



**The President's
Message**



**WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR WE HAVE
IN STORE!!!!**

What's in store for the New Year? I'm so glad you asked. The NALS of Atlanta 2006-2007 business year has wonderful possibilities in store. The theme for the year will be a continuance of the "Bosses' Night" theme with an added caveat, "**You are a Star and Giving Stellar Performance.**" This theme is to serve as a reminder to each of us that we are special, have unique tal-

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CLE AFTER HOURS

WHEN: *Tuesday, June 20, 2004*
WHERE: *Brown Reporting, Inc.*
PROGRAM: *Employment-A Privilege or a Right? (Employment Law)*
Presented by The Honorable Mayor of Avondale Estates,
Jerry McCumber, Esq.
SPOTLIGHT VENDOR: *Mr. Dean Pallas (Capitol Services, Inc.)*

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- Perform all duties of the profession with integrity and competence; and
- Pursue a high order of professional attainment.

JUNE 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	1	2	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Leadership retreat
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Fathers Day	19	20 CLE AFTER HOURS	21	22	23	24 Service Juris Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

**THIS MONTH
JUNE 2006**

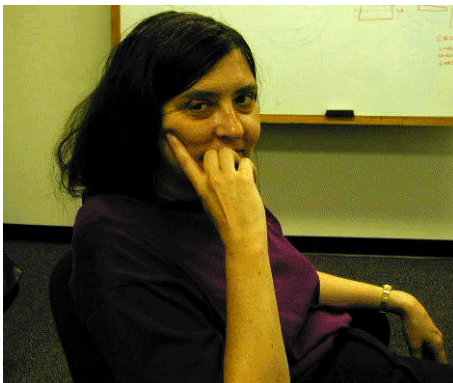
- Sat. June 10, 2006-EC Leadership Retreat at the home of Mary Jo Denman
- Sun. June 18, 2006—Father’s Day
- Tuesday, June 20, 2006—CLE After Hours at Brown reporting
- Sat. June 24, 2006-Service Juris Day

JULY 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 JULY 4TH HOLIDAY	5	6	7	8
9	10 EC Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 CLE AFTER HOURS	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

**LOOKING AHEAD TO
NEXT MONTH
JULY 2006**

- Tuesday, July 4—Independence Day Holiday
- Monday, July 10—EC Meeting
- Tuesday, July 18—CLE After Hours



FROM THE SCRIPTUM EDITOR:

Hi guys-I’m back. After taking a break the last year or two, I’ve decided to be a little more active and once more take on the Scriptum duties. This position is much more onerous than many people realize, as it involves not only preparing the Scriptum, but along with this comes a position on the Executive Committee with the ensuing time commitment and administrative responsibilities. I’ve been a little bit slow getting up and running, but hope to be up to speed shortly. I’m excited about the move to having the Scriptum published online, and look forward to serving the membership in this capacity during the course of the coming year. Feel free to send me any comments you may have at [sstenger@kilpatrickstockton.com](mailto:ssstenger@kilpatrickstockton.com).

-Sally Stenger



**BOSS OF THE YEAR—
ERNEST L. GREER, ESQ.**

nominated by Debbie Staples

**WHY MY BOSS SHOULD BE BOSS OF
THE YEAR**

My boss is a person some people underestimate because of his friendly, fun-loving personality. At only 39 years old, he has accomplished what many attorneys his senior are still working to achieve. He is the youngest shareholder at our Firm's Atlanta office, is the co-chair of the Atlanta Litigation Department and is a member of the Executive Committee for the entire Firm (we have 33 offices throughout U.S. and Europe). Most recently he was chosen by the American Diabetes Association as Father of the Year 2006. His professional and community involvement include: General Counsel of the National Association of Minority Contractors (Atlanta); Member of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Legal Diversity Consortium, Inc.; Member of the Board of Directors of the Fulton County Arts Council; Member of Leadership Atlanta, Class of 2004; Member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Inc.; President-Elect, Trinity School Parents Association; and Member of the Atlanta Bar Association's Committee for Judicial Selection and Tenure.

He was also selected as one of "Georgia's 2005 Super Lawyers Rising Star" by *Atlanta Magazine* and *Georgia Super Lawyers* and has been featured and quoted in many other magazines, news articles and periodicals. Of course, behind every great man is a great woman, and in his case there are three – his wife and two daughters (who are his biggest fans)! He is ever mindful of the life lessons taught him by his parents and to honor them he recently established an Enrichment Fund at his preparatory school, named for his mother and late father, for the purpose of providing monies to students to cover the expenses of extracurricular activities and other opportunities not covered by their tuition. Yes, my boss has accomplished much over the past few years, but that is not why he should be Boss of the Year.

He should be Boss of the Year because he encourages our team to be the best they can be for our clients. He asks for one hundred percent, yet, he

gives one hundred and ten percent because he will never ask us to do anything he won't. He is one of the few shareholders at our Firm to whom employees feel comfortable to approach for help on both legal and personal issues, despite the fact that many of these employees do not know him well or even work in our department! He is well-known in our office for his ability as a deal-maker; providing solutions to seemingly impossible situations and providing a good result for each party. He is the "Go To Guy" for many attorneys in our Firm for his advice and insight. (I often tease that I need to install a "Take a Number" system on his door similar to those at the deli counter). He is also well-known and respected within the legal community by his peers and the judiciary.

He should be Boss of the Year because he shows kindness in unexpected ways. He is the ONLY boss I have ever had who asks me whether I have received my raise yet and if it was satisfactory and reminds me not to forget to write down my overtime. He has always been supportive of my membership in NALS and has demonstrated his support over the years, assisting in any way he could, whether by assisting me financially, or by allowing the use of the Firm facilities to hold a certification study group, and the PLS exam. Even when he is out of the office, he looks out for his team members. When a newly-hired attorney who had just moved to Atlanta became ill, my boss asked two other employees to leave work immediately and go to the hospital to stay with the attorney until we were assured all would be well and then he ensured that the attorney had access to food and a support system when discharged from the hospital. Occasionally, when employees for the building in which our office is located encounter legal problems, my boss generously provides legal services pro bono, never boasting about these acts of generosity to anyone. Often I am unaware of the situation until the person shows up for an appointment or approaches me in the lobby to say how much they appreciate his kindness. My Boss should be Boss of the Year because he treats our employees with genuine respect and engages in an easy camaraderie with everyone from the cleaning staff to management, displaying a warm and friendly attitude for which he is greatly admired. My boss knows that family comes first and he never loses track of the reason we come to work in the first place. In all the years I have worked with him, no matter what legal battles were raging in his office at

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the time, I know I can ALWAYS transfer a telephone call from one of his children to him and even while he is in the midst of a heated discussion, he will proudly tell his audience, “excuse me, but this is my daughter on the phone” - putting his guests, and the legal battle at hand, into proper perspective.

You can never completely describe someone in a one-page letter because there is always something else to mention, but if I have given you any insight into my Boss’s personality, you will not hesitate to name him Boss of the Year 2006.

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From the Parliamentarian —

Mary Jo Denman, PP, PLS
 NALS Immediate Past President

I am so grateful that Sadie asked if I would serve as parliamentarian this year. Working on the NALS Board has been both exciting and rewarding, but I’ve missed chapter work and am now ready to “return home” so to speak. One thing I’ve learned through the years is that formal parliamentary procedure is a thing of the past. For a group our size, open discussion and reaching consensus followed by formulation of a motion for vote is more conducive to a successful flow of ideas and agreement. *Robert’s Rules of Order* simply remains in the background in the rare instance we need to go that route.

It has been over five years since we last reviewed our by-laws and standing rules, so get ready for some lively discussions when we propose significant changes as we look to the future for NALS of Atlanta. According to our by-laws, the executive committee is charged with handling the

LEADERSHIP RETREAT 6-10-06 AT THE HOME OF MARY JO DENMAN



clockwise from center left—MaryKathryn Largent, Terry Cohea, Belinda Ellerby, Sally Stenger, Kathy Saint, Nancy Mikacevich, Sadie Bispham. Photo by Mary Jo Denman

NALS of Atlanta
37th Annual Bosses' Night
Banquet
And Installation of
Officers
May 16, 2006

You Are a Star



Maggiano's Little Italy-Buckhead
3368 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA 30326

“You Are a Star” – 37th Annual Bosses' Night and Installation of Officers

The eagerly-awaited NALS of Atlanta's “37th Annual Bosses' Night Banquet and Installation of Officers” was held at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant in Buckhead on Tuesday, May 16, 2006. The program was centered around an Oscar night setting and the theme was “*You Are a Star.*” The event was well attended by NALS of Atlanta members, bosses, family, friends, and special guests.

After cocktails and appetizers, the program officially began with a warm welcome from Virginia L. Kane, 2006 “Bosses Night” Chair, followed by the inspiration from Susan M. Weaver, PLS. Mary Jo Denman, PP, PLS then gave a brief history of NALS of Atlanta and was later honored by NALS of Atlanta when Sadie M. Bispham, PP, PLS presented her with a gift for graciously assisting with installation of officers for the past two years.

The following were installed as 2006-2007

NALS of Atlanta officers: THE SCRIPTUM Sadie M. Bispham, PP, PLS – President; MaryKathryn Largent, Vice President; Belinda K. Ellerby, PLS – Secretary; and Kathy J. Saint, PP, PLS – Treasurer. Mary Jo Denman, PP, PLS, gave a brief overview of the duties of each officer, and in keeping with the Oscar night theme, she described the Treasurer as a “producer,” the Secretary as a “script writer,” the Vice President as a “production designer,” and the President as the “director.” After the officers took the oath and were sworn in, the program continued with entertainment by none other than Elvis Presley (purported to be an impersonator, but no one knew for sure), who delighted the guests with his renditions of “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Angry Secretary Blues,” and “That's Allright Mama.”

The guests were treated to a superb three-course dinner, which included Caesar Salad, Chopped Salad with Chicken, Four Cheese Ravioli with Alfredo Pesto Sauce, Mom's Meat Lasagna, Tilapia with Lemon & Herbs, Oven Roasted Pork Loin with Mushroom Cream Sauce, and for dessert, Apple Crostada and Tiramisu.

MaryKathryn Largent gave a summary of the organization's “CLE After Hours” for the previous year, followed by Kathy J. Saint, PP, PLS, who presented certificates to law firms which had supported NALS of Atlanta during 2005-2006. Sadie M. Bispham, PP, PLS presented special certificates of appreciation to spotlight vendors for 2005-2006. Kim Noble, PP, PLS was honored by her peers as NALS of Atlanta “Member of the Year,” and Karen G. Wallace, PLS received the “Award of Excellence” honor. Kim Noble, PP, PLS came forward again to present Sadie M. Bispham, PP, PLS with the President's Gift, which was a lovely leather briefcase with a removable laptop bag fitted therein. William T. McKenzie, Esq., 2005 “Boss of the Year” presented the

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2006 award to Ernest L. Greer of the law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP. Debbie Staples, PP, PLS noted in her nomination letter that Mr. Greer “should be Boss of the Year because he encourages our team to be the best they can be for our clients. He asks for one hundred percent, yet, he gives one hundred and ten percent because he will never ask us to do anything he won’t.” A photo of this very dynamic “Boss of the Year” can be found on the NALS of Atlanta website.

The evening concluded with door prizes, door prizes and more door prizes. Leslie Keys, PLS, and secondary member of NALS of Atlanta, and Johnathan Great-house (Sadie’s delightful little grandson) distributed the door prizes this year. The coveted “Basket of Cheers” was won this year by Kathy Adams, PLS.

Sadie M. Bispham, PP, PLS closed this glorious evening by thanking everyone who attended and giving special recognition to Virginia L. Kane and the “Boss of the Year” committee for the excellent job they did in planning this year’s event.

Belinda K. Ellerby, PLS
Recording Secretary



From the Bosses’ Night Chair, Virginia Kane:

Amazingly, the “Basket of Cheers” was won 2 years in a row by the same person!

The theme for 2006 Bosses’ Night was “You Are A Star.” NALS members are “stars,” thus setting the pace for others to follow. We (NALS members) are mentors in the office force. The installation was done in the Oscar theme, relating to the “star” theme. Example, “Elvis” was a mentor in the music industry.

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BOSSSES' NIGHT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS MAY 2006

For photos of Bosses' night, check out the website "photo gallery" at www.nalsofatlanta.org

Also see articles on pp. 4-5, 6-7

VICE PRESIDENT:
MARY KATHRYN LARGENT



TREASURER: KATHY SAINT



2006-2007 OFFICERS

RECORDING SECRETARY:
BELINDA ELLERBY



PRESIDENT: SADIE BISPHAM

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESI-
DENT: LOVETTE BENNETT



**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
WINNER
KAREN WALLACE, PLS**

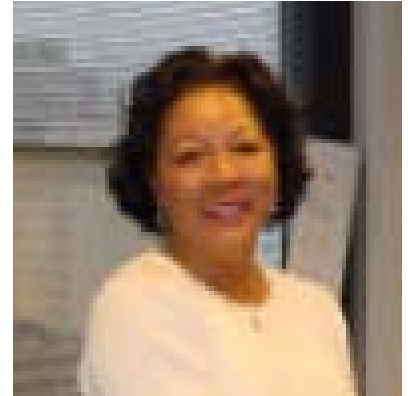


**BOSS OF THE YEAR:
ERNEST GREER, ESQ. OF
GREENBERG TRAURIG**

**NOMINATED BY
DEBBIE STAPLES, PP, PLS**



**MEMBER OF THE YEAR
KIM NOBLE, PP, PLS**



DONNA FULLER, FMLI

Donna Fuller, legal assistant at Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, carries the FLMI (Fellow, Life Management Institute) designation, which is bestowed by LOMA (Life Office Management Association). The designation is awarded after successful completion of an intense 10-course professional development program in the insurance and financial services industry.

The program provides a thorough overview of all aspects of the industry, including fundamentals and principles of life and health insurance and annuities, insurance company operations, insurance ad-

**NALS OF ATLANTA
SPOTLIGHT ON
MEMBERSHIP**



**Welcome
New members**

**Cheryl Copeland of Alston & Bird, LLP
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Patricia A. Hicks
Brenda L. Jeffers
Of Epstein Becker & Green, PC
Barbara H. Lyle of Powell Goldstein, LLP**

ministration, legal aspects, marketing, and accounting reporting in life and health insurance companies, management principles and practices, investment principles, financial services and managing for solvency and profitability in life and health insurance companies.

Donna received the FLMI designation in 1996 and is currently working on her PLS designation.

SUBMITTED BY: ANITA AARON, PLS
JUNE SUNSHINE REPORT

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.

--Charles Wadsworth

Celebrating Fathers--Celebrating Men



Resurrection of The Prince Within

And when the prince has toured the world
 In search of the glory that he had lost,
 Led astray by the illusions of his ego,
 He comes to the threshold of reality
 Always and ever waiting for his knock.

And when the prince abandons his ego,
 And in humility accepts his fallacies,
 He unburdens his mind of its illusions
 And opens in him a room for revelation
 Of that which has hitherto been in him.

And thus in humbling of the little self,
 The prince is exalted to higher realms,
 Where he shall unite in identification,
 With the true self and essence he truly is,
 Always has been and always will be.

-- Author Unknown

CongratuRaysions to:

Our new Board of Officers: Sadie Bispham, PP, PLS, Returning Pres., MaryKathryn Largent, VP; Belinda Ellerby, PLS--Secretary; Kathy Saint, PP, PLS--Treasurer
 Arlene L. Skeete on her new job with Hunton and Williams
 Member of the Year - Kim Noble, PP, PLS - Morris Manning and Martin, LLP
 Award of Excellence Winner - Karen Wallace, PLS - Seyfarth Shaw, LLP
 Boss of the Year - Ernest L. Greer, Esq. – Secretary, Debra Staples, PP, PLS

June Birthdays



Nancy Mikacevich, PLS	June 14
Arlene Skeete	June 28
Tammy S. Evans	June 29

**2005-2006 VICE PRESIDENT
AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

By
Kim Noble, PP, PLS

The year had been filled with fun, excitement, and tough challenges. But as Membership Chair, I rose to the occasion with great enthusiasm and faith. This year was a first-time for many happenings.

It started with a total of 68 remarkable members. This position was new to me, as well as I was somewhat "green" myself as a member. Surprisingly, after adding a few new ideals, along with some big smiles and a few hugs, membership rose to approximately 79 members. Throughout the year, we saw some members come and we saw some go. But by the end of the Membership Committee's term in April, NALS of Atlanta stood strong at 75 members.... and still counting.

During this year, the Membership Committee applied for the first-time a Raffle License to assist Ways & Means in raising money. While I hope one day Membership will go forward with NALS of Atlanta's 1st Annual Yard Sale, as well as continue to get involved with community service, which for the first-time our Members volunteered for Project Open Hands of Atlanta. I believe these events will give our Members a sense of involvement with NALS. Membership's goal is to recruit more volunteers to participate in our next community service project coming in 2007, to include advertising and selling our very first-time production of "NALS of Atlanta T-shirts." Also this year, for the first-time, new and renewing members received "Certificates of Membership" in recognition of their participation in NALS of Atlanta.

In October 2005, as a first-timer to the NALS Education Conference and Forum in Buffalo, New York, it was a blast for me! I met so many wonderful people and learned much at the educational sessions that were held throughout the day. It was exciting and fun. At the Conference, I was even awarded the "Slugger Award" for recruiting members, as well as being recognized for passing the PP and PLS certifications. That was my first time ever being recognized twice at one event!

And then to back that up in November 2005, I met and took a picture with the Governor of the State of Georgia. Now that was a moment in time I would never forget.

In conclusion, after such a terrific first year as Vice President and Membership Chair, I have learned so much, especially following in the footsteps of Sadie Bispham, President. But to end the year by receiving the Member of the Year Award was truly a recognition I would take with me forever. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as Vice President and Membership Chair. NALS of Atlanta has given me such a huge incentive to maximize my potential that I have within and didn't know that I had. And I thank you NALS of Atlanta!

And I say Thank You Members for your support!



CLE AFTER HOURS PROGRAM (2006-2007)

CLE After Hours sessions are conducted on the third Tuesday of the month in the evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Location will vary from time to time. Information regarding the CLE After Hours schedule is available online at our website: www.nalsofatlanta.org and/or by contacting Terry Cohea, PLS, Chair, Certification/Education Committee at tacohea@duanemorris.com or any member of the Executive Committee.

JUNE 7, 2007
(WEBINAR)

Topic: "Managing Critical Dates"
Time: 12:30 – 1 p.m. – Eastern Standard Time
Media: Internet
Details: "Calendar-related errors are the leading cause of administrative malpractice suits."

JUNE 20, 2006

Topic: Employment - a privilege or a right?
(Employment Law)
Speaker: The Honorable Mayor of Avondale Estates, Jerry McCumber, Esq.
Location: Brown Reporting, Inc.
1740 Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
Spotlight Vendor: Mr. Dean Pallas
(Capitol Services, Inc.)

JULY 18, 2006**45th Anniversary Celebration**

Topic: Who's in Charge Here? Asserting Your Influence as a leader
Speaker: David Ryback, Ph.D
EQ Associates International
1534 N. Decatur Road, Suite 201
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
Location: Mary Mac's Tearoom
East Ponce de Leon Avenue
Atlanta, GA
Spotlight Vendor: Dan Edmond (Aflac)

August 26, 2006
Summer Social

Location: 287 Pinehurst Lane
Marietta, Georgia 30068
Details: Pool Party –
"Hot Fun in the Summer Time"
Dessert Auction

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

Topic: Just the Facts Madam – Where to find them?
Private Investigator's Role in Litigation
Speaker: T.J. Ward
Investigative Consultants International
5460 McGinnis Ferry Road, Suite 103
Alpharetta, Georgia 30005
Location: TBD
Spotlight Vendor: Bill and Gail Finnie, Owners
(Continental Coffee & Sweets)

OCTOBER 17, 2006

Topic: "Sue the B@%&^" - Tort Reform
Speaker: Kwende B. Jones, Esq. (Burr & Forman)
Location: Burr & Forman
171 17th Street Atlantic Station
Atlanta, Georgia
Spotlight Vendor: Document Resources

NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Topic: Stay in your Pajamas -
The Clean Air Campaign/Teleworking
Speaker: Mr. Michael Halicki
Communications Director
The Clean Air Campaign
Location: TBD
Spotlight Vendor: (TBA)

DECEMBER 2006

Holiday Social
Date: December ____, 2006
Location: TBD

January 16, 2007

Topic: TBA
Speaker: TBA
Location: TBD
Spotlight Vendor: (TBD)

Special: NALS of Atlanta Education Seminar
(date and location TBA)

February 20, 2007

Topic: Birth Trauma and Medical Malpractice
Speaker: John E. Hall, Jr. Esq. (Partner)
Hall, Booth, Smith and Slover
Location: TDB
Spotlight Vendor: (TBD)

March 20, 2007

Topic: TBD
Speaker: TBA
Location: TDB
Special Event: Election of Officers (2007-2008)

April 17, 2007

Event: Professionals Night Out
Sponsor: NALS of Atlanta
Guests: Invitation to be extended to members,
guests, and local legal associations
Location: TBA (local law firm)

May 15, 2007

Event: 38th Annual Bosses' Night and
47th Annual Installation of Officers
Sponsor: NALS of Atlanta
Location: TDB

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affairs of the chapter except in a few matters such as elections. However, as always, we will look to our members for input with regard to any changes proposed.

Mary Jo

Mary Jo Denman, Certified PP, PLS
Smith, Bassett, Purcell & Koenig

NALS Immediate Past President
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CLE AFTER HOURS—JUNE 20, 2006

Topic: Employment - a Privilege or a Right? (Employment Law)
Speaker: The Honorable Mayor of Avondale Estates, Jerry McCumber, Esq.
Location: Brown Reporting, Inc.
1740 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309
Spotlight Vendor: Mr. Dean Pallas (Capitol Services, Inc.)

Speaker bio:

Mr. McCumber is a sole practitioner focusing on representing clients, many of whom are health care providers, with corporate employment and real estate matters. Mr. McCumber is a frequent lecturer on health care-related topics. In addition to his law practice, Mr. McCumber has been involved in numerous civic activities.

Mr. McCumber has broad experience handling employment matters with a variety of clients, including:

- reviewing and drafting of personnel policies and procedures
- investigation and management of employee claims and grievances through internal client procedures
- investigation and handling of EEOC charges of discrimination and
- litigation of employment claims.

Mr. McCumber is a 1980 graduate of Woodrow Wilson College of Law where he received his Juris Doctor and is a 1970 graduate of Furman University, Bachelor of Science.

The evening meal will be provided compliments of Brown Reporting at no charge to those attending.

For more information please call Sadie Bispham at 404-377-9254 or email bispham@dekalb-law.com

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ents and gifts and that if we use those talents, we can't help but do our very best in all areas of our life. NALS refers to this as "maximizing your potential." I envision this year our membership growing to over 100 members, the members getting involved with chapter activities, and sharing their NALS experience with all that will listen. In addition, I see NALS of Atlanta reaching out to the community, getting involved, and building a relationship with the State Bar of Georgia and other local legal associations. I also see that through our "CLE After Hours" and education seminar opportunities that we will be the association sought after for continuing legal education opportunities for the Atlanta legal support community.

Most of the committees have chairpersons and are getting started with their activities. To those members who have so graciously agreed to chair committees, I say thank you very much. For those of you that are not chairing committees, you can still offer your assistance to a particular committee. In each edition of the *Scriptum*, our monthly publication, there is a listing of the committees and the point of contact for that committee. In addition, on our website (www.nalsfatlanta.org) there is a listing of the committees. If you don't get the opportunity to read the *Scriptum* or visit the website, you can always contact a fellow member and ask about the committees. What is my point you say? Quite frankly this, you can get involved, it just takes a desire to do so.

Our CLE After Hours program is off to a wonderful start. On June 20, 2006, the CLE After Hours is on the topic: Employment, a right or a privilege? Mr. Jeff Ingram, Client Relations Manager for Brown Court Reporting, has graciously arranged for us to conduct our June 20 CLE After Hours at Brown Court Reporting and he has generously agreed to provide the evening meal at no cost to the members.

In July, we will celebrate the chapter's 45th anniversary and have as our guest speaker David Ryback, Ph.D., who will address the topic "Asserting your influence as a leader." In August, several of our members will participate in the Region 4 Conference which just happens to be a cruise with a destination of Cozumel, Mexico. In between enjoying the wonderful sight-seeing, shopping, dining, there will be opportunities to earn some CLE credit by attending the education conference aboard the ship. Speaking of conferences, in October still another opportunity will be presented, but this time on the national level. We get to "Raise a Ruckus" in Reno, Nevada at the NALS 55th Annual Education Conference and National Forum scheduled for October 26-29, 2006. Details on

how to register are available at the NALS website (www.nals.org) and in the latest edition of the national publication, @ Law.

As you all know, members need and desire more than just CLE. I guess we want it all: fun, education, and networking, just to name a few things. Will we do any fun stuff, you ask? Is water wet? You bet we will. On August 26, 2006, we will take a break from CLE and just have a little old fashioned fun. Did someone say pool party? Yes, we will again this year accept Mary Jo and Walter Denman's offer to hang out at their pool, eat, dance, we must have music and enjoy each others' company. This year as a Ways and Means initiative, we will add a new twist to the pool party, a "dessert auction." Each participant will be asked to bring their "bestest" dessert and auction it off to the highest bidder. Do I hear \$10, \$20, \$30 – sold!

Currently, Kim Noble, PP, PLS, Member of the Year (2005-2006), Chair Holiday Social, and her committee are busy making plans for the first annual "Holiday Social." We are talking about a full blown holiday gala with evening gowns and the whole works. So, when you are approached about selling tickets, please smile and take your tickets and "sell" them. In addition to this being the social event of the year, it can prove to be the biggest fund raiser yet for the chapter.

I'm not finished yet, a few other upcoming events will include: a contest to design a NALS of Atlanta Membership pin is forthcoming. Also, in April, 2007, we will conduct our first "Professionals' Night Out."

Getting back to the business of the chapter, we will look at our Bylaws and Standing Rules, which were last revised in 2000 and make necessary changes. One of the proposed changes we will look at is our current governance structure. Information regarding the proposed changes will be provided.

I hope you see that there is much being offered this year and much to do. Your interest and involvement is all that is needed to make this a banner year.

"You are a star and giving stellar performance." Please don't keep NALS all to yourself, share the experience with others.

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