

Region 3 Connection

June 2008



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Director's Message

The date for our Region 3 Retreat is fast approaching. Have you sent in your registration form? If not, another one is included with this newsletter. It's not too late.

If you know of anyone who would like to advertise in the Region 3 Retreat program, please let me know. I am looking for any type of advertiser and the prices range from \$25 to \$100.

Information about the Region 3 Fundraiser is included in this newsletter.

Also, the deadline for registering for the NALS meeting in Norfolk is July 15, 2008 to avoid paying a late fee.

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Membership Highlights



We welcome the following new members to NALS and Region 3. We look forward to meeting you at a meeting, seminar, or conference.

March

Sharon L. Green (MI)
Tami L. Carl (MI)
Sara E. Smith (MI)
Emily Horton (MI)
Valerie A. Fischer (MI)
Bonnie Riley (MI)
Robert Argue (MI)
Teresa C. Gonzalez (MI)
Tonya M. Warren, ALS (OH)
Jennifer F. Shaw (OH)
Maria V. Maglio (IL)

April

Lynn Pearce (MI)
Ruth Burns (MI)
Wendy McIntire (MI)
Dina T. Trudeau (MI)
Renee J. May (MI)
Valerie Butler (MI)
Renee Bowers (MI)
Sakita Taylor (MI)
Laura L. Lugten (MI)
Lisa Wriska (MI)
Margaret C. Reilly (MI)
Corrine M. Gattarello (OH)
Phyllis F. Sullivan (IL)

Membership Report

The breakdown of membership within the Region as of May 1, 2008, is:

State	No. of Members
Illinois	27
Indiana	8
Kentucky	7
Michigan	317
Ohio	72
West Virginia	1
Total Members	447

Certification

Congratulations to the following Region 3 members who were recently certified and/or recertified:

PLS

Brandi Brown (IL)
Kimberly Dewey (MI)
Karen Elgersma (MI)
Julie Pointer (IL)

PP

Catherine A. Hankins (OH)



Once you achieve certification, please do not forget to recertify.

Region 3 Pin



Region 3 Pins are still available. Your cost is only \$5, unless order is mailed (add \$1 shipping and handling fee).

NALS Environmental Scan

Also, the latest Environmental Scan has been posted on nals.org!! As of June 4, 55 responders have participated in the newest environmental scan. The link to the scan is: www.nals.org/scan/index.html. Let your voice be heard!!

NALS Annual Meeting



A reminder of NALS' 57th Annual Educational Conference and National Forum at Norfolk's Waterside Marriott Hotel, **September 9-14, 2008**. Please make

plans to be there. Marriott Norfolk Waterside 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510, phone: (757) 627-4200 fax: (757) 628-6452, \$119 Single & Double Rate. For reservations call 1-800-874-0264

Available dates for the NALS rate are September 5-19, 2008, based on availability. **Make your reservations now to ensure availability before the block is full!**

The CUT OFF DATE for the NALS Rate is August 10, 2008 or until the block is full.

Regular registration (before July 15, 2008) is \$279 (flat rate for Life Members by 7/15 is \$249). Late (after 7/15) is \$305. Please check www.NALS.org for further and more detailed information.

The topics for focus group sessions that will be held in Norfolk, VA, on Saturday, September 13, 2008, have been determined!!

The first session (scheduled for 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) will open discussion on Diversity/Generational Needs – How do diversity and generational needs affect your office environment? What problems have you or your firm encountered with multiple generations working together? How about your chapter leadership?

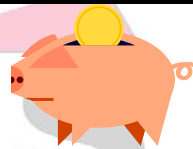
The second session (scheduled for 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) will open discussion on Ethics/Outsourcing – How does your firm handle conflicts related to outsourcing of legal services, including attorneys, paralegals, vendors, sharing of secretarial/support services by multiple non-firm related attorneys?

There's still time to join NALS aboard the Spirit of Norfolk dinner boat during the conference! The cruise around the Norfolk harbor- which includes a buffet dinner and a DJ - will be on Thursday, September 11 from 7-10 p.m. Cost is \$69.03 (the NALS discount expired May 31) and you can reserve a spot by calling Melanie Nissenon at 757-217-0627.

NALS Call for Nominations

NALS is seeking nominations for the NALS 2009-10 Board of Directors for the following offices: President-Elect; Secretary/Treasurer; Certification Director; Education Director; Marketing Director; Membership Director; and all Regional Directors. Nominations must be postmarked or received at the Resource Center by **August 1, 2008**, with ballots mailed to all members in September. Go to www.nals.org/board/nominations to nominate your peers and/or review office duties and qualifications.

New IRS Requirement for Chapters



The Internal Revenue Service now requires small tax-exempt organizations with gross receipts at \$25,000 or less to file Form 990-N (also known as the E-Postcard). This includes most of NALS' chapters. The first E-Postcard is due annually by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of an organization's fiscal year. The form must be completed online at <http://epostcard.form990.org>; there is no paper form.

Reminders/Announcements

At the Region 3 meeting held in Tulsa Oklahoma in March, members agreed that some of the profits from the Region 3 meeting should remain with the Region to build up our depleting treasury. It was decided that the "Ring Your Support for NALS" raffle for the Topaz ring

monies would be sent directly to NALS, and all other proceeds will remain with Region 3.

take advantage of the Region meeting and all it offers!

In the past, we have held a Chinese Auction, but this year we thought we would try something different. The attached flier announces the "Lucky Horseshoe" raffle that will be held in Lexington.



REGION 3 RETREAT

July 18-19, 2008
Lexington, Kentucky

Hopefully everyone will be able to support Region 3, and have a great time in doing so! Thanks as always for your support-- and I hope everyone has an opportunity to

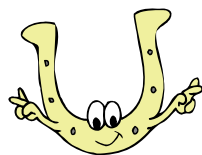
NALS Region 3 Chronicle

Regional Directors

1997 - 1998	Pamela K. Bryson PP, PLS	Michigan
1998 - 1999	Vickie Hayes Compton PLS	Michigan
1999 - 2001	Catherine A. Hankins PP, PLS	Ohio
2001 - 2003	Kathleen R. Amirante PP, PLS	Michigan
2003 - 2005	Carole M. Schneider PP, PLS	Michigan
2005 - 2007	Sherri J. Bowden PLS	Michigan
2007 - 2008	Jane Cramer	Ohio
2008 - 2009	Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS	Michigan

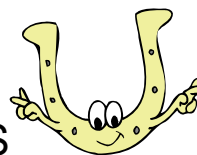
Regional Meetings

October 2 - 4, 1997	- Kalamazoo, MI
August 20 - 22, 1999	- Dayton, OH
July 28 - 30, 2000	- Lawrenceburg, IN
July 27 - 29, 2001	- Bridgman, MI
August 2 - 4, 2002	- Fort Wayne, IN
July 25 - 27, 2003	- Bloomingdale, IL (Joint Regions 3 & 5)
July 30 - August 1, 2004	- Fremont, OH
August 5 - 7, 2005	- Bay City, MI
June 16 - 17, 2006	- Novi, MI
August 10 - 12, 2007	- Ashtabula, OH
July 18 -19, 2008	- Lexington, KY



LUCKY HORSESHOES

Region 3's FUN-d raising event



We will be trying something a little different. Chapters and/or members are asked to donate either gift cards or cash, and the prizes will be by "draw" of the Lucky Horseshoe.

Attendees will have a chance to purchase tickets (price tba) on Friday and Saturday afternoon, tickets will be drawn, and each winner will select a "Lucky Horseshoe". The prize in each "Lucky Horseshoe" will be a mystery until that horseshoe is selected by a raffle winner.

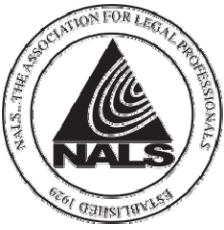
In order to have a list of the prizes available, and be able to determine the price of the tickets, please notify Roxann Repasy (rrepasy@comerica.com) no later than July 7, 2008 of your donation.

Gift cards (or checks payable to Roxann if donating cash) should be sent to:

Roxann Repasy
Comerica Charitable Services MC 9413
101 N. Main Street Ste 100
Ann Arbor MI 48104

So its "off to the races".....may the Luckiest Horseshoe win!





REGION 3 RETREAT
MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME
 Ramada Inn & Conference Center
 Lexington, Kentucky
 July 18-19, 2008

Early Bird
 Registration!!

Only one registrant per form – copy for additional registrants or guests
 * PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY *

First Time Attending Region 3 Retreat? Yes No

Member Non-Member ALS (Yr. Certified) _____ PLS (Yr. Certified) _____ Certified PP (Yr. Certified) _____

Name: _____ Nickname for Badge: _____

Chapter: _____ State: _____ NALS Member #: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Company Name/Address: _____

Phone # (Home): _____ (Business): _____ (Fax): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Guest Name: _____

If currently serving as National, State, or Chapter Officer, please specify capacity:

National Officer: _____

NALS Foundation: _____

State: _____ State Officer: _____

Chapter: _____ Chapter Officer: _____

If Past National Officer or State Officer, specify highest office held and year(s) served:

REGISTRATION

Early Bird Member Registration: Includes All Seminars and Meals - Deadline - Postmarked not later than April 30, 2008	\$80.00	
Regular Member Registration: Includes All Seminars and Meals – Deadline - Postmarked not later than June 30, 2008	\$90.00	
Student Registration: Includes All Seminars and Meals – Deadline Postmarked not later than June 30, 2008	\$60.00	
Non-Member Registration: Includes All Seminars and Meals – Deadline Postmarked not later than June 30, 2008	\$140.00	
Guests: All meals	\$60.00	

TOTAL REMITTANCE ENCLOSED (after June 30, 2008, please add \$30 late fee)	\$
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COMPLETE AND MAIL WITH PAYMENT TO:
 Marion R. Stone, PP, PLS, 162 West Lowry, Brooklyn, MI 49230

<p>MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NALS Region 3</p> <p>CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations received by June 15, 2008, will be fully refunded. Cancellations received from June 15 – July 1 will be refunded less a \$50 handling fee.</p> <p>NO REFUNDS AFTER July 1, 2008.</p> <p>DIRECT REGISTRATION QUESTIONS TO: Marion Stone, PP, PLS, NALS Region 3 Director, mstone@co.jackson.mi.us</p>

Region 3 Retreat 2008

Friday, July 18, 2008

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Registration** (Hotel Lobby)

7:10 – 10:00 p.m.. **Welcome Party with Dinner; Region 3 Meeting; Entertainment with prizes.**

Saturday, July 19, 2008

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Registration** (Hotel Lobby)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Motivational Speaker** – Kelly Thorne of iBloom, Inspiring Women

9:30 – 9:45 a.m. **Refreshment Break**

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **And They're Off! Equine and Racing Law** presented by Walter S. Robertson, Esq., Stites & Harbison, PLLC

10:45 – Noon **Trying a Sexual Harassment Case** presented by Debra Doss, Esq.

Noon – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Criminal Law/Marijuana and DUI** presented by Gatewood Galbraith, Esq.

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Refreshment Break**

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **The Voice of Leadership** presented by Julie Abernathy, NALS President-Elect

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.. **Drawings, Closing Announcements**

Hotel Accommodations
Ramada Inn & Conference Center
2143 Broadway, Lexington, KY
(859) 299-1261

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Ramada Inn. Room rates are \$79.99 plus tax and include a hot breakfast buffet.



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