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***Legal Personnel of South
Central Wisconsin
ANNUAL MEETING
April 9, 2008***

Members Only

Place: The Coliseum Bar, Madison

Time: 5:30 p.m. -- Attitude Adjustment
6:00 p.m. -- Dinner
6:45 p.m. -- Speaker

Menu/meal choices:

Chicken Cordon Bleu with a side of
diced baby red potatoes in
garlic and parmesan (\$16)

or Chef Salad (\$10)

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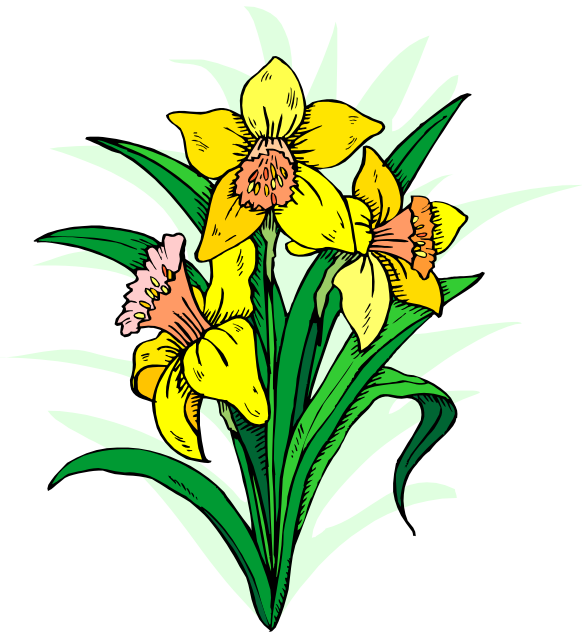
- BulletinBeth Koerber, PP, PLS
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PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Welcome to Spring! Tulips and daffodils are coming up, there have been a few warm and sunny days when it has been great to be outside and get re-energized. I hope you have had a chance to enjoy the warmer weather as well.

This month will be our Annual Business Meeting. I hope all of you will be able to attend. Your input is invaluable and much appreciated. See you there!

Carol Mays
President



**2008 - 2009
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**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION
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Marketing: Bulletin/Mandatum, Fundraising/
Finance, Marketing &
Technology

Education: Certification, Legal Education,
Program & Scholarship

Membership: Employment, Installation of
Officers, Member Recognition
Night, Member Services &
Reservations

LPSCW 2007-2008 PROGRAM

9/19/07 Business Meeting
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI

10/10/07 *Learn about the Wisconsin
Supreme Court and Court of
Appeals (Part 1 of 2)*
David Schanker, Clerk of
Courts, WI Supreme Court
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI

11/14/07 *Learn about the Wisconsin
Supreme Court and Court of
Appeals (Part 2 of 2)*
David Schanker, Clerk of
Courts, WI Supreme Court
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI

12/12/07 LPSCW Business Meeting
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI

01/09/08 LPSCW Business Meeting
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI

02/13/08 *Basic First Aid for Your
Office*
David Williams, Paramedic for
the City of Middleton, WI
LPSCW Education Meeting
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI

03/12/08 *Discover and Create Your
Personal Vision of Success*
Kim Lambert, Professional
Life Coach.

04/08/08 LPSCW Annual Meeting

05/14/08 LPSCW Installation of
Officers/Member
Recognition

6/11/08 Roundtable/planning
meeting for upcoming year



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 4/9/08 | LPSCW Annual Meeting
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI
Members Only |
| 5/2 - 5/4/08 | WALP Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn Select
Appleton, WI |
| 5/14/08 | LPSCW Installation of
Officers and Member
Recognition |
| 6/11/08 | LPSCW Meeting
Coliseum Bar, Madison, WI |
| 6/13-14/08 | NALS Region 5 Meeting
Inn on Lake Superior
Duluth, Minnesota |
| 9/11-14/08 | NALS 57 th Education
Conference & National Forum
Norfolk, VA |

Tulsa 2008:

A Tale of Two First Timers

By Sonja Schade (with edits by Hilary Williams)

On March 6, 2008, we traveled to Tulsa, OK, for the annual March NALS professional development conference. Upon arrival we received yellow name badges and donned them for the entire conference, clearly marking ourselves as "First Timers."

Although the weather was a tad colder in Tulsa than we had hoped for at the annual NALS professional development conference, at the end of the conference we found ourselves inspired. As we made our way from meeting to meeting and event to event (Sonja on the Membership track and Hilary on the President-Elect track), it was great to meet and have meaningful conversations with so many intelligent, charismatic and witty legal professionals. We truly felt "welcomed" by our fellow NALS members. We posed for countless pictures, received quite a collection of business cards and were sincerely urged to contact these newly introduced members for any reason or for any type of support.

As First Timers we were impressed and encouraged.

The conference culminated with the NALS Resource Center grand opening and celebration. The new building is owned by the association and houses the national NALS staff. We were excited to learn that it also can be used by local, state and regional groups for retreats and meetings (road trip anyone?). We experienced the rich history as we passed by the wall of past presidents' pictures, as well as viewing the recognition wall. We were amongst quite an excited chatter of hundreds of legal professionals experiencing it for the first time. So there were other First Timers after all!

And yes, all attendees received a pin in honor of the grand opening, and no, you may not have ours! You'll have to become a First Timer at another conference or event, as we encourage you to do.

As First Timers in Tulsa, what did we take away? A refreshed understanding of the dynamics of the multi-level organization and a better understanding of the abundant opportunities to continue legal education through seminars and conferences (and don't forget the CLE credits!).

We also recognized that there are countless opportunities to attain certifications. In addition, we experienced firsthand a powerful network of legal professionals, enough so as to have a contact in many law fields and jurisdictions. And finally, we walked away more confident and excited about our decision to be a member of this association.

We will never again be First Timers at the NALS professional development conference in Tulsa, but we will take our memories with us and make it a special experience for other First Timers who don the yellow name badge.

If you'd like to hear more about a First Timer's experience in Tulsa, please feel free to contact Sonja or Hilary. We'll gladly oblige you with a story not mentioned here, pose for a photo, or accept a business card or two—just out of habit!

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