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## Message from the President ...



The words "Auld Lang Syne," simply translated "the good old times," are often heard at the beginning of a new year. I hope all of you have enjoyed your NALS membership during my term in office and also hope that you share in the pride and exhilaration of the many wonderful accomplishments that we have made within such a short span of time.

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## Board of Governor's Meeting



### Saturday, February 4, 2006

The Board of Governors meeting will be held in our State Capitol, at the State Bar of Michigan Building, 306 Townsend Street Lansing, Michigan on Saturday, February 4, 2006. The seminar topic will be "Ethics – Do's & Don'ts" All are welcome to attend. If you have not had a chance to attend a Board of Governors meeting, this would be a great opportunity to get your feet wet. Meeting materials have been sent, so if you are planning on attending, please let me know and I will forward them to you.

## CLE After Hours Session Monday, February 13, 2006



The next **CLE After Hours** session is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone, plc The Detroit Legal News Photo Session will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. Our guest speaker for this session will be Deborah Johnson, RN, CCM, Certified Brain

Injury Specialist and Founder of CareForward, a company that specializes in Auto Injury Case Management Ms. Johnson also serves on the Board of the Case Manager Society of America, Detroit branch With over 30 years experience in nursing, Deborah had a vision of excellence in auto injury case management, making the client the priority. Deborah has partnered with a team of experienced, talented and caring nurses and social workers to create this vision. Careforward's experienced case manager will assist you in coordinating your medical care and treatment.

In November 2005, Ms. Johnson presented to our Sister Chapter NALS of Greater Kalamazoo where she received raving reviews for her very informative and provocative forum on the many benefits available with **No Fault** insurance coverage.

**From Diane Berry, President, NALS OF GREATER KALAMAZOO**  
*"Deborah Johnson provided our members with some very eye-opening information about Automobile Insurance in Michigan and*

*what your insurance agent doesn't tell you -- as well as your right to request a Case Manager (paid for by your insurance company) if you are involved in an automobile accident. Everyone in Michigan needs to hear the information she has to share. I strongly encourage everyone to attend."*

**Diane Y. Berry, PLS**  
President, NALS of Greater Kalamazoo

A special guest discount of \$15 for guests is being offered for this session. So why not bring a friend.



### January Birthdays

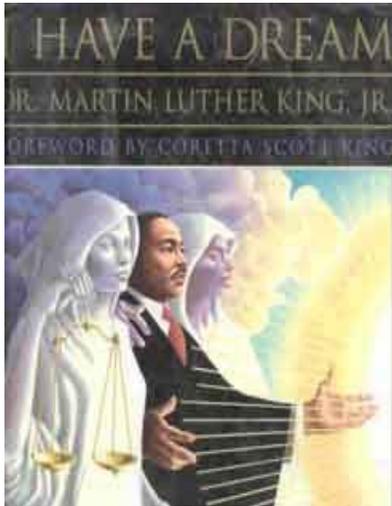
- 1/8 Diane Muhammed
- 1/21 Sharon Julian, CSR

### Welcome New Member

NALS of Detroit extends a warm welcome to our newest Sister-In-Law, **Brenda J. Truner of Barris, Sott, Dean & Driker PLLC** We hope that you will enjoy your membership with NALS of Detroit and that you will reap the many benefits of

**Member Anniversaries**  
Vernelle Jean Aiyela, PP, PLS  
Ermila Garza

**NALS OF DETROIT JOINS OUR NATION  
IN A SALUTE TO THE  
LIFE AND LEGACY OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)**

May we all remain committed to his vision and to his dream.

The following article is posted at the NALS Leadership Website. It seems so timely to reprint it here again, for those of you that have not had a chance to see it.

**WHEN LEADERSHIP FINDS YOU**

Forty years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stirred the passion and imagination of Americans with his dream of equality for all people. Reflecting on the life of Dr. King, I am reminded that history has demonstrated that leaders often emerge during periods of great change. For every major turning point in American history, great leaders assumed the mantle of leadership: Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman all come to mind.

What is interesting is the usually great men and women don't go looking for leadership. Instead, leadership finds them. When Dr. King received the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, he said, "History has thrust me into this position. I neither started the protest, nor suggested it. I simply responded to the call of the people." King's words remind me of Plato's, "Only those who do not seek power are qualified to hold it."

It's as if you want it, you shouldn't have it. Instead, if you commit to other things, leadership will come. What do people who become great leaders commit

themselves to that lead them to greatness? Here are four key commitments:

1. They commit themselves to growth.

King was a lifelong learner. "I question and soul-search constantly to be as certain as I can that I am fulfilling the true meaning of my work, maintaining my sense of purpose, holding fast to my ideals, and that I am guiding my people in the right direction." Coretta Scott King confirms this by saying that King, "Worked so hard and studied constantly—long after he became a world figure."

2. They commit themselves to a larger than life vision.

King saw the civil rights movement as the continuation "of that noble journey toward the goals reflected in the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the Constitution, the Constitution itself, the Bill of Rights, and the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Nineteenth Amendments to the Constitution." Dr. King portrayed the movement as not simply a conflict between white people and black people, but a struggle between "justice and injustice."

3. They commit themselves to action.

Dr. King always advocated specific and practical initiatives. Great leaders point to the problem and then clearly give several solutions. He would ask how is it that we can have all the great technology in America and yet cannot make the Constitution work at a luncheonette in a southern town.

"What is needed," he said, "is a strategy for change, a tactical program that will bring the Negro into the mainstream of American life as quickly as possible. When evil men plot, good men must plan. When evil men burn and bomb, good men must build and bind."

4. They commit themselves to leaving a legacy.

King said he wouldn't "have any money to leave behind" but wanted "to leave a committed life behind." This is best demonstrated in that he didn't want "a long funeral," not even "a eulogy of more than one or two minutes." He wanted no mention of his Nobel Peace Prize or other awards he had received. Instead, "I'd like somebody to mention that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his live serving others. Say that I was a drum major for justice, a drum major for peace, a drum major for righteousness."

Dr. King was right for the moment. He showed the nation a better way. Millions of us live with hope of an even greater future as we remember his dream of

when "little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. didn't look to become a leader. Leadership found him, and because of his commitment, he was able to answer leadership's calling. That is a great lesson for all of us to learn. When leadership finds us, will we be the kind of people who can step up and lead? What we commit to now will be the determining factor.

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**President's Message  
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At the November **CLE After Hours** Session, I was delighted to receive an almost unanimous vote as the Chapter nominee for this year's NALS of Michigan LPY Award. I have begun the application process and hope to submit all the required documentation by the end of the month. Since that time, I have placed my name on the list of nominees for the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> VP on the Executive Council for NALS of Michigan. I received the formal letter of announcement that I have been placed on the ballot. I am very excited for this opportunity and hope that I am able to garner enough support to win the nomination. Sister-in-Law Kathy Smith has graciously offered to help me with designing the wrappers for my campaign. Don't forget to give Kathy a call to help out with your next special event. You can view her website at: [www.wrapsbycelebrations.com](http://www.wrapsbycelebrations.com)

I am asking that each and every member that can manage to attend the upcoming Annual Meeting in Kalamazoo be there to support my candidacy for Second Vice President. It truly is a **HUGE HONOR** to have a local member nominated for the State Board and I would very much appreciate having as many of my chapter sisters-in-law there to support me as possible.

For those of you who have never attended an Annual Meeting, I urge you to consider attending this one! The Chapter generally sends 3 delegates and 3 alternate delegates. As an added incentive, a stipend is given to the three delegates representing our Chapter at the meeting. The choice for our delegates will be made at the upcoming February **CLE After Hours** session.

The position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President entails overseeing education in Michigan. I would be in quarterly

contact with the Certification Chair (assisting in the decision process of whether or not a cram session should be given), encouraging others to study for certification and of course offering assistance to local certification chairs with study materials or support. I would also be in quarterly contact with the Legal Education committee to ensure the arrangements for appropriate legal education for our Board of Governors meetings. I have been assured by Ruth M. Schaub, PP, PLS the now current NALS of Michigan **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**, that she will continue to assist her successor with the already in place Scholarship Program which has been awarded the NALS Founders Award for the Jett Awards this year. With her permission, I have included Ruth's article-- **The Top 10 Reasons Why Certification Isn't For Me – Or Is It?** -- which appeared in the Winter edition of the *Official Record*.

*Vernelle Jean Atiyela es, ees*  
2003-2006 NALS of Detroit President

**YOU CAN MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!!!**



**Ruth M. Schaub PP, PLS  
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT**

**The Top 10 Reasons  
Why Certification Isn't  
For Me – Or Is It?**

1. **I already make too much money and I enjoy having a tight budget, clipping coupons, and buying all my clothing from consignment shops.** Even Donald Trump wants to make more money. Unfortunately, most employees go to work, only do what is asked of them and no more, and then go home. Few employees work hard to become more valuable to their employers. Bosses reward employees who are exceptional. By "maximizing your potential" through increased education, you will maximize your earning potential as well.

2. **My boss would never retire before me, my firm will never down size, my job will be here as long as I want it, and I will have this job forever.** Are you confident that your current job is the one you will have when you retire? Everyday we hear about another company filing bankruptcy, moving to another city, or facing massive lay-offs. If your firm has to make tough staffing decisions, you want to be sure your name is not considered for elimination. Certification will set you apart from others. Education opens the door to endless possibilities.

3. **My boss won't care if I never improve and won't notice if I do.** Employers notice knowledge and efficiency. Employers care if their staff understands ethics, legal terms, and procedures. Even the busiest employer notices professional legal writing, skills, and effectiveness. Bosses care that things are done correctly in a timely matter by employees who care enough to do it the right way. Employers notice – and they do care.

4. **I enjoy the same old grind every day, and if I pass, my boss will probably expect more of me.** It is true that we become very comfortable with our routines, but law is ever changing and things DO NOT stay the same. The charter members of many chapters began their careers with manual typewriters, carbon paper, and mimeograph machines. Today everything is computerized, E-filed, and sent Fed Ex. Tasks once performed by associates are now done by paralegals. The day of one lawyer for one staff person is over. If you become certified your boss will probably expect more from you. As the demand to get more work done with less staff increases, your boss will probably expect more from you anyway. If you attend a study group and become certified, you will be able to meet those demands.

5. **My family can't do anything without me.** If that is the case -- then sister, it is time that you joined a study group and your family learned how much they can do for themselves. As wives and mothers we find time to bake cookies for the PTA and attend soccer games. We make time to "watch" football with our spouse. We give and give and give -- but we never make time to improve our job skills. We owe it to ourselves and our families to be the best possible employee we can be. Do this for yourself. Your family won't fall apart if you commit to certification, and they might learn independence.

6. **I can't see how it would benefit me.** We work in a competitive world and in a competitive profession. We must move ahead or be left behind.

Certification will show an employer you have the skills necessary to get the job done right. Several states are considering mandatory certification or licensing for legal assistants whose time is to be billed. Certification now may put you ahead of the game if certification becomes mandatory. As an added bonus, if you become certified, you get to use some pretty cool initials behind your name.

7. **I am afraid of failing so I only attempt things at which I am sure I will succeed.** If that were true, you would never interview for a job, enter into a relationship, have children, or drive a car. If you are afraid of failing, you picked the wrong profession! Every day we are faced with obstacles that we are not sure we can overcome; yet everyday we get out of bed and conquer whatever life hands us. So what if you fail – at least you will have learned something you didn't know before you began. To date 7,965 individuals have achieved certification. Knowledge is power that lasts forever. Don't sell yourself short before you even begin. What if you succeed?

8. **I am too old.** Rubbish. Did you know the median age of a college freshman is 36? Did you know it took some members of this association 30 years to earn their associate's degree? Every year people in their 80s and 90s graduate from college, get married, and learn to sky dive. You never stop learning in life – and you are never too old to improve or take a risk. Who knows, you might even teach the younger members a thing or two.

9. **I am too new.** This is why NALS offers 3 different exams. The ALS exam is perfect for those who are new to the legal profession or feeling just a bit overwhelmed. The ALS exam will help you develop the basic skills and knowledge necessary to become an effective legal professional. The PLS exam is for those with three or more years of experience. This broad exam will sharpen your grammar skills, teach you the proper citation formats, increase your legal terminology, and equip you with the skills to become one of the best legal professionals in your area. Many who have mastered the PLS exam become regarded as irreplaceable. The PP exam is for those with five or more years' experience who perform advanced paralegal tasks under the supervision of an attorney that require independent judgment and a high skill level. There is an exam for every legal professional.

**One of them is sure to fit you.**

10. **No one ever asked me about certification.** You no longer have that excuse. **I am asking every member of NALS of Michigan to take the plunge.** Go online and participate in free learning. Join your chapter study

group or the study group of another chapter. If your chapter does not have a study group and you don't know where to get help, I will help you. I believe in certification so much, I will personally tutor anyone for the March 2006 exam who wants to certify but doesn't have a study group. If you do have a study group, I will answer any question you might have or help you organize your study time. The time is now. Unwrap the gift of education and see what NALS has to offer. Become the best you can be. If you take the plunge, I will be waiting right there to shake your hand at the NALS of Michigan Certification Luncheon in April 2006. ▲

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Why not make that New Year's Resolution to GET CERTIFIED and this time Stick to It!

Examination dates and applications for the ALS., PLS and PP exams are available at the NALS website: [www.nals.org](http://www.nals.org).

In addition to continuing the efforts of the State Bar Scholarship Program, started by Ruth, I would like to implement a program to promote our certification exams with local community colleges and business schools by offering evening and/or weekend training sessions geared toward passing NALS certification exams.



Please keep in mind that our Chapter elections will be held **on Monday, April 10, 2006.** Eva Skoczylas, our Nominations and Elections Chair will be sending the ballots out in the very near future. For our new members, please see our current list of officers listed below:

## NALS OF DETROIT 2005-2006 OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS

### Elected Officers:

**President:**  
Vernelle Jean Aiyela PP, PLS

**Vice President:**  
Anita G. Blanco

**Governor:**  
Denise E. Schneider

**Corporate Secretary:**  
Ermila Garza

**Treasurer:**  
Mary E. Tortomose

**Directors:**  
Ann Brighton PLS

Sharon Julian CSR

Sandy J. Lavender

Jason Manke

**Appointed Officers:**  
**Director of Public Relations**  
Kathleen Klish PLS

**First Alternate Governor:**  
Sandy J. Lavender

**Second Alternate Governor:**  
Kathleen Klish PLS

**Parliamentarian:**  
Sharon A. Oke PLS

**Mentoring Liaison to the Board:**  
Sandra J. Ottino

**Standing Committee Chairpersons**  
**NALS Official Course:**  
Vacant

**Docket Editor:**  
Vernelle Jean Aiyela PP, PLS

**Finance:**  
Mary E. Tortomose

**Exam Facilitator:**  
Sharon A. Oke PLS

**Program Chair:**  
Vernelle Jean Aiyela PP, PLS

**Special Appointment**  
**Executive Advisor:**  
Kathleen Klish PLS

**Special Committee Chairpersons**  
**Audit:**  
Lynne M. Bussinger

**Budget:**  
Mary E. Tortomose

**Strategic Planning:**  
Vacant

**Honors, Nominations and Elections:**  
Eva Skoczylas

**Scholarship:**  
Past Presidents

**Technology:**  
Vernelle Jean Aiyela PP, PLS

## The Lavender Update by Sandy J. Lavender



**Left to Right:**  
Zach, Morgan, Courtney  
and Chris Lavender

*Pictured above are the Lavender Children on Christmas Day.*

*Zach (11) is in the 5th grade and is busy working on Science Olympiad at school - as well as discovering his talent as a master X-box player*

*Courtney (10) is in the 5th grade and is also a Science Olympiad, participant in the Battle of the Books and in the chorus at school, and is excited about being moved up a skill level in her gymnastics class.*

*Chris (9) is in the 4th grade and is really into taking pictures with his new camera he got from his Aunt Kathleen (Klish). Quite the little sweetie, this one is. "The Pleaser"*

*Morgan (8) is in the 3rd grade and is into her American Girl doll from Christmas and her new Gameboy. She loves to ride horses and saves her money for lessons. She didn't get a pony for Christmas.*

**WAY TO GO LAVENDERS!!!**  
- KEEP US POSTED -

**November 2005  
CLE After Hours Session**

None of our meetings would be a success without the continued participation and support of those that attend. It is your input that makes each session worthwhile.

A photo is worth a thousand words????



Photo by John Meiu, courtesy of Detroit Legal News

Please help to identify the individuals in the above photo, taken at the November 2005, CLE After Hours Session.

**Thanks to All Members Attending the November CLE After Hours Session**

- Vernelle Jean Aiyela, PP, PLS
- Noemi Alvarez
- Cherisee Beasley
- Anita G. Blanco
- Linda A. Cox
- Lisa Delmotte
- Ermila Garza
- Carolyn M. Hyatt
- Sharon Julian, CSR
- Marsha E. Klink
- Kathleen Klish, PLS
- Nicole R. Leff, Esq.
- Jason Manke
- Trish Mylek
- Sharon A. Oke, PLS
- Linda L. Rosten
- Eva Skoczylas
- Jane T. Sowell
- Mary E. Tortomose
- Jacqueline L. Williams

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**2006 Scholarship Awards**

The NALS of Detroit Scholarship Fund will award two \$500.00 nonrenewable tuition/books-only scholarship to those enrolled in a school of advanced education in the legal field. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of scholastic or legal career achievements, future career goals, demonstration of financial need, and leadership ability. The scholarship award may be granted to any qualified applicant in the legal field.

Applications and guidelines for the NALS of Detroit Scholarship Awards is now posted to the website. The application and all required attachments must be submitted on the forms provided to the NALS of Detroit Scholarship Fund Chairperson, *Kathleen Klish, PLS* and must be postmarked no later than midnight **Friday, February 24, 2006.**

Any application postmarked after that date will be disqualified. The winner will be introduced at our Installation of Officers Banquet in May 2006.

In an effort to reach additional applicants a copy of the Scholarship Application and Guidelines has also been sent to Paul J. Piper, Director, Strategic Partnerships for the Detroit Public Schools, who will email it to all of the high schools and to Guidance and Counseling offices.

**Our Sympathies to Sister-In-Law  
Dolores J. Oliver, PLS,**

NALS of Detroit extends our heartfelt sympathy to our Sister-In-Law and NALS of Michigan First Vice President, Dolores J. Oliver PLS, whose mother, Victoria Preston passed away, very unexpectedly, on Thursday, January 5, 2006. Funeral services for Dolores' Mom were held Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at the Basilica of St. Adalbert, in Grand Rapids. A card on behalf of NALS of Detroit was sent offering our support and encouragement at this very sad time. Individual cards may be sent to Dolores and her family at the address below:



4786 Doane Highway  
Potterville, Michigan 48876-8743



**NALS of Detroit sends Condolences to  
Andrea Gale of Atkinson Baker, Inc.**



A card on behalf of NALS of Detroit was sent to Andrea Gale, Client Services Director for Atkinson-Baker, Inc. on the loss of her brother on January 3, 2006 who had been ill for about 6 months. Andrea celebrated with us at our holiday luncheon at the Bayview Yacht Club. Below is the email message from Andrea thanking us.

**"Verne, I received your thoughtful card this morning; thank you so much. Kind regards, Andrea "**

**Katrina Aftermath  
Update**

**Misty E. Lewis, PP, PLS  
President GCALSP**

**Part of Highway 90**



As the new year starts here on the Gulf Coast we have started to accept things as the new "normal" for life here. Our members who lost their homes have settled into living in their new FEMA trailers or with family and friends as they await the insurance company's payments. In some cases members who had their jobs right after Katrina have lost them due to their businesses just not being able to stay open or keep as many employees as there were Pre-Katrina. Some members have had to change jobs to deal with the traffic and there not being a Hwy. 90 bridge to connect Biloxi and Ocean Springs or Pass Christian and Waveland. Things are slowly looking up. Any donations made would be greatly appreciated, however, if you would just like to get in touch with some of our members to send words of encouragement please let me know. Jan Mortiz has set up a mentoring program geared toward the Gulf Coast area and if you would like to participate in that you can contact Jan's email is

**jmortiz@zoominternet.net**

Thank you again for your continued love and support.

**Katrina Disaster Fund  
For Church Musicians**

The St. Aloysius Music Ministry is accepting donations to help the many musicians in the New Orleans raise funds to help repurchase instruments that were destroyed during the hurricane. Checks should be made payable to: **The Katrina Disaster Fund for Church Musicians.** Your Tax deductible donations can be sent to: Louis Canter, 305 Michigan Avenue, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Detroit, Michigan 48226-2605

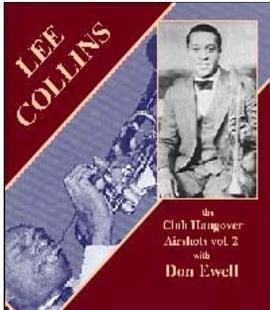
**SHARING THE FRENCH CONNECTION  
Of Early Jazz History  
Verne Aiyela, PP, PLS**



While attending the National Educational Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. I took a tour to the New Orleans French Quarter in where I was elated to learn that my grandfather, Lee Collins was given special tribute and featured in an exhibit of JAZZ GREATS at both the Louisiana State Museum and Tulane University.

Born: Oct 17, 1901 New Orleans;  
Died: July 3, 1960 Chicago.

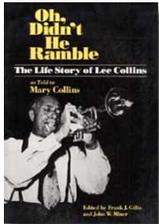
Collins was a star trumpeter of the New Orleans sound, who lead many dance bands, Dixieland groups and combos during his 50 year career. New Orleans native Lee Collins, then widely considered the second-greatest jazz trumpeter, after Louis Armstrong.



[Trivia: It was Lee Collins who replaced Louis Armstrong in the King Oliver Chicago band in 1924.]

His book *Oh Didn't He Ramble* is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

**Oh, Didn't He Ramble**



The Life Story of Lee Collins as Told to Mary Collins Lee Collins

Edited by Frank J. GILLIS and John W. MINER. Forewords by Danny Barker and Art Hodes. Afterword by Max Jones  
**"A fine account of the development of jazz in New Orleans and Chicago from 1900 to 1960. It should be in every jazz collection."**

**Eva Soul**



**Update**

Eva is releasing a new CD on cdbaby.com it'll include all new music and the new album will be available for downloading on the internet. Here's the track listing...it's gonna be called Eva aka EvaSoul "Eva-sion"

1. Hypnotized, Intro feat. Linda Love
2. Hypnotized Club/Radio
3. Crazy Love Album Version
4. Crazy Love Acapella
5. Tear Us Apart
6. Dance w/ Me
7. Free To Love
8. Not Gonna Be Alone Tonight
9. Bonus: Hypnotized, Extra Mix
10. It's All About Me, MegaMix

In addition to Eva's new release she was voted no. 26 in the Top 50 songs for "Tear Us Apart" on a music internet site and was also featured in the spotlight section of internet radio "Party Radio Usa's" website

Eva's - Crazy Love has been added to the playlist at BandRadio Live <http://bandradiolive.com>. (Please continue to send your requests!)

Stamps, 06' calendar's, CD'S and more now available at [www.cafepress.com/evasoul](http://www.cafepress.com/evasoul)

Additional information can be found at <http://evasoul.tripod.com/index.html>

**Our Ladies Society from  
First Latin American  
Baptist Church  
(Southwest Detroit)  
6205 Fort Street, Detroit  
(313) 841-7033**

**will be making TAMALES this**

**Saturday January 28,  
2006 - 8:00 am.**

**First batch available to buy and  
ready for consumption  
@ - 1:00 pm on Saturday!  
\$7.00 a dozen (yummy)!!!**

**If you are interested in helping -  
we will teach - :)  
It's a lot of fun and a great  
comradeship time!**



**Please call me  
if you'd like an order:  
Noemi Alvarez**

**313 234 2756 (work)  
313 207 6956 (cell)  
NAIvarez@foley.com**

**Recipe Corner**  
**Kraft Kitchens Tips**



**Easy Cheeseburger Pizza**

Prep Time: 15 min  
(Ready in 35 min )

Makes: 4 servings  
Nutrition Information

Cheeseburger flavors crossed with pizza yields a family-pleasing meal that's quickly made with refrigerated pizza crust.

*Ingredients:*

1 (13.8-oz.) can Pillsbury® Refrigerated Pizza Crust

½ lb. extra-lean ground beef  
1 Cup spaghetti sauce

¼ cup chopped red onion, if desired

4 oz. (1 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese

¼ Cup dill pickle slices

*Preparation Directions:*

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Grease 12-inch pizza pan. Unroll dough; place in greased pan. Starting at center, press out dough with hands, forming 1/2-inch rim. Bake at 425°F. for 7 to 9 minutes or until light golden brown.

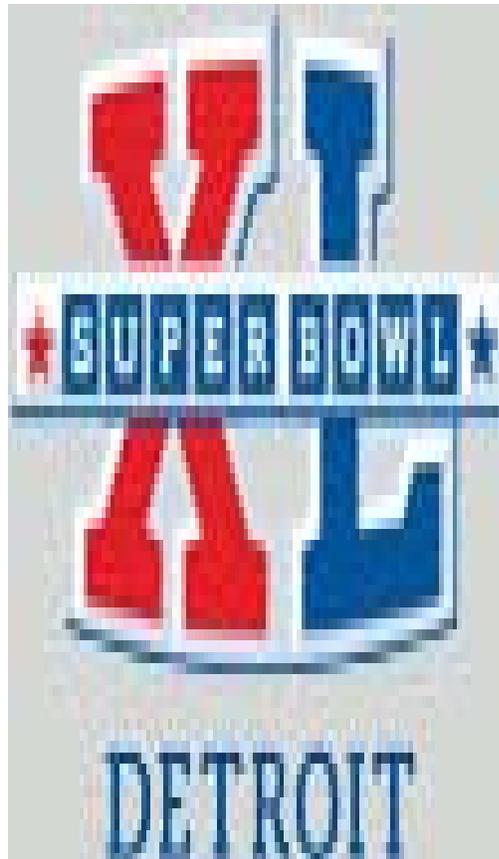
2. Meanwhile, brown ground beef in medium skillet until thoroughly cooked, stirring frequently. Drain.

3. Remove crust from oven. Spread spaghetti sauce evenly over partially baked crust. Top with cooked ground beef, onion and cheese.

4. Return to oven; bake an additional 12 to 18 minutes or until bubbly and edges are golden brown. Top pizza with pickle slice



**SUPER BOWL COUNTDOWN**



**STAR STUDDED AFFAIR**



Aretha Franklin



Aaron Neville



Dr. John



Rolling Stones



Stevie Wonder



**REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE!**

NALS Professional Development & Education Conference

March 9-11, 2006  
Tulsa, Oklahoma



**SAVE THE DATE -**

The Education Committee would like to announce that **FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER** there will be a hands-on, Nuts-n-Bolts, start to finish, "bells and whistles" instruction session for PowerPoint on Saturday, March 11, 2006, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Handouts will be provided, but those who already have PowerPoint loaded (must be PowerPoint Version 2003) on their personal laptop may bring their laptop with them to this session for a hands-on experience. Note: All laptops must have its own battery power source [no cords or outlets are available] and no computer troubleshooting will be provided.

February 4, 2006	Winter Board of Governors Meeting, <i>Lansing, Michigan</i>
February 10, 2006	LPY Nominations Postmark Deadline
February 15, 2006	Official Record Publication Deadline
March 9 - 11, 2006	NALS Professional Development & Education Conference - <i>Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma</i>
April 20 - 23, 2006	NALS of Michigan 45th Annual Meeting & Educational Conference; <i>Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan</i>
October 26 - 29, 2006	NALS 55th Annual Education Conference & National Forum, <i>Reno Hilton, Reno, Nevada</i>

Registration Forms for all listed events can be obtained from links currently on the NALS of Michigan Home Page [www.nalsoftmichigan.org](http://www.nalsoftmichigan.org)



**The premiere online forum for legal professionals.**  
Discuss all areas of NALS and the legal services profession in one area...the [NALs Online Community!](http://www.nalsoftmichigan.org)

For information about the 2006 Region 3 Retreat at the Novi Sheraton (formerly the Novi Hilton), please check out this link:

<http://www.nalsoftmichigan.org/pdf/Region%203%20Alert%20Dec%202005.pdf>.

If you would like information about the regulations regarding NALS of Michigan's scholarship for 2006, please visit this site:

<http://www.nalsoftmichigan.org/Scholarship.htm>.

To obtain an application form for NALS of Michigan's 2006 scholarship, please visit this site:

<http://www.nalsoftmichigan.org/ScholarshipApplication.htm>.

To obtain an application for the NALS of Detroit 2006 Scholarship, please click on the Miscellaneous tab on the site:

<http://www.nalsoftdetroit.org>

For information on NALS of Michigan's February CLE on ethics, please visit this site:

<http://www.nalsoftmichigan.org/pdf/02-06%20Registration.pdf>.

Details of information on NALS of Detroit's upcoming February CLE Session will be posted to the NALS of Detroit webpage in February.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CURRENT PHONE NUMBERS:**

Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Business: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSFER:**

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**I will forward it to the appropriate officers and to NALS.**