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Message from the President ...



As we head toward the holiday season, the Detroit Chapter has held two meetings for September and October. Our Detroit Chapter still has more to offer to its members. Yes, there is a scheduled November 3rd seminar at the offices of Dickinson Wright, a Tastefully Simple fundraiser ending on November 3rd as well as a fundraiser at Max & Erma's in Livonia on Monday, November 5th, and the Detroit Chapter's Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 8th at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. While we have a very interesting and exciting schedule in store for everyone, we really need our members to take an active part to really make all this hard work a huge success for our Detroit Chapter. If anyone finds that the Detroit Chapter needs to look into other ways of making a difference, please do not hesitate to let me know. After all, my goal is to achieve great success for our Detroit Chapter and I cannot accomplish this without everyone's input. So, I encourage everyone to support the direction of our Detroit Chapter or offer some suggestions to make the Detroit Chapter better. In closing, words are like leaves and where they most abound, much fruit of sense beneath is seldom found. It's important to speak freely with others, speaking with dignity, joy, and purpose. Keep smiling everyone.



Lynne Bussinger
2007-08 NALS of Detroit President



NALS of Detroit joins our Nation in a Salute to Current and Past Veterans

WHILE THIS DAY HONORS THE VETERANS OF ALL WARS, PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE OUR NATION CURRENTLY, ESPECIALLY IN THE TROUBLED SPOTS OF OUR WORLD TODAY. IN HONOR OF THE VETERANS WHO SO UNSELFISHLY SERVED US SO THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COULD REMAIN FREE AND FOR THOSE PRESENTLY SERVING IN ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES, I ASK THAT WE OBSERVE A BRIEF MOMENT OF SILENCE IN THEIR HONOR.

Source: Parish Bulletin of St. Lucy's Parish in St. Clair Shores, MI

Happy Thanksgiving!

Suggestions on How to observe Thanksgiving Submitted By: Director, Ann Brighton, PLS

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;



Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.

~~Author Unknown~~

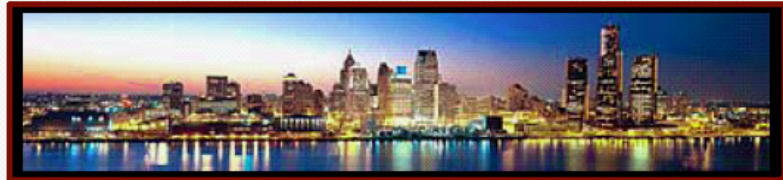
Best Wishes and Many, Many Happy Returns! October and November Birthdays

October	
2	Ermila Garza
November	
5	Anita Blanco
6	Sandy Lavender
6	Mary Tortomosé
17	Vernelle Collins, PP, PLS
21	Gayle Lawson
26	Linda Rosten

Welcome New Members

NALS of Detroit extends a warm welcome to New Members:
Martha (Mart) Austin
Kay Hoffman-Turner
We look forward to both of you joining us at the upcoming chapter events. ▲





ADVANCED LEGAL CAREER ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR

◆ Saturday, November 3, 2007 ◆

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dickinson Wright, PLLC Conference Center

◆ 500 Woodward Avenue – Suite 4000 - Detroit, Michigan ◆



**POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS
WITH A LEGAL FLAIR**



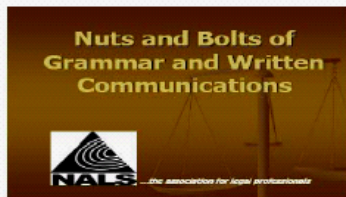
Melonie joined Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker in 2002 after graduating from the Syracuse University College of Law. Prior to returning to her home state of Michigan, Melonie clerked for the New York State Office of the Attorney General as a law student. Melonie's practice focuses on litigation. She is the author of: *How Should Competing Software Programs Marry? The Antitrust Ramifications of Standard-Setting Consortia in the Software Industry*, 52 Syracuse L. Rev. 139 (2001).

Melonie will share the latest tips for creating a PowerPoint Presentation with a legal flair.

Melonie L. McKenzie Stothers, Esq.
Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, PLLC

NUTS and BOLTS ... Grammar Session

Using the 9th Edition of the *Gregg Reference Manual* as a source of reference, this will be the premiere presentation of a new program introduced by **NALS** . . . *the premiere association for legal professionals* in 2007.



The program will focus on:
grammar, word usage with style, spelling, punctuation, number usage,

capitalization, composition and expression.



Barbara A. Allender
Business Instructor and
NALS of Lansing Member



**Message from
Fund Raising Coordinator
Linda L. Rosten**

Vice President/Membership Chair
2007-2008 NALS of Detroit
lrosten@comcast.net

Dear Members,

As many of you know who attended our last CLE meeting in September, our chosen 2007 fundraiser is with Tastefully Simple ("T.S."). If you are not familiar with Tastefully Simple, please visit their website at www.tastefullysimple.com to view their delicious products. We were able to sample some of their favorites at our last NALS of Detroit meeting thanks to our T.S. representative, Kathy Anderson.

I hope all of you can participate in this fundraiser. All you need to do is place an order from the website and send an e-mail to Kathy Anderson at andersonhome@comcast.net.

If you are able to sell to your family members, co-workers and friends, Kathy Anderson can send you some catalogs and order forms to facilitate this process. Another great idea is to set up a T.S. display at your law firm or company. Kathy is willing to set up a table at your company or business with samples and products on hand. T.S. sells itself once you have tasted these products. I always keep some on hand at home because they are great for last-minute entertaining ideas. Everyone loves the beer bread!

The following are some points to keep in mind when selling:

- 15% of all proceeds go to NALS
- For each booking (party), \$3 will go to NALS
- All reorders placed within 4 weeks of the fundraiser, 10% will go to NALS

- There is no tax on food items, although there is shipping tax. For any orders above \$50, there is a shipping tax of 10% and for all orders under \$50, the shipping tax is \$6.99.
- All orders are shipped directly to your home
- ALL ORDERS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 3
- Checks should be made payable to you (NALS member) and then you will write one check (for all of your orders and customers) directly to Kathy Anderson for all orders you sold. Please give your orders and checks directly to me – Linda Rosten – on or before November 3. I hope you plan to attend the educational seminar on November 3 at which time you can give me your orders and checks.

All orders will be shipped to you one month prior to Christmas.

Again, if you would like a catalog and order forms, please contact Kathy Anderson at Tastefully Simple.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Kathy Anderson at 734-416-0418 andersonhome@comcast.net

**NALS OF DETROIT'S
2007 Annual Holiday Luncheon
and Ornament Exchange**

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming holiday luncheon scheduled for Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Grosse Pointe Club

6 Berkshire Place
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
\$35.00 per person.

Michigander salad (with dried cherries and raspberry vinaigrette)

Scones, rolls and butter

Chicken crepes
with fresh asparagus and rice pilaf

Peppermint ice cream
with chocolate sauce

Coffee, tea and water

Cash bar

Invitations will be in the mail shortly.

This year our selected Charity is "Champions for Life Kids' Camp"
Our Guest Speaker will be

Sue Pace
Director of Community Relations
Vision HOPE
31700 Couchez Street
St. Clair Shores, MI 48082-2411



Inspiring HOPE through love, encouragement and first time, life-changing experiences to the neglected, abused and abandoned children of our local communities.

**Wish List
for Champions for Life Kids' Camp
the ages of our kids are
7-11 years old**

- Pajamas
(girls & boys) sizes 7 -16
(also small adult)
- beach towels
- twin sheets
(mostly fitted)
- socks
- underwear
(sizes 7-16)
- small carnival toys
(must be same item)
60 needed
- water shoes
- bathing suits
(one piece for girls)
- multi-drawer storage unit
(plastic to hold paper
for our activity center)
- remote control cars
- weighted Frisbees
- colored cardstock
- monetary donations
- gift cards to:
(Target, Walmart, & Joann's)

Please contact me with questions:
Thank You!

Sue Pace
Director of Community Relations
(586) 791-3590

Internet Safety



The next CLE After Hours Session will be held on January 14, 2008 at the offices of Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, PLLC. The topic will be Internet Safety. The next session will address Identity Theft. Details will be posted at the website. Please plan to join us for these next two sessions that both promise to be very worthwhile events. Also all members are invited to make suggestions for topics of interest to them in order for us to put together something for them to attend upcoming meetings.

'Cyberspace,' the 'Web,' the 'Net,' the 'Information Highway'—

Whatever it's called, millions of people are now going online to *e x c h a n g e* electronic mail (E-mail) and instant messages; participate in chat groups; post and read messages in newsgroups, which are sometimes called bulletin boards; "surf" the world wide web; and many other online activities. Children are no exception in fact they are more likely to be online than adults.

Identity theft What is identity theft?



Explanation :: Detection :: Solution :: Prevention

One of our members was recently a victim of this ever increasing crime. As a suggestion, for an upcoming topic, plans are being initiated to obtain a qualified speaker to present sometime in early 2008 .

It's a fact that once an identity thief has obtained someone's personal and/or financial information they can assume that person's identity (in other words - they steal your identity, using your personal and financial information without your knowledge or permission). Then they steal your money; emptying your accounts and running up credit in your (previously) good name.

Keeping with tradition, we will also support St. Al's. Warming Center.

Anita Blanco will be coordinating efforts for donations.

Message from St. Al's Fund Raising Coordinator Antia G. Blanco

Hello everyone,

I hope this e-mail finds everyone in good health and good spirits. As you all know, I have been asked to spearhead the St. Al's Warming Center for our annual contributions of toiletries and small items of clothing.

This years' Wishlist is posted on the Chapter website. If you would like to send me \$1.00 to go shopping, you could send it to me at my firm:

Anita G. Blanco
Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC.,
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Suite 2500
Detroit, MI 48226
blanco@millercanfield.com

I know that Michigan is having a really tough time. Whatever you can contribute, is greatly appreciated. My best to all and I will see you at the Holiday party.

Sincerely,
Anita Blanco

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

Please let Mary Tortomose or Sharon Julian, CSR know whether you are interested in donating any items for our silent auction. In the past, our silent auction items have consisted of iPods, DVD players, jewelry, purses, hockey tickets, restaurant gift certificates, etc.

As in the past, half the proceeds from our silent auction will given to our charity and the other half to our Detroit Chapter to be used for future venues such educational seminars and networking activities.

All of our sponsors will be listed in our Holiday Luncheon Program.

A Request For Support Sister-2-Sister Act II

"ADOPT A SOLDIER"



Even though there is still a lot to be done before life returns to normal in Central Mississippi area, our sisters-in-law are continually reaching out to help where they can. As they continue to rebuild their communities and go on with life after Katrina, they have started a new chapter Tri-County Legal Support Professionals Association often referred to as Tri-County LSPA and affectionately referred to as TCLSPA.

These ladies have initiated an "Adopt A Soldier" Program a project whereby they communicate with our servicemen on a regular basis. While in St. Louis, it was mentioned that the one things on the list that can be used are knee-hi support hose. Our soldiers use them to help keep the sand out of their weapons. If you are interested in participating and would like to support this project, please send your knee-hi's or monetary donations so that they arrive before November 15, 2007.

Make Checks payable to:

TCLSPA

earmarked at the bottom for donation to

"Adopt-a-Soldier"

Mail to:

Reba Peden, Certified PP, PLS
Brunini, Grantham,
Grower & Hewes, PLLC
P. O. Drawer 119
Jackson, MS 39205-0119



National Conference Overview

BY LYNNE BUSSINGER

Since I had an opportunity to attend the NALS Missouri Conference, I thought all of you would find the attached information very useful. Below is my overview of everything covered at this conference. Hopefully, this information will prove to be helpful. Take care and enjoy a wonderful and productive day.

Topics of Discussion:

Ethics Session: This attorney talked about employees' ethical obligations to serve clients and the needs of the firm.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Legal Description: John Coghlan discussed the legal descriptions of calculating the acreage in a section and how important it is to type out the description accurately as a final product. He even had us calculate a section. Let's just say that Lynne needs to stay in litigation because this definitely was not her cup of tea.

Preparing for Disaster: Atlas Lee spelled out everything for us to make our business stay profitable and our clients comfortable enough to continue having a business relationship.

Do You Know Where Your Children Are...Online: The Republican Missouri Senator spoke on this topic and he offered a website for us to put on our home computers to assist in keeping our children safe which I believe Mary may have some handouts to share with anyone wishing to receive same because I cannot seem to locate mine. Please note that there is a website where a child attempts to log into an inappropriate website that your computer will automatically shut down completely. However, Mary may very well have this information to share with anyone wishing to receive same.

The Discovery Code: Angela Morelock spoke about committing electronic white-collar crime. She discussed ways of recovering, searching, acquiring, and maintaining

the evidence of the crime for trial. This presentation included ways in which computer forensics accountants and certified fraud examiners are discovering inappropriate computer usage in cases of divorce, intellectual property theft, and employment disputes, and how they provide prevention assistance services for clients in banking, retail, wholesale, real estate, health care, and service industries.

Violence in the Law Firm: William Deal discussed effective ways of dealing with employees, management, and clients as well as signs in which to investigate before tragedy strikes. While no definitive strategy will ever be appropriate for preventing violence in all workplaces, he explained about steps taken to change the way potential assailants are identified to minimize risk to workers. Please note that he mentioned to us that nowhere is there more potential for a violent mix than with emotionally charged clients and law office personnel. The risk factors for violence within a law firm are especially high as attorneys and staff deal face to face with the public, the exchange of money, and the uncertain outcomes associated with lawsuits on a daily basis.



Briana Walker was a motivational speaker on an article, "Please Don't Push Me Around." This inspiring young lady spoke of herself falling a sleep at the wheel and getting into a tragic car accident as a result of same. While she is paralyzed from the waist down, she was very capable of being a very effective legal secretary with her disabilities working at a California for nearly three years. Now, she works as a motivational speaker to show others with disabilities that they can still have active lives, enjoy life, and the wonders of being productive with disabilities.

Lynne Bussinger

Member Spotlight

Cynthia (Cindy) Taylor, Certified PLS



CONGRATULATIONS AND KUDOS

NALS of Detroit is proud to announce that our Chapter Secretary Cindy Taylor, successfully passed the PLS Certification exam on her very first try.

We are all very pleased at this wonderful accomplishment. We are hopeful that it will inspire other members to step up to the plate and *Get Certified!*

**September 10, 2006 CLE After Hours Session
"How Do You Read "That???".. Court Reporting From A-Z
Presented by Sharon Julian, CSR**



***Seated - L to R: Sherry A. Oke, PLS, Cindy Taylor, Brenda Turner, Karla Banks,
Standing - L to R: Ann Brighton, PLS, Marty Austin, Mary Tortomose, Kay Hoffman-Turner,
Lynne Bussinger, Sharon Julian, CSR Vernelle Collins, PP, PLS,
Noemi Alvarez, Regina Romero and Sheri Holtz, CSR***

Sharon Julian, CSR is a long time member of the Detroit Chapter and currently serves as Alternate Governor and Director. Sharon held members spellbound as she gave us an upfront, close and personal look into the life of Today's Court Reporter She also shared the intimate details of the challenges she overcame to begin what is now a very successful career as a Certified Stenographic Reporter.

Court reporters typically create verbatim transcripts of speeches, conversations, legal proceedings, meetings, and other events when written accounts of spoken words are necessary for correspondence, records, or legal proof. Court reporters play a critical role not only in judicial proceedings, but also at every meeting where the spoken word must be preserved as a written transcript. They are responsible for ensuring a complete, accurate, and secure legal record. In addition to preparing and protecting the legal record, many court reporters assist judges and trial attorneys in a variety of ways, such as organizing and searching for information in the official record or making suggestions to judges and attorneys regarding courtroom administration and procedure. Increasingly, court reporters are providing closed-captioning and real-time translating services to the deaf and hard-of-hearing community

There are several methods of court reporting. The most common method is called stenographic. Using a stenotype machine, stenotypists document all statements made in official proceedings. The machine allows them to press multiple keys at a time to record combinations of letters representing sounds, words, or phrases. These symbols are electronically recorded and then translated and displayed as text in a process called computer-aided transcription. Real-time court reporting is another method of court reporting, wherein stenotype machines used for real-time captioning are linked directly to the computer. As the reporter keys in the symbols, they instantly appear as text on the screen. This process, called Communications Access Realtime Translation (CART), is used in courts, in classrooms, at meetings, and for closed captioning for the hearing-impaired on television.

At the end of the presentation, Sharon and her long time friend and business partner, Shari Holtz, CSR presented us all with mock deposition transcripts with our names in stenographic type that were chocked full of very useful information. Those who attended this CLE After Hours Session found it to be even more interesting than they had anticipated.



Change in Status Form

YOU MUST FILL IN ALL COLUMNS

Reason For Change:

Your NALS Membership #: _____

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

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

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

E-Mail Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

CURRENT PHONE NUMBERS:

Home: (_____) _____

Business: (_____) _____

Fax: (_____) _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSFER:

Fill in the above form completely and return it to:

Linda L. Rosten
 41242 Williamsburg Blvd.
 Detroit, MI 48226-3281
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 📠 **fax:** 313-963-2493
 ✉️ **email:** lrosten@comcast.net

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

