

# MOTOWN MONITOR

NALS OF DETROIT



Newsletter

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## Message from the President



Thanks to all of you for the love and support I received when my father passed away recently.

The end of my second term is right around the corner. Who would have thought five or six years ago that I would be elected as your president? I certainly always knew that I wanted to play an active role in the chapter but never thought of myself as someone who would be qualified to be the president -- although I always had my dream. With the help and support of a wonderful board, I have accomplished that dream. Many changes have taken place over these past two years and we have accomplished a great deal. We are a chapter to be reckoned with and are highly regarded by NALS members at all levels. It has been my pleasure to serve as your president and I look forward to an exciting year ahead with the new board. New officers will be selected but the spirit will be the same -- *there is no "I" in team*. I would like to take this opportunity

to thank all of you who have served this association as officers, committee chair-people and committee members. I am stepping down -- not moving out. Special thanks goes to my Executive Advisor, Julaynne ("Jaye") R. Lukas without whose guidance, watchful eye and kick in the pants from time to time, I would surely have gotten myself into trouble.

Remember the three Rs of NALS...Recruiting, Retention, and Recognition!

**Kathleen Klish PLS**  
**NALS of Detroit President**  
**2003-2005**

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**Remember  
Keep It Simple  
Make It Fun!**



**April Birthday  
Bouquets to...**

19 GerryLynn A. Huber



**Monthly Meeting...**

The April meeting will be held on **April 11, 2005**, at **Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, PLC, 150 W. Jefferson, Suite 2500, Detroit, Michigan**. ☘.





## ALS/PLS /PP Study Group...

The ALS/PLS/PP Exams will be held at the Regional Meeting in Bay City. Anyone interested in starting a Study Group? ☘

## Membership...



Over 200 members attended the 2005 Professional Development and Education Conference in Tulsa. Prior to the conference, I was lucky enough to accompany new Immediate Past President Mary E. Burns, PP, PLS and Tammy Shatwell Mullins to dinner and the Theater Performance of 42<sup>nd</sup> Street at the in the Tulsa performing Arts Center at the TPAC Chapman Music Hall. It



was an awesome performance and indeed a privilege and pleasure Kathleen Klish, PLS, Sandy

Lavender and I all attended the NALS Professional Development & Education Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 10-12, 2005.

The NALS Foundation presented Scales of Justice Awards to NALS of Detroit, the Real Estate Section of the State Bar of Michigan, and Kent Morlan during the NALS

Professional Development and Leadership Conference earlier this month in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

NALS of Detroit and Special Counsel undertook a remarkable project this year, partnered with the Real Estate Section of the State Bar of Michigan and the lawfirm of Trott & Trott, PC, and will participate in one of two Habitat for Humanity Jimmy Carter 2005 International Blitz Build being held in Michigan cities this year, one being Detroit.

Members of NALS of Detroit, in conjunction with our partner, Special Counsel, had a goal to raise \$15,000 toward the project and will be participating in the building of the home. The members will use their personal days and vacation time during the week of the build and have spent countless hours raising funds for this project.

Because NALS of Detroit truly involved itself in a visible civic project in a manner that will embed its name in the legal community and promote the association and the good legal professionals do, the trustees of the NALS Foundation felt this project was deserving of a Scales of Justice award presented to a NALS chapter.

A second Scales of Justice Award was presented to NALS of Detroit for them to present to the Real Estate Section of the State Bar of Michigan. They too committed their resources to this worthwhile project.

Also receiving a Scales of Justice Award at the conference was a local Tulsa attorney who first spoke to NALS a decade ago. He talked about personal computers,

the internet, legal research online, email, working from home – all of which, at that time, were extremely new concepts. Mr. Morlan continues to support NALS in many ways, and opened the eyes of our leaders and members, encouraging us to embrace the changes technology “forced” on us. In recognition of his achievements in the profession and his commitment to NALS, the NALS Foundation was honored to recognize him.

The Scales of Justice Award is a recognition given by the NALS Foundation to recognize individuals who make significant contributions in one of the following areas:

- improve access to justice; improve
- the quality of legal services;
- promote the legal profession; support the community where they work and live. ☘

## Welcome New Members

**Anita E. Jones  
Dickinson Wright PLLC  
Gayle A. Lawson  
Bruce, Calkins, Khan  
and Stimpson, PLLC**

**Nicole Leff  
Special Counsel  
Jason Manke  
Special Counsel  
Eva Skoczylas  
Miller Canfield Paddock  
and Stone, PLC**

**Vernelle Jean Aiyela, PLS  
NALS of Detroit  
Vice President &  
Membership Chairman**



## Recipe Corner...

By Roberta H. Welch, PLS



### Glazed Chocolate Sour Cream Cake

1 pkg. (2-layer size) devil's food cake mix  
1 cup plus 2 Tbsp. BREAKSTONE'S or KNUDSEN Sour Cream, divided  
3 Tbsp. MAXWELL HOUSE Instant Coffee, divided  
1 Tbsp. hot water  
1 container (7 oz.) BAKER'S Real Milk Dipping Chocolate  
2 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted  
1 cup thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping  
1 cup each halved strawberries and raspberries  
**GREASE** and flour 2 (9-inch) round cake pans. Line bottoms of pans with wax paper. Prepare cake mix as directed on package, substituting 1 cup of the sour cream for all of the water. Stir in 2 Tbsp. of the instant coffee. Spread batter into prepared pans. Bake as directed on package. Cool 10 min.; remove from pans. Immediately remove wax paper. Cool completely on wire racks.  
**DISSOLVE** remaining 1 Tbsp. instant coffee in water. Melt dipping chocolate as directed on container. Stir in butter, dissolved instant coffee and remaining 2 Tbsp. sour cream; mix until well blended. Place 1/3 cup of the chocolate mixture in medium bowl; gently stir in whipped topping.  
**PLACE** 1 cake layer on serving plate. Spread with whipped topping mixture. Top with second cake layer. Pour remaining warm chocolate glaze mixture over top of filled cake, allowing it to drip over sides. Pile berries on top of cake. Refrigerate 30 min. or until chocolate glaze is set.

Courtesy of Kraft Foods

## Please Mark Your Calendars...



### Administrative Professionals Week

April 24-30, 2005

### Administrative Professionals Day®

April 27, 2005

**2005 Theme:** The theme for the 2005 observance of Administrative Professionals Week will be "Innovation Advances Administrative Professionals."

April 29-May 1, 2005

NALS of Michigan  
Annual Meeting  
Park Place Hotel  
Traverse City, Michigan

May 13, 2005

49<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Banquet

August 5-7, 2005

Region 3 Meeting  
Doubletree Hotel Bay City-  
Riverfront 1 Wenonah Park Place,  
Bay City, MI



October 20-23, 2005

NALS 54th Annual Education  
Conference & National Forum  
Buffalo/Niagara Fall, New York  
- Adam's Mark Hotel  
Room Reservations:  
1-800-444-2326

## NALS Online Learning Center

The NALS Certifying Board and the Education Committee are having a joint session in the Online Learning Center next



Wednesday, April 13, 2005, that is geared toward ALL

education/program/certification/study group chairs. We will provide helpful tips and answer questions - a not-to-miss event for everyone, but especially for those new to chairing these important committees in their states or chapters.

The weekly online learning center sessions are held on Wednesday nights, at 9:00 pm Central Time.

**April 6** Retention & Recognition

**April 13** Education/Certification Q&A

**April 20** NALS Marketing Plan: State/Local Marketing Chair Q&A

**April 27** Assertive Communication Skills

## NALS Online Study Group...



The weekly online study group sessions are held on Tuesday nights, from 8:00

pm to 9:30 pm Central Time, and Session 1 is scheduled for May 31, 2005.

# Change in Status Form

YOU MUST FILL IN ALL COLUMNS

**Reason For Change:**

- Preferred Address
- Address Correction
- Name Change
- Transfer Member
- Deceased

**Your NALS Membership #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OLD INFORMATION:**  Business  Home

**NEW INFORMATION:**  Business  Home

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Association: \_\_\_\_\_

State Association: \_\_\_\_\_

State Association: \_\_\_\_\_

- Primary Chapter
- Member-at-Large
- Associate Member

- Primary Chapter
- Member-at-Large
- Associate Member

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