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From the President's Desk

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It was with great anticipation that I looked forward to our Fall Board of Directors Meeting and Membership Meeting. And thereafter I felt renewed and refreshed. It is always exciting to hear from members and what is happening with our local chapters.

Michigan will be a "force" and have great participation at the NALS 66th Annual Education & Networking Conference in Norfolk, Virginia. "Be a Force and Reconnect with NALS" and "Let's Get Together!" for an exciting and worthwhile conference in Norfolk. Another worthwhile mention is the @Law, Fall 2017, Vol. 66, Issue 2: You can get CLE credit for reading articles and taking a quiz. One chance in passing the quiz with a score of 75% or higher to earn 1/2 (.5) hour credit; be sure to visit www.NALS.org for more information.

The NALS of Michigan Board of Directors are asking for your comments on how to best move the Association forward. It has been said that many problems are best solved with a cup of coffee. It is with absolute clarity that the path of excellence begins with NALS!

Save the Date: Winter Membership Meeting

The Winter Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 2018 at Foster Swift in Lansing.

NALS of Michigan Scholarship Committee

It is with great sadness that the Second Annual Visionary 5K Challenge scheduled for September 23, 2017 was cancelled due to lack of participation.

The Scholarship Committee would appreciate everyone's help with the Lucky Number Gift Auction to be held at the 2018 Annual Meeting. (See flyer attached for more information.)

Upcoming CLE Opportunities

Adventure Tulsa 2018
April 6-7, 2018
Tulsa, OK

Registration is now open. See link below. Registration is limited to the first 50!
<http://www.nals.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1004764&hhSearchTerms=%22tulsa+and+2018%22>



Attorney Tom Waun
Michigan Association for Justice



NALS of Michigan Board of Directors
Fall Membership Meeting



NALS of Michigan Finance Table



Networking at the Fall Membership Meeting

Save the Date

NALS 2018 Leadership Appreciation Day – July 5, 2018

NALS 67th Annual Education and Networking Conference – September 20-22, 2018
Mesa, Arizona

Volunteers Needed

NALS of Lansing's first community service project of 2017 will be to support the Capital Area Humane Society. The Humane Society will be hosting a Walk for the Animals-Paw in the Park on October 29, 2017 from 12-5 p.m. They will be collecting items and money to donate for this event. See flyer attached for more information.

Court Update

Kalamazoo County

Effective September 1, 2017, Personal Protection Orders will be filed with the Circuit Court Trial Division – Civil Clerk's Office at the Crosstown Court. The PPO Coordinator interviews petitioners to assess their needs, assist with processing paperwork, and often times refers petitioners to local agencies for assistance with various needs. The Crosstown Court is located at: 150 East Crosstown Parkway, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, (269) 385-6081. Hours of availability are: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., by appointment.

NALS – National Court Observance Week 2017

(<https://www.nals.org/page/CourtObservance2017>)



On October 14, 1974, President Gerald Ford signed a proclamation designating the second full week of October as NALS Court Observance Week.

This proclamation established the basis for a NALS tradition of recognizing the skill and dedication to the system we serve. NALS has continued this tradition over the years by establishing an annual theme which our states and chapters promote when hosting Court Observance Week events locally.

This year's court observance week is October 9, 2017 to October 13, 2017. This year's theme is the Fourteenth Amendment (based on the ABA's Law Day 2017 theme).

NALS encourages every NALS member, chapter, and committee to organize, publicize, and participate in an event during this week in celebration of the constitutional freedoms our courts protect.

NALS of Greater Kalamazoo has organized a special event in honor of Court Observance Week 2017. You are invited to a private visit with the Honorable Curtis J. Bell on October 11, 2017 at noon. Judge Bell will give a short talk on the Fourteenth Amendment, a tour of his chambers, and a tour of the Probate Court facility. Judge Bell is the current Chief Circuit/Probate Judge. (See flyer attached for more information.)

Wanted

@Law Magazines: If you have any old @Law magazines you no longer want to keep, please send them to Michele Guyman, Membership Chair, or bring them with you to any membership meeting, as Michele can use them in new member packets. Thanks!

Social Activities

1st Annual "Babes & Beers"! Women's Networking & Diaper Drive to be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Bell's Brewery Back Room. (See flyer attached.)

Escape Room Social Event!! Join NALS of Greater Kalamazoo on October 20, 2017, at 6:00 PM, at Escapology (5600 Portage Rd., Portage, MI) to help solve a murder mystery and a notorious cybercrime hacker. Cost is \$28 per person. **Please contact Michele Guyman to sign up mightymmo@sbcglobal.net.**



Budapest Express

Central Europe, February 25th 1931, aboard the trans-European Budapest Express. During a freezing cold nighttime snowstorm, the luxurious Budapest Express thunders along the tracks towards Belgrade. The 1st Class lounge car is filled with wealthy passengers who are all suspects in the murder of Sir Clarence Hayden. You are a famous French detective en route to a conference on crime scene forensics. In the dead of night, there is a knock on your door. The train's manager informs you that a passenger has been murdered! To complicate matters, the murderer is aware of your presence and, throughout your investigation, stalks you from car to car intending to make you their next victim. As the train nears its next stop, you must leverage the considerable powers of

your wits, wisdom and training to identify the killer and bring him to justice! Do you have what it takes to find the killer before they find you? Time is of the essence!

Th3 C0d3

Cambridge, Massachusetts, January 23, 2015. You are FBI Agent Alex Vargas, a fresh face in the Cyber Crime Unit. Nitr0, the world's most notorious hacker, has successfully completed over 300 cybercrimes, yet the FBI doesn't have any leads to his identity. Early this morning a video was received at FBI Headquarters in Washington D.C. Nitr0 informed the Bureau of his plan to release a virus that will drain 100 million U.S. bank accounts of over \$75 billion. Eager to make a name for yourself, you track the hacker to a seemingly innocuous hideout. After entering Nitr0's lair, a sudden squelching precedes the closing of doors, the activation of locks and the low hum of a television. Nitr0 appears on the screen, laughs menacingly and reveals his plan to frame you for his latest heist. You know that Nitr0 always provides a kill code for every crime in case things go awry. You must find that code, kill the program and escape within the hour so you don't take the fall for the biggest crime in American history.

Finance Committee

Benefit fundraising program

www.benefit-mobile.com

All you need to do is download the App (for I-phone or Android), select "NALS of Michigan" as the beneficiary, purchase a gift card and a portion of the proceeds goes to NALS of Michigan. You don't need to purchase gift cards just to give as gifts – you can purchase a gift card for yourself prior to going shopping or out to dinner. You'll be spending that same amount of money anyway so why not help our organization at the same time. A few examples are participating retailers are Applebees, Bath & Body Works, Bed Bath & Beyond, Best Buy, Burger King, K-Mart, Lowes, Old Navy, Panera, Petco, Starbucks, Target, Staples, Walmart, Home Depot, Whole Foods, Zappos and many more.

Logo Items for Sale

<p>Flash Drives \$10.00 each</p> 	<p>Greeting Cards \$1.00 each</p> 
<p>T-Shirts \$10.00 each</p> 	<p>Tote Bags \$8.00 each</p> 
<p>List Pads \$1.00 each</p> 	<p>Blue Tooth Speakers \$25.00 each</p>  <p>To order a logo item, please contact Chelsea Bouchard at chelsbouchard@gmail.com</p>

Calendar of Events

- October 4-7, 2017 66th Annual NALS Education Conference & National Forum (Norfolk, Virginia - Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel)
- October 9-13, 2017 Court Observance Week
- October 15, 2017 Deadline to register for December Certification Exam
- October 20, 2017 Escape Room Social Event – NALS of Greater Kalamazoo
- December 1, 2017 NALS Foundation Grant Deadline
- December 2, 2017 NALS Certification Exam (ALP)
- February 9, 2018 NALS of Michigan Board of Directors' Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- February 10, 2018 NALS of Michigan Winter Membership Meeting
- April 6-7, 2018 Adventure Tulsa 2018
- April 27-28, 2018 NALS of Michigan's 57th Annual Meeting (Shanty Creek)

LUCKY NUMBER GIFT AUCTION

TO BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We will be having a Lucky Number Gift Auction at the 2018 Annual Meeting where brand new “gifts” will be put together to make beautiful gift baskets of various themes. With everyone’s help we will be successful!!!

So how can you help? That is easy!

Have you ever received a gift that is really nice, but you will never use it? Have stuck it in your bottom drawer? Would love to re-gift it, but to whom? Re-gift it to NALS OF MICHIGAN!!!

That beautiful set of stationery that you received, despite never writing letters, is too good to use for scrap paper. What about the soft, fuzzy pair of slippers that is a size too small? Or the one too many coffee mugs you received this year – doesn’t anyone know you don’t drink coffee? What about the jewelry you received that doesn’t go with a single outfit you own (and doesn’t make your eyes sparkle)? Or those gift cards you have had in the bottom of your wallet for over a year? You get the idea.

Maybe you are a bargain shopper and picked up several items that were on clearance for 70-90% off.

We are collecting all of those brand new, never used gifts between now and February 10, 2018. Please bring your items to Jodi Velez, CLP at any of the board meetings, chapter meetings, or get in contact with her for a special meeting time and place.

Contact information for Jodi L. Velez, CLP

Address: 10248 Coster Rd SW, Fife Lake, MI 49633

Phone: 231.313.7891

Email: jlvelezii@yahoo.com



**NATIONAL COURT
OBSERVANCE WEEK EVENT:
OCTOBER 11, 2017 - NOON**

**2017 THEME:
FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT**

Each year NALS recognizes the second full week of October as Court Observance Week. The 2017 Court Observance Week theme, Fourteenth Amendment, is based on the American Bar Association's 2017 Law Day theme, in which NALS participated as an Alliance Partner.

**THE 14TH AMENDMENT
TRANSFORMING
AMERICAN
DEMOCRACY**

The 2017 theme – **Fourteenth Amendment** – was chosen by the American Bar Association because it provides the opportunity to explore the many ways that the Fourteenth Amendment has reshaped American law and society. Through its Citizenship, Due Process and Equal Protection clauses, this transformative amendment advanced the rights of all Americans. It also played a pivotal role in extending the reach of the Bill of Rights to the states. Ratified during Reconstruction a century and a half ago, the Fourteenth Amendment serves as the cornerstone of landmark civil rights legislation, the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting fundamental rights, and a source of inspiration for all those who advocate for equal justice under law.

EVENT DETAILS

NALS of Greater Kalamazoo has organized a special event in honor of Court Observance Week 2017. You are invited to a private visit with the Honorable Curtis J. Bell. Judge Bell will give a short talk on the Fourteenth Amendment, a tour of his chambers, and a tour of the Probate Court facility. Judge Bell is the current Chief Circuit / Probate Judge. He was appointed to the Kalamazoo County Probate Court in 2005 and re-elected in 2006 and 2012. **Please plan to meet at noon in the lobby of the Courthouse. We will gather there and then go in to the meeting space together.**



LUNCH

Box lunches prepared by EMA Catering will be available for purchase at the Courthouse. Your box lunch will include your choice of a sandwich or wrap, chips, a side dish, a dessert and bottled water. Sandwich/wrap options include your choice of turkey, ham, roast beef, egg salad, tuna, apple chicken, chicken strips or chicken salad with lettuce, tomato, mustard and mayo as a sandwich or a wrap. Wraps include shredded cheese and ranch dressing. Add guacamole to your sandwich or wrap for \$.50. Gluten Free box lunches are also available. Let us know when you RSVP for the event what you would like included in your box lunch. If time allows, we will eat at the Courthouse. If not, we can take our box lunches to go and eat at our respective offices. **Cost per box lunch: \$10.00.**

RESERVATION PROCEDURE

E-mail your reservation to Tami Carl at carlt@millerjohnson.com **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2017**, to reserve your spot. Give your payment to Jen Robinson, NALS Treasurer, or Tami Carl, at the event. Checks are welcome. If you pay in cash, please bring the exact amount. **SORRY, BUT ONCE YOUR LUNCH ORDER HAS BEEN CALLED IN, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT FOR YOUR ORDER IF YOU HAVE TO CANCEL AND DO NOT FIND A REPLACEMENT.** Thanks for your understanding.

1st Annual “BABES & BEERS”!

Women’s Networking & Diaper Drive



Diapers for Babies - Fun for you!

Wednesday, OCTOBER 11, 2017

5:00 - 7:00 PM Bell’s Brewery Back Room



Donate Diapers and/or wipes for admittance

Diaper size 3 and larger preferred

Diapers collected for YWCA and ST. LUKE’S DIAPER BANK

Come with friends, neighbors and co-workers

RSVP Holly_a_schuck@ml.com or 269-388-8232

Sponsored by WOMEN’S EXCHANGE - WEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER



the women’s exchange

A Merrill Lynch initiative.





NALS of Lansing – Community Service Program

September, 2017



Our first community service project of 2017 will be to support the **Capital Area Humane Society**. The mission of the CAHS is to promote the humane treatment of companion animals through protection, placement, education and example. Last year, 3,875 animals found forever homes through the Humane Society. CAHS is not a government agency and they receive no funding through tax dollars. They are a local and independent 501(c)(3) organization.

The Humane Society will host a Walk for the Animals-Paws in the Park on October 29 from 12-5 p.m. We will conclude our community service collections on their behalf in early October so our donations can be made at the time of their annual fundraiser.

NALS of Lansing members are invited to donate items or money for this event. All contributions can be delivered to me by the October 4 board meeting at Foster Swift. If you will not be present for that meeting, just contact me, and we can arrange a convenient pickup day and time.

Their current needs from the website include:

Animal Needs:

- Electric Heating Pads
- Canned Kitten Food (Purina, Science Diet, or IAMS)
- Canned Puppy Food (Purina, Science Diet, or IAMS)
- Dog & Puppy Collars (All Sizes)
- Martingale Collars (Medium and Large)
- 6-Foot Dog Leashes (Nylon)
- Break-Away Cat Collars
- Kong Busy Toys
- Large Nyla Bones
- Cat Toys
- Red Barn Food Log or Trainee Treats for Dogs
- Knitted, Crocheted or Fleece Cat Mats (28" by 20")

- Clay Cat Litter (Non-Clumping, Unscented)
- Cat Attract Cat Litter (Unscented)
- Carefresh Bedding
- Yesterday's News Litter
- Rodent Food (Rabbit, Rat, and Guinea Pig)
- Rodent Chews
- Timothy Hay
- Fresh Veggies (Romaine Lettuce, Parsley, Bell Peppers)
- Non-Wire Exercise Wheel
- Peanut Butter (Xylitol-Free)
- Purina ONE Cat/Kitten Food*
- Purina ONE Dog/Puppy Food*
- Cat Food (Dry, All Brands)*
- Collapsible Wire Dog Crates (36" or 42")
- Waterless Pet Shampoo
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General Shelter Needs:

- Human First Aid Supplies (band-aids, Neosporin, etc.)
- Pre-paid Gas Cards for Travel to Adoption Events
- Gift Cards (Staples, Wal-Mart, Target, and Pet Stores)
- Dry Swiffer Refills
- Liquid Bleach
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Scrub Brushes with Handles
- Brooms and Dust Pans
- 50 Gallon Heavy-Duty Trash Bags
- Latex Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer
- Aloe-Free Hand Sanitizer
- Tissues
- Expo Dry-Erase or Wet-Erase Markers
- Lysol Multi-Purpose Cleaners
- Windex
- Lime Away
- Air Freshener
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Isopropyl Alcohol (70%) – (Rubbing Alcohol)
- Unopened Distilled Water

Monetary contributions can be provided by check payable to the Capital Area Humane Society. Please contact me if you have any questions!

Judy Salminen, Chairman
 NALS Community Service Committee