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Quotable Quotes

**If you want to go fast, go alone.
 If you want to go far, go together.
 African proverb**



From the President

Nancy B. Durette, PLS

I've been installed and checking all those dates and deadlines that are ahead. After the busy weekend, I thought there would be a little lull. I was very surprised upon my return to work on Monday to have 18+ emails on topics from the LEC account to bids and ideas for future conventions.

It was a great weekend and I felt loved when I looked out over the room and saw so many friendly faces. I am very humbled that you have elected me as your 2015-2016 VALS President and will do the best job I possibly can for you all in the coming year.

Please continue to communicate with me with your ideas, problems, etc. I want to be involved. Spring finally came - maybe a little too soon "heat" wise - but it is a sign of new life and vacation can't be far behind. Everyone have a great Summer!

Call to Second Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors

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CALL TO SECOND REGULAR MEETING OF THE
 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
 VALS . . . THE ASSOCIATION FOR LEGAL
 PROFESSIONALS

**TO: ALL VALS ELECTED AND APPOINTED
 OFFICERS, CHAPTER GOVERNORS:**

The Second Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors of VALS . . . the association for legal professionals for the fiscal year 2015-2016 will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2015, at the Midlothian DoubleTree Hotel, 1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia 23235; Telephone: (804) 379-3800; Fax (804) 379-2763. This meeting is being hosted by RVLSA.

Electronic reports of VALS Elected and Appointed Officers, Committee Chairs, and Chapter Governors should be sent by email (in .pdf format) to VALS President, Nancy Durette, PLS (ndurette@hunton.com), by **September 4, 2015**. Twenty copies of all financial reports shall be submitted in writing and mailed to the president by the deadline.

VALS Elected or Appointed Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Chapter Governors or Designated Alternate Governors who will be unable to be present shall notify VALS President, Nancy Durette, PLS, by email (ndurette@hunton.com) or by phone: 804-788-8773.

Hotel: A limited number of rooms have been blocked off at the Midlothian DoubleTree Hotel for this meeting. Please make hotel reservations directly with the hotel on or before **August 28, 2015**.

Board Meeting: Registration deadline is **August 28, 2015**.

Registration information and schedule are contained in the *VALS News*. A \$5.00 late fee must accompany the registration after the deadline. No refunds will be given after August 28, 2015.

cc: VALS Committee Chairmen, Chapter Presidents,
and At-Large Members

Report of President-Elect

Faye R. Vucich

Has it been hot enough for you? And what about these storms we're having? Well, I guess that comes with the season. Speaking of seasons, I hope everyone is geared up and ready for another productive and fulfilling VALS year. We have some really great educational opportunities coming up in September at Fall Institute and I hope everyone will make it a priority to attend.

I will leave you with a few quotes that I found interesting and inspirational. I hope you do as well.

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

– Will Rogers

"The real opportunity for success lies within the person and not in the job."

– Zig Ziglar

"The difference between a successful person and others is not lack of strength not a lack of knowledge but rather a lack of will."

– Vince Lombardi

"Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others."

– Winston Churchill

"Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try."

– Jack Canfield

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Many of life's failures are experienced by people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

– Thomas Edison

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

– Lao Tzu

"Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."

– Joshua J. Marine

"An obstacle is often a stepping stone."

– Prescott

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

– Martin Luther King Jr.

Have a great summer and I'll see you in September!!!!

Report of Vice President / Membership Chair

Lorraine P. Johnson, PLS

Greetings! According to recent NALS reporting, VALS Membership total is 120. I'd like to give a shout out to our new members as well as those members who have renewed their membership:

New Members

<u>April</u>	Starlet Farrior Allianz Global Assistance (804) 673-1461 Home: 9950 Mayland Drive Richmond, VA 23233-1463 (804) 274-9687	(RLSA) Individual Member
<u>May</u>	Jean-Marie Pruitt 1425 Lakeview Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455-4147 (757) 637-3609 jeaniepruitt@gmail.com	(VBLSA) Individual Member

Renewing Members

<u>April</u>	Geraldine Coates.....	At Large
	Genesina D’Ascenzo-Kimbel, CLA	At Large
	Marjorie Harmon, PLS	At Large
	Mary Lenhart, PP, PLS.....	At Large
	Patricia O’Connor, PP, PLS.....	At Large
	Deborah Johnson, ALP.....	CALSA
	Cathy Doggett.....	FLSA
	Barbara (Bobbe) King	FLSA
	Deborah Yencha, PP, PLS.....	FLSA
	Peggie Bogges	NRVLSA
	Debra Quesenberry	NRVLSA
	Jean Crabtree	NRVLSA
	Carolyn Smith, PLS.....	NRVLSA
	Carolyn Walters.....	NRVLSA
	Virginia Vernon.....	NPALSA
	Patti Berman, PP.....	NVLSA
	Sherri Hoffmon, PP, PLS, CLA.....	NVLSA
	Lori Stewart, PP, PLS	NVLSA
	Roberta Farrell, PLS	Prince William
	Marian Foster.....	Prince William
	Patricia Hoover	Prince William
	Jo Anne Meyer	Prince William
	Mary Stewart	Prince William
	Sherry Walter, CLA.....	Prince William
	Elaine Blackmon.....	RLSA
	Melinda Childress-Dearing, PP, PLS	RVLSA
	Kelly Hickey, PP, PLS	RVLSA
	Betty Moorman-Sweat, PP, PLS	RVLSA
	Mary Russell.....	RVLSA
	Karen Switzer, PP, PLS.....	RVLSA
	Patsy Testerman.....	RVLSA
	Linda Upchurch, PLS	RVLSA
	Diane Campbell	VBLSA
	Irene Diehl	VBLSA
	Tari Hackworth.....	VBLSA
	Lisa Marle.....	VBLSA
	Linda Thomas	VBLSA

<u>May</u>	Debra Rushton.....	NVLSA
	Heather Stewart, PLS	RVLSA

We will be kicking off the 2015-2016 membership program at the Fall Board of Governors’ Meeting September 19-20, 2015 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Koger Center, Richmond, Virginia. Hope everyone enjoys their summer and I look forward to seeing you at Fall Institute.

One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team.
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Court Observance Week

Robin Wilson, PLS

Theme: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

This year is a special year in the life of the Legal Professional. Please read below the information obtained from NALS and forward what your chapter will be doing this National Legal Secretaries’ Court Observance to Robin Wilson, PLS, c/o City Attorney’s Office, 301 King Street, Suite 1300, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

October 12-16, 2015

Theme: LIFE, LIBERTY & THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

Gerald R. Ford
XXXVIII President of the United States: 1974-1977

Proclamation 4327 – National Legal Secretaries’ Court Observance Week, 1974

October 14, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Our vast and complex system of justice cannot function without the skill and dedication of our Nation’s legal secretaries. Without these unsung heroes of the legal process, the wheels of justice would grind to a permanent halt. They deserve the praise, gratitude and respect not only of their employers but of the system which they serve so well. One way in which their employers can demonstrate their appreciation for jobs well done is by giving their legal secretaries greater opportunities to observe courtroom proceedings—to see more of the system in action.

To pay tribute to this fine group of Americans and to encourage their exposure to courtroom proceedings, the Congress by House Joint Resolution 898 of the Ninety-third Congress, has requested the President to proclaim the second full week of October [1974], as National Legal Secretaries’ Court Observance Week.

Today, 41 years after the proclamation was signed, NALS continues each year to recognize the

second full week of October as Court Observance Week. NALS members have upheld the legacy established by this proclamation by sponsoring and participating in themed activities that promote understanding of courtroom procedures. This year's theme is Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness. How will your chapter recognize this event?

We encourage every member, chapter, and committee to organize, publicize, and participate in an event during the week of October 12-16, 2015, in celebration of the constitutional freedoms our courts protect. Our courts must be open and available to accomplish that goal. Some of your events could include: mock trial for staff members in your firm and invite staff members from other firms in your area to attend as well. Coordinate and promote a courthouse tour. The possibilities are limited only by your creativity and dedication. For more ideas, check out what other chapters have done in the past. An internet search using the term "court observance week" will produce several useful links. And while you're there, take time to read the full text of President Ford's proclamation on The American Presidency Project's website. It's just another reminder of the importance of your contribution to the legal community?

NVLSA

Lori Stewart, PP, PLS, Governor

NVLSA elected and installed officers in April. Robin Wilson, PLS, will guide us over the next two years as President and is also pulling double duty as Treasurer; Darlene Howard is our Vice President; Patti Berman, PP, is our secretary; and Lori Stewart, PP, PLS, is our Governor.

We are trying different ways to meet and will be holding some membership meetings via Skype.

We had our first Meet and Greet on June 4, at La Tasca in Alexandria. Unfortunately, bad weather – RAIN – hampered the event and attendance was not great. However, we are still positive and will be holding more of these events to try to put our association into the minds of the Northern Virginia legal community.

We are looking forward to seeing our VALS Pals at the Fall Institute in September.

Prince William County Association for Legal Professionals

Mary Stewart, Governor

We are enjoying a relaxing summer, with no meetings planned until end of summer. Congratulations to our new VALS officers, committee members and governors; and thank you Richmond for a *wonderful* convention.

RLSA

Elaine G. Blackmon, Governor

WOW – Summer surely didn't take much time to show up, did it? Ball games and swimming, theme parks and all of the other fun things with the young ones – what a happy time of year!

RLSA continues to work on our legal education, thanks to the excellent programs arranged by Cindy Loving. She has amazing contacts and such creative ideas, to the benefit of our monthly meetings. Now that we've moved beyond Convention planning and had a chance to catch our breaths, we're ready to get back into our regular routines, and have already begun. We've had programs presented by a General Assembly member, and by attorneys specializing in employment law, to name a few, and more exciting speakers are in the works.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at Fall Institute, in Richmond.



You May Need A New Lawyer If:

Your lawyer tells you that his last good case was of Budweiser



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- [trans.] occupy, attract, or involve (someone's) interest or attention : *NALS offers programs to engage members in their careers helping them advance in life.*
 - (engage someone in) cause someone to become involved in
 - arrange to employ or hire (someone) : *He was engaged as a paralegal.*
 - date reserved (accommodations, a place, etc.) in advance: *She had engaged the Online Learning Center.*
- [intrans.] (engage in) participate or become involved in : *NALS members engage in a variety of activities.*
 - (be engaged in) *Some are actively engaged in leadership.*
 - (engage with) establish a meaningful contact or connection with : *New members can engage with local leaders in their profession.*
 - (of a part of a machine or engine) move into position so as to come into operation: *Your career will engage.*

Empower your employees by engaging them in NALS.

- Monthly CLE in specialized areas of law.
- Online information at your employees finger tips.
- Two cutting-edge conferences per year.
- Great support system to encourage collaboration.
- Access to the latest industry practices.
- Enhance the competencies of legal professionals.

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- fill (someone) with the urge or ability to do or feel something, esp. to do something creative : [trans.] *His passion for justice inspired him to advance his career as a paralegal with NALS.*
 - create (a feeling, esp. a positive one) in a person : *Their enthusiasm inspires those around them.*
 - (inspire someone with) animate someone with (such a feeling) : *She inspired her co-workers to become certified with NALS.*
 - give rise to : *The conference was successful enough to inspire people to register for the next one.*

Provide opportunities for employees to maximize their potential.

- Focus on strengths and talents through specialty areas of law.
- Encourage new ideas generated from networking.
- Provide opportunities to maximize your employees' talents.
- Local and state chapters to keep employees inspired.
- Reward employees by sending them to NALS conferences.
- Specialty specific education to broaden knowledge.



engage
inspire
enhance
promote

en • hance | en hans |

[trans.] intensify, increase, or further improve the quality, value, or extent of: *Her dedication and involvement will enhance her career. | Continuing legal education enhances the value of employees.*

Enhance your employees and you will enhance your business.

- Online CLE focused on everyday legal practices.
- Three certifications to enhance working knowledge.
- Website access to a library of articles and resources.
- Leadership opportunities to encourage growth.
- Online communities of experienced legal professionals.
- Professional and personal development training.

pro • mote | prə'mōt |

- further the progress of (something, esp. a cause, venture, or aim) ; support or actively encourage : *Specialty area education helps promote advancement.*
 - give publicity to (a product, organization, or venture) so as to increase sales or public awareness : *The NALS docket is used to promote NALS members and their accomplishments.*
 - chemistry act as a promoter of (a catalyst).
- (often be promoted) advance or raise (someone) to a higher position or rank : *She was promoted to senior paralegal after she was certified by NALS.*

Support your employees and encourage them to be the best.

- NALS has over 80 years of experience in the legal support industry.
- New employees can obtain certification and training.
- Online networking and communities provide support.
- High standard of ethical conduct.

Help your employees help you.
Purchase their NALS membership today.

www.nals.org



VIRGINIA BEACH LEGAL STAFF ASSOCIATION

Visit our website at www.vblsa.org

Virginia Beach Legal Staff Association

Irene M. Diehl, Governor

Greetings from Virginia Beach! It is hard to believe summer is here, which is nice – except for the heat!

In April we had Michael B. Steel, Esq., speak to us about Handling *Pro Se* Litigants; in May we had Joseph R. Mayes, Esq., speak on Piercing the Corporate Veil; and in June we had Rhiannon M. Jordan, Esq., speak to us about Criminal Law.

In May, we had our installation of officers for 2015-2016.

Our new officers are: Caroline Adler, PP, PLS, President; Tammy Christl, PLS, Vice President; Carol Mueller, Treasurer; Mae Runyon, Secretary; Irene M. Diehl, Governor; and Linda Kelley, PLS, Parliamentarian.

We are looking forward to our July Summer Social when we are scheduled to see a Tides game.

We hope to see everyone at the Fall Institute!.



Virginia Beach Legal Staff Association

Anticipating a GREAT TIME at the VALS Fall Institute

Congratulations !!!

Monica Williams
VALS 2015
Member of the Year!!



Virginia Beach Area Legal Staff Association -
for RECRUITMENT of most new members

RVLSA - for RETENTION of most members

JOSELYN GARNER with NVLSA - for NEW
member

INTERCHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT —

Category A to NPALSA

Category B to RVLSA

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VALS Finance Committee



Do you have your Silent Auction items ready? As reported at the First Board of Governors' Meeting, VALS Finance Committee will hold a Silent Auction at VALS Fall Institute. Each chapter is asked to donate an item to be auctioned. Individual members may also donate items. \$10 will get you 15 tickets – remember tickets will not be sold individually. Please email me at childress-dearing@gentrylocke.com no later than September 11 to let me know the item being donated for the silent auction. Items may be brought to Fall Institute and given to me on Friday evening or as soon as possible on Saturday morning, or you may mail them to me in time for me to receive them no later than September 11. Save your dollars ...

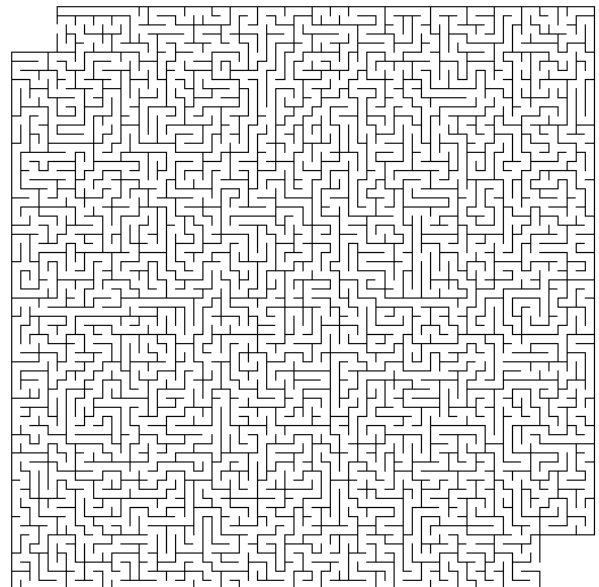
Melinda



Story of love on one page.
Source: Original by Val Lawless

I SPY love story

I spy **three ladybugs**
 A **Green butterfly** and **two earplugs**
 Word **Princess** on a **silver heart**
 And **large red rose** for my sweetheart.
 I also spy a **bird in flight**
 A **match** and **tea candle** for romantic light
 I spy a **golden violin**,
Red heart and a **silly grin**
 Words **WILD, SWEET, CUTE** and **HOT**
 A **diamond ring** and a **sailing yacht**
 I spy a staring **googley eye**
 And hopeful words will you **BE MINE?**



Patrons Page

Caroline Adler, PP, PLS

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Vicki Wilhelm, PLS

Robin Wilson, PLS

Debbie M. Yench, PP, PLS

Happy Birthday

July

- 7 – Christina Jones (VBLSA)
- 7 – Elizabeth Slate (RLSA)
- 9 – Tammy Alexander (RLSA)
- 9 – Judith Burke (MAL)
- 9 – Mary Cannon (NVLSA)
- 9 – Catina Foreman (NVLSA)
- 9 – Marian Foster (PWCALP)
- 9 – Pam Melvin (NVLSA)
- 11 – Shelley Fintor (NVLSA)
- 12 – Virginia Vernon (NPALSA)
- 16 – Debbie Quesenberry (NRVLSA)
- 19 – Carole White (RLSA)
- 22 – Lisa Marle (VBLSA)
- 26 – Marvella Phillips (NPALSA)

August

- 5 – Diane Campbell (VBLSA)
- 6 – Jessica Deach (MAL)
- 6 – Tina Hudson (NRVLSA)
- 8 – Sherri Hoffmon (NVLSA)
- 11 – Tatjana Marsh (VBLSA)
- 14 – Deb Yencha (FALSA)
- 16 – Debra Love (FALSA)
- 26 – Juanita Singleton (NVLSA)
- 27 – Teresa Westerman (NVLSA)

September

- 1 – Jacqueline Singletary-Claffee (VBLSA)
- 11 – Lisa Davis (VBLSA)
- 21 – Margaret Runyon (VBLSA)
- 28 – Faye Vucich (RVLSA)
- 29 – JoAnne Meyer (PWCALP)

October

- 3 – Patti Berman (NVLSA)
- 3 – Bobbe King (FALSA)
- 3 – Sharon Roseberry (RVLSA)
- 5 – Mary Russell (RVLSA)
- 5 – Linda Semones Turpin (NRVLSA)
- 9 – Debra Rushton (NVLSA)
- 9 – Linda Upchurch (RVLSA)
- 13 – Melinda Childress (RVLSA)
- 18 – Joyce Crostic (RLSA)
- 18 – Lorraine Johnson (NPALSA)
- 20 – Jean-Marie Pruitt (VBLSA)
- 24 – Julie Sargent (VBLSA)
- 26 – Patsy Testerman (RVLSA)
- 29 – MaDonna Black (NPALSA)
- 30 – Cathy Freeman (RVLSA)

November

- 7 – Betty Moorman-Sweat (RVLSA)
- 9 – Heather Beyer (RVLSA)
- 13 – Kathy Coulson (RVLSA)
- 18 – Jean Hancock (NRVLSA)
- 22 – Lisa Woodson (RVLSA)
- 28 – Joselyn Garner (NVLSA)

December


- 2 – Roberta “Bertie” Farrell (PWCALP)
- 2 – Dawn Nichols (RVLSA)
- 6 – Irene Diehl (VBLSA)
- 7 – Starlet Farrow (RLSA)
- 7 – Leslie Thibeault (NPALSA)
- 9 – Susan Lokey (NVLSA)
- 12 – Mary Stewart (PWCALP)
- 17 – Kristina Duncan Hoeges (NVLSA)
- 24 – Audrey Flowers (RLSA)
- 27 – Dawn Resende (RVLSA)




Birthdays are a new start, a fresh beginning, and a time to pursue new endeavors with new goals. Move forward with confidence and courage. You're a very special person. May today and all of your days be amazing!


Dates to Remember

Saturday, July 25, 2015
 Summer EC Meeting, Newport News
 Marriott at City Center

Saturday, August 01, 2015
 Application Deadline for September
 Certification Exams
 8/1/2015
 [Export to Your Calendar](#)

Saturday, August 15, 2015
 Deadline for Regular Registration for
[NALS 64th Annual Education
 Conference & National Forum](#)


Tuesday, September 01, 2015
 NALS Foundation Grant Deadline
 9/1/2015
 [Export to Your Calendar](#)



Monday, September 07, 2015
 NALS Resource Center Closed for
 Holiday
 9/7/2015
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Saturday, September 19, 2015
 VALS Fall Institute - DoubleTree by
 Hilton, 1021 Koger Center Boulevard,
 Richmond, VA


Sunday, September 20, 2015
 VALS 2nd Board of Governors Meeting
 DoubleTree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Center
 Boulevard, Richmond, VA (Hosted by
 RVLSA)


Friday, September 25, 2015
 Ticketed Event Deadline
[NALS 64th Annual Education
 Conference & National Forum](#)


Saturday, September 26, 2015
 NALS September Certification Exams
 9/26/2015
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Thursday, October 08, 2015
[NALS 64th Annual Education
 Conference & National Forum](#)
 10/8/2015 » 10/10/2015
 Location: Las Vegas, Nevada
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Monday, October 12, 2015
 Court Observance Week 2015
 10/12/2015 » 10/16/2015
 [Export to Your Calendar](#)

Thursday, October 15, 2015
 Application Deadline for December ALP
 Exams
 10/15/2015
 [Export to Your Calendar](#)

Friday, January 15, 2016
 Application Deadline for March
 Certification Exams
 1/15/2016
 [Export to Your Calendar](#)

Thursday, February 25, 2016
[NALS 2016 Professional Development
 & Education Conference](#)
 2/25/2016 » 2/27/2016
 Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma
 [Export to Your Calendar](#)

Saturday, March 05, 2016
 NALS March Certification Exams
 3/5/2016
 [Export to Your Calendar](#)



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If you have information to be included in a newsletter, please e-mail your ideas or articles to Cathy S. Freeman, PLS at cathy@cecd.roacoxmail.com or Kelly E. Hickey, PP, PLS at hickey@gentrylocke.com.



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**Fall Institute Schedule of Events
Saturday, September 19, 2015**

9:30 am-11:00 am

IDENTITY THEFT

Corrine Vaughan, Director Victim Notification Program
Nanora W. Westbrook, Senior Program Assistant
Mary K. Sharpe, Victim Advocate
Office of the Attorney General
Commonwealth of Virginia

11:00 am-11:15 am

BREAK

11:15 am-12:45 pm

DRONE LAW

Kevin D. Pomfret, Esq.
Williams Mullen

1:00 pm-2:30 pm

LUNCH

2:30 pm-3:30 pm

**THINGS THEY DIDN'T TEACH YOU IN PARALEGAL STUDIES ...
BUT SHOULD HAVE**

Sheila Berry
Senior Litigation Paralegal
ThompsonMcMullan, P.C.

3:30 pm-4:30 pm

**NAVIGATING THE NALS WEBSITE, NALS APP,
AND THE VALS WEBSITE**

Monica Guilliams, VALS Technology Chair
Darlene Howard, VALS Member of the Year Chair;
VALS Finance Committee Member
Karen McElroy, PP, PLS, Immediate Past NALS President,
Member of the NALS Board of Directors

4:30 pm-5:30 pm

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS
TOPICS TO BE DETERMINED**

REGISTRATION FORMS



VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals*
**Fall Institute & Legal Education Seminars
and Second Board of Governors Meeting
September 19-20, 2015**

**FALL INSTITUTE REGISTRATION
Midlothian DoubleTree Hotel
1021 Koger Center Boulevard / Richmond, VA 23235
Phone: 804-379-3800 / Fax: 804-379-2763**

VALS...*the association for legal professionals* will host its 2015 Fall Institute & Legal Education Seminars on Saturday, September 19, 2015, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the Midlothian DoubleTree Hotel, 1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, VA, 23235. **Registration deadline is August 28, 2015.** A \$5 late fee MUST accompany registrations postmarked after August 28, 2015. **No refunds will be given after August 28, 2015.**

Registration Fee: Members - \$85; Nonmembers - \$100 (includes lunch) **VALS Tax ID: EIN 54-6054307**

Lunch (plated). Please choose one (both selections include iced tea, coffee, and carrot cake dessert):

_____ SOUTHWESTERN CHICKEN SALAD: Grilled Southwestern Seasoned Chicken Served Atop Shredded Iceberg Lettuce, Roasted Vegetables, Tortilla Strips, Black Olives and Cheddar Cheese Served with Cilantro Vinaigrette

_____ CLASSIC CLUB SANDWICH: Classic Club Sandwich, Turkey, Ham and Cheddar Cheese on Wheat Bread and Served with Danish Potato Salad and Dill Pickle Spear

REGISTRATION

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for _____ registration(s) for the FALL INSTITUTE & LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINARS to be held Saturday, September 19, 2015. The registration fee is \$85 for VALS Members and \$100 for Nonmembers. There is a \$5 late fee for all registrations postmarked after August 28, 2015. No refunds will be given after August 28, 2015.

NAME: _____ CERTIFICATION: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (DAY): _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHAPTER _____ OFFICER OR CHAIR IN LOCAL CHAPTER _____

IS THIS YOUR FIRST VALS MEETING? _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS? ___ IF SO, PLEASE SPECIFY: _____

Please make check payable to VALS Legal Education Council and send to:

Linda M. Thomas
2554 Back Acres Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Any questions, call Lori Stewart, PP, PLS, VALS Legal Education Chair at 703-915-3507 or email lori.lingo.stewart@gmail.com

Board of Governors Meeting will be held Sunday morning: Separate Registration Fee and Registration Form Required.



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Fall Institute & Legal Education Seminars
and Second Board of Governors' Meeting
September 19-20, 2015

HOTEL REGISTRATION
Midlothian DoubleTree Hotel
1021 Koger Center Boulevard / Richmond, VA 23235
Phone: 804-379-3800 / Fax: 804-379-0973

The VALS Fall Institute will be held at The Midlothian DoubleTree Hotel. In order to guarantee your reservation, please:

Make your reservation before August 28, 2015, by calling 804-379-3800, accessing the link below, or complete and send this form directly to the hotel; enclose deposit with form for first night's stay. **Please be sure to mention VALS when you are making your reservation.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (DAY): _____ PHONE (EVENING): _____

ARRIVAL: _____ DEPARTURE _____

NUMBER OF ROOMS: _____

MAJOR CREDIT CARD / TYPE OF CARD: _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Room Rates: Single/Double/Triple: \$99, plus applicable taxes – 13.3%

Reservation deadline: August 28, 2015.

Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. Check out is 11:00 a.m.

Our Group also has a personalized web page that has been published to the web:

<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/R/RICKSDT-VAL-20150915/index.jhtml>

Group Name: VALS
Group Code: VAL
Check-in: 15-SEP-2015**
Check-out: 22-SEP-2015

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Richmond - Midlothian
Hotel Address: 1021 Koger Center Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23235
Phone Number: 804-379-3800

**The check-in date indicates September 15 but it can be changed when you are actually making the reservation online.



2ND BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals*

Sunday, September 20, 2015
DoubleTree by Hilton
1021 Koger Center Boulevard / Richmond, VA 23235
Phone: 804-379-3800 / Fax: 804-379-0973

The 2nd Board of Governors Meeting of VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals* will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2015, beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Center Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23235. **Registration deadline is August 28, 2015.** Registrations postmarked after August 28, 2015, **MUST** be accompanied by a \$5.00 late fee. **No refunds will be given after August 28, 2015.**

Name _____ Phone (Day) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____
Chapter _____ Officer or Chair in Local Chapter _____

SCRIP TICKET:

- (____) Board of Governors Registration Fee* \$ 3.00
- (____) Breakfast (plated) \$20.00

Please choose one:

(____) All American – scrambled eggs, bacon, fried potatoes, chef's selection of coffee cakes, coffee, tea, and orange juice

(____) French Connection – french toast topped with seasonal berries and served with warm maple syrup, bacon, chef's selection of coffee cakes, coffee, tea, and orange juice

- (____) Late Fee \$ 5.00

***ALL VALS MEMBERS ATTENDING THE BOARD MEETING MUST PAY THE \$3 REGISTRATION FEE.**

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make check payable to **RVLSA** and send to:
Heather Stewart, PLS
c/o Woods Rogers PLC
P.O. Box 14125
Roanoke, VA 24038-4125

Any questions, call Heather Stewart, PLS, at 540-983-7645 or hstewart@woodsrogers.com

REMINDER: This is a separate registration form and is for the Board of Governors Meeting only and does not include Registration for the Fall Institute.

Change of Information Form

MOVING?

Please keep us informed of your whereabouts...

The only way to keep receiving your copy of the *VALS News* is to keep your e-mail /mailing address current.

Please notify us in advance of your address or name change. Please copy this form and send it to the following:

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Don't forget to notify your Chapter President, too.

Name: _____ Former Name (if changed): _____

Chapter: _____ Member No.: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

New E-Mail: _____ Previous E-Mail: _____