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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By JoAnne Haffeman

Hello my fellow members. Hope you all survived this really awful winter. My lucky Dad got to spend part of it in Hawaii. I was sorely tempted to stowaway in his luggage!

Our streak of successful events has continued. Although we were forced to cancel our dinner meeting in January due to weather (what else!), the next three events were very successful. We held a Saturday Seminar at Montclair State University on March 1, which was very well attended and received. Our speakers, Brenda Klumpp, F. Peter Phillips, Esq. and Lori Patrick Esq., were exceptional. Our March General Dinner Meeting at the Hyatt Hotel in Morristown was equally well received and presented. Damian Christian Shamus, Esq., and Eric Probst, Esq. provided attendees with an informative and provocative presentation on Ethical Considerations in Social Media. Next, we held a Saturday Seminar at Union County College on April 12. Again, our speakers, Joseph Zavaglia, Esq. and Eric Marcy, Esq., presented informative and interesting seminars on Ethics and Mental Health and the Law, respectively. So, if you're batting a thousand, where to you go from there? Keep posted! And for those you who missed out, hurry and join fun!

As you will note, the elections for the 2014-2015 Executive Board have been held. The installation of officers will take place at the June General Membership Meeting. Additionally, as you might already be aware, the members recently received an email entitled "PANJ NEEDS YOUR HELP!" We wish to thank those members who responded and look forward to your assistance in providing services and benefits to our membership.

I also want to direct your attention to the reminder in this issue on reservations. Please understand that our responsibility for the cost of the dinner meetings is based on the number of reservations that we receive. We are required to provide the facility with a head count in advance of the meeting. To my distress, even though our meetings this year have been well attended, we've also had a number of no-shows. The Association is still held responsible for paying for these meals. While it is understood that emergency situations do arise, it is important that you inform the Association as soon as you know you cannot attend a dinner meeting. This will help exempt you from having responsibility for payment. You will be held responsible should you be a no-show and will be sent an invoice, so please make every effort to let us know you won't be able to attend.

Finally, the registration forms for the 2014 New Jersey Paralegal Convention are also included in this issue. It's never too early to register to make sure you have a place in the seminars you wish attend!! Make sure you tell your friends about the Convention as well.

So, enjoy the coming of the warmer weather and come support **YOUR** Association!

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NALA News

by Kandi Moncelsi, ACP

NALA announced on May 5, 2014 that it had received accreditation of the Certified Paralegal program from the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA). The Accreditation is achieved by the submission of an application that demonstrates compliance with the NCCA's Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs. The NCCA has been accrediting certifying programs since 1987, basing its accreditation on the highest quality standards in professional certification. PANJ wishes to congratulate NALA on receiving this accreditation.

NALA's 39th Annual Convention Institutes & Exhibition will be held in Charleston, South Carolina on July 23-25. The Convention will be comprised of six institutes or tracks, including Anatomy of a Case, Corporate, Discovery, Elder Law, Essential Skills and Intellectual Property. There will also be an Exhibit Hall as well as the Member Exchange, Annual Meeting of NALA Affiliated Association and Affiliate Presentations. If you have never attended the annual convention, I would urge you take this opportunity as it not held on the East Coast very often. Not only will you get to meet and network with paralegals from across the country and attend very informative seminar sessions, you'll also gain a sense of pride in being a member of the profession. I've always come back from a convention feeling invigorated by the experience and renewed energy in my responsibilities as a paralegal.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM	Check in and Walk-In Registration Continental Breakfast ***VENDOR FAIR***
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Session I Seminars
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Break for Family Law & Miscellaneous A Tracks ***VENDOR FAIR***
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Session II Seminars begin for Litigation & Miscellaneous B Tracks
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Session II Seminars begin for Family & Miscellaneous A Tracks
11:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Break for Litigation & Miscellaneous B Tracks ***VENDOR FAIR***
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Session III Seminars
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Lunch *** VENDOR FAIR *** Prize Drawings**
2:45PM - 4:00 PM	Session IV Seminar

*Lunch menu:

Baby Lettuce with Grape Tomatoes, Kalamata Olives & Red Onion

Choice of:

Tilapia with tomato caper sauce

or

Herb Marinated Chicken Breast

Chef's selection of seasonal vegetable and starch

Rolls & butter

Dessert

Coffee/Tea/Decaffeinated Coffee/Iced Tea

Vegetarian option of pasta (not vegan) or other dietary restrictions accommodated upon request.

Please contact the convention committee for further information.

If you do not choose an entree when you register, chicken will automatically be selected for you.

**** Remember – You must be present to win!!**

DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS

Family Law Track:

IMMIGRATION IN FAMILY LAW, Deb Guston, Esquire and Alla Londres, Esquire
The rights of non-citizens as it relates to family law, divorce, custody, etc.

I'M NOT CRAZY, I'M JUST GETTING DIVORCED! Stephanie Hagen, Esquire
Going through a divorce is an emotional roller coaster, just ask anyone who has lived through it! This seminar will help understand the emotional issues and how to work with the emotional, family law client.

ADOPTION, Jean M. Cavaliere, Esquire
A step by step discussion on the process of adoption.

Litigation Track:

PLAINTIFF v. DEFENDANT- Sessions I and II
Joshua H. Raymond, Esquire, appearing for the plaintiff
Lori Patrick, Esquire, appearing for the defense
One fact pattern, two adverse positions. The litigation case from both sides of the coin.

THE PARALEGAL'S GUIDE TO FEDERAL PRACTICE, Robert Vort, Esquire
A primer on the roles of the paralegal in the Federal Courts.

Miscellaneous A Track:

WORKER'S COMPENSATION, David Lande, Esquire
Second Injury Fund, Section 20, what does it mean? Worker's Compensation for both the paralegal and employee.

I HAVE A JUDGMENT, HOW DO I COLLECT?, Gerald Felt, Esquire
After you've gone through the process to obtain a judgment, how does your client get payment?

CURRENT TRENDS IN LESBIAN/GAY/BISEXUAL/TRANSGENDER RIGHTS, Robyn B. Gigl, Esquire
The law is ever changing. Learn the latest in rights for the LGBT community.

Miscellaneous B Track:

ANIMAL RIGHTS LAW, Linda J. Niedweske, Esquire
From the tenant forced to give up their pet or move, to the animal about to be euthanized, the rights surrounding people and their pets is diverse and complex.

BANKRUPTCY FOR THE NON-BANKRUPTCY PARALEGAL, Mathew Laskowski, Senior Paralegal, Porzio Bromberg & Newman
Everything you've always wanted to know about bankruptcy even though you do not work in this area of law.

WHERE DO I FIND THAT? Kathy Taggart, Senior Research Services Librarian, Lowenstein Sandler LLP
There are more places to find your answers than through your firm's subscription to WestLaw or Lexis. Find out where in this seminar!

Session IV - All Attendees:

ETHICS & SOCIAL MEDIA or Can I talk about my job on Facebook?, Joseph Zavaglia, Esquire and Michael Sullivan, Esquire
We all know there is a fine line dividing what is ethical, with social media becoming more the rule than the exception. How can a paralegal stay on the right side of it all?



REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration through October 20, 2014
 October 24, 2014
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Renaissance Woodbridge
 515 US Route 1 South
 Iselin, New Jersey

Pre-Registration fee:
 Paralegals/Students: \$75.00
 Attorneys/Others: \$85.00
 At door \$10 additional fee

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Please supply information for each registrant (attach duplicate forms for multiple registrants)
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 MEAL CHOICE: _____ CHICKEN _____ FISH _____

Place an "X" on the line to the left of the program for each session that you would like to attend.
 Paypal Registration: Please insert topic # for each session you would like to attend.
PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE SEMINAR FROM EACH SESSION!!!

SESSION I	SESSION II	SESSION III	SESSION IV
____ Immigration in Family Law	____ I'm Not Crazy, I'm Getting Divorced	____ Adoption	Ethics & Social Media
____ Plaintiff v. Defendant #1	____ Plaintiff v. Defendant #2	____ Federal Practice	(All attendee seminar)
____ Worker's Compensation	____ Post Judgment Collections	____ Current Trends in LGBT	
____ Animal Rights Law	____ Bankruptcy for NonBankruptcy Paralegals	____ Where Do I Find That?	

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 123 Omaha Avenue
 Rockaway, NJ 07866

There will be a \$25.00 return check fee plus administrative charge for each returned check.
 Refunds less \$25 administration fee will be granted until October 10, 2014. No refunds after October 10, 2014

Please call the Renaissance Woodbridge for hotel accommodations. 973-634-3600
 Mention your attendance at the NJ Paralegal Convention for special room rates.
 Reservations must be made by September 24, 2014 to insure availability



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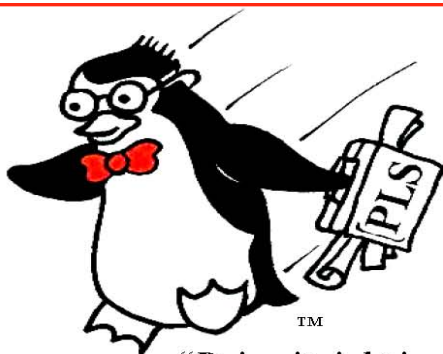
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