officer.

The Award of Excellence was presented to Marcie Carter, PP, PLS-SC, and runners-up were Amylyn Riedling, PP, PLS-SC, and Tara Brown, PP, PLS.

Dale Smith Thomas gave an excellent presentation and here are some changes she suggests to change your words:

- I am not angry – I am disenchanted
- I am not nervous – I am energized
- I am not stressed out – I am blessed out
- I am not overwhelmed – I am in demand

Erin, Patti and I had a great time visiting Nashville and the Oaklands Mansion in Murfreesboro. It is a nationally registered history landmark and was caught in the crossfire of the Civil War. We went to the Rutherford County Courthouse and tried to go to their new courthouse but found out we could not go in with our purses after we got there.

The slate of officers was announced as follows:

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**NALS OF JACKSON COUNTY  
MONTHLY MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016  
NOON**

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

**PROGRAM:  
ATTORNEY RICHARD MILLS  
TAXATION AND CHARITABLE GIVING**



**LUNCH – Chicken Pasta Salad,  
Fruit Salad, Dessert and Pop \$5.00**

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(Permanent reservation members-  
Please call if you are unable to attend)**

Members: The Board of Directors met today and would like to like to propose a crafting party for our members on December 13 in the evening.

We will discuss this at our meeting next week.

This is a picture of the proposed painting:

