



# The VALS News

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## From the President

*Tammy Surlles, VALS President*

It was good to see everyone in Roanoke at Winter Board! Thanks again to RVLSA for hosting a great meeting and for having such wonderful weather for us.

It is an honor to be serving as your President for another year and I appreciate your confidence in electing me to another term. VALS has been through its ups and downs this year with a decline in membership due to the economy and some controversy. However, I believe if we pull our strengths together and continue forward as a team, the Association will remain strong and we can work together to recruit new members and retain our current ones. I encourage every member to take an active part in our Association. No talent or contribution is too small. In that regard, I am looking for committee members for the new year. It doesn't matter if you have only been a member for a short time or for many years, everyone has something to offer. Please contact me to let me know what committee you are interested in serving.

I would like to thank all members who served on committees this year. You all have done a wonderful job and I appreciate all of your hard work. I would also like to thank the officers who have served on the Executive Committee this year. It has been an interesting year and it has been a pleasure serving with each of you. And I cannot convey enough thanks to my Parliamentarian, Cindy Lane Hughes, PP, PLS and past Parliamentarian, Marje Harmon, without whom I would have been lost this year.

We will be heading to Virginia Beach for the "Royal Treatment" in May and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

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## Quotable Quotes

You can stand tall without standing on someone.

You can be a victor without having victims.

Harriet Woods

*If one is estranged from oneself, then one is estranged from others too. If one is out of touch with oneself, then one cannot touch others.*

*Anne Morrow Lindbergh*

You're not obligated to win. You're obligated to keep trying to do the best you can every day.

Marian Wright Edelman

**Don't forget to spring your clocks forward on Sunday, March 8!!**

## Call to VALS 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals*



The 47th Annual Convention of VALS...*the association for legal professionals*, will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 1-3, 2009, (Friday through

Sunday), with headquarters at the Wyndham Oceanfront Virginia Beach Hotel. This call is issued in accordance with Article VI, Section 1(b) of the Bylaws of VALS.

Included with this notice is information on room rates and reservations made through the courtesies of the Prince William County Association of Legal Professionals and Virginia Beach Legal Staff Association, co-hosts for this meeting.

### DELEGATES

The Bylaws of VALS in Article VI, Section 1(c) provide:

"(c) Delegates. Each local chapter shall select three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates to represent the chapter at the convention."

VALS Standing Rules for *Credentials* Chairman No. 3 provide:

"3. Certificate of delegates must be mailed to the recording *secretary* no later than March 31, and a copy of such certification simultaneously mailed to the (Credentials) Chairman. Forms for such certification shall be mailed by the recording secretary to all governors no later than February 15 of each year."

### REPORTS

Twenty (20) copies of annual reports of VALS Elected and Appointed Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Chapter Governors should be submitted to VALS President Tammy Surles at 24 Shenandoah Drive, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408 by April 20, 2009.

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 Tammy Surles by phone at: 540-373-5300 (office) or 540-840-6143 (cell).

Tammy Surles  
VALS – 2008-2009 President

## Call to Fourth Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors



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March 1, 2009

### CALL TO FOURTH REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals*

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

The Fourth Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors of VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals* for the fiscal year 2008-2009 will be held on Friday, May 1, 2009, at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Prince William County Association of Legal Professionals and Virginia Beach Legal Staff Association will co-host this meeting.

Twenty (20) copies written reports of VALS Elected and Appointed Officers, Committee Chairmen, and Chapter Governors should be submitted to VALS President Tammy Surles at 24 Shenandoah Drive, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408 by April 20, 2009.

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**Hotel:** A limited number of rooms have been blocked off at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach (Tel: 757-428-7025 or 800-365-3032) for this meeting. Please make hotel reservations directly with the hotel on or before March 31, 2009.

**Board Meeting:** Registration deadline is March 31, 2009. 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 March 31, 2009.

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

## Call to First Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors

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March 1, 2009

### CALL TO FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals*

#### TO: ALL VALS ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS AND CHAPTER GOVERNORS:

The First Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors of **VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals*** for the fiscal year 2009-2010 will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Prince William County Association of Legal Professionals and Virginia Beach Legal Staff Association will co-host this meeting.

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**Annual Meeting:** Registration deadline is March 31, 2009. Registration information and schedule are contained in the VALS News.

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

## Report of Vice President/Membership Chair

*Deborah P. Johnson, ALS*

Are you ready to claim your prize in the “Gotta Have It . . . VALS” stamp booklet contest? Each chapter will have one winner “crowned” in Virginia Beach at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, May 2nd. Invite several guests to your March and April meetings, renew your membership, get a colleague to join VALS, and get those booklets filled!

I have enjoyed serving as your VALS Vice President/Membership Chair this year. However, as was announced at the Winter Board meeting, I will not be continuing up the rung of the VALS EC ladder. Family and work obligations have just made it too difficult to devote the time and energy to VALS that is required. I appreciate all the kind and encouraging words I have received from my VALS “sisters” since my declining the nomination for President-Elect. I do plan to continue being involved in VALS as an active member. So, never fear, you will see me at many VALS functions.

I have enjoyed getting to know the members of VALS, especially of the Executive Committee, in a deeper way. Boy, do I have some stories to tell . . . who snores, who won't eat her vegetables, who has the cutest pjs, who embarrasses themselves playing Outburst, etc. But I will never tell (you have too much on me as well). What good sports you all are, though, and I love you for it.

Have a wonderful Spring. I'm sure you are all looking forward to some sun and fun in Virginia Beach for the 47th Annual VALS Convention – and to getting some “legal learnin'” in as well. As President Obama says about the U.S., VALS is strong and despite the current economic downturn and decline in membership numbers, we will “emerge stronger than before” in the years ahead.

## Report of the Regional Liaison

*Robin Wilson, PLS*

An update on the 2009 Region 2 Meeting is as follows. The location will be the Doubletree in downtown Philadelphia on August 1, 2009 through August 2, 2009. The room rate is \$159 plus tax per night. Those making room reservations should ask for NALS Region 2 room block or they will most likely be told the rooms are sold

out. The script ticket will be \$110 for members and \$125 for non-members.

NALS of Pennsylvania is focusing on our education i.e., Judge Rendell from Philadelphia, crime author Lisa Scottoline, Legal Jeopardy and a speaker on alleged financial scamster Bernie Madoff. They are also looking into a "Duck Boat" tour along the river. More information on this will be provided at a later date.

I also would like to provide a reminder that VALS is responsible for the Gift Auction/Raffle. Put on your thinking caps for any items that you would like to donate for this effort.

We are excited to have Tammy serve another year as VALS President! We wish the best for Tammy, Darlene, Linda and VALS!!

**PLAN TO BE IN BLACKSBURG  
FOR THE  
2010 VALS CONVENTION**

**NRVLSA**



**We're really looking  
forward to the  
"Royal Treatment"  
in Virginia Beach!  
2009 Convention**

**CALSA**

**FALSA**

*Deborah M. Yench, PP, PLS, Governor*

Our 2009 Christmas dinner was held at Lone Star Steakhouse. After a lovely dinner, we wrapped gifts. This year, Spotsylvania County Social Service's Holiday Hope project provided us with a family of four. We enjoyed shopping, wrapping and sharing of ourselves.

At our January regular meeting, we had a seminar on "Legal Knowledge and Skills". In February, the VALS Winter Board was discussed. We look forward to traveling to Virginia Beach for the "Royal Treatment"!



From all over Virginia we will travel  
We will all have lots of fun  
There will be lots happening at  
VALS 2009 Convention  
Bring your swimsuits, bring your sunscreen,  
for lounging in the sun but don't forget there  
is business to be done.

NPALSA hopes to see 'ya at the Beach.



## NPALSA

*Alice T. Moore, PLS, Governor*



NPALSA...the association for legal professionals has had a busy winter. We had our Christmas Social at Max & Erma's to celebrate the Holiday with guests. To get a little more information about the economic crisis, our speaker in January was Susan Messier, CPA, Goodman & Company "Your Taxes for 2008: What Changes Are In Store For You." February brought more economic news from Dawn M. Peters, Merrill Lynch "My Finances – What Do I Do Now?" Also, in February five of our members attended the VALS Winter Board in Roanoke. What a great time we had visiting old and new friends and participating in the business of VALS.

NPALSA's winter fundraiser was a Pampered Chef book party, which was very successful. The profits went toward our scholarship, Thanks to Vickie Wilhelm, PLS for coordinating this fundraiser.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Virginia Beach in April for the 2009 VALS Convention where it will be warm and sunny!!



## NVLSA...the association for legal professionals

*Kathy Van Der Kamp, ALS, Governor*

Thank you LEC for the informative programs on citations and ethics for the legal assistant at the VALS Winter Meeting in Roanoke. I do not know about anybody else, but I enjoy hearing the different scenarios and what you are suppose to do and how it actually

happens in real life (or actually happens at work). Five members from the chapter attended the VALS Winter Meeting, and six members from the chapter attended the Third Board of Governors meeting.

At the February chapter meeting, our education was on ethical ("real life") dilemmas presented by Juanita Singleton and Kathy Van Der Kamp. They presented several scenarios then discussed the ethical implications of each scenario. Several members gave examples from their work experience, and these examples were then discussed. We all came out of the discussions knowing we have to be alert about ethical situations every minute of the day.

Our annual meeting is coming up on April 7. We will have our election of officers at that time. We are looking forward to another fabulous year with a new set of officers and committee chairs.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Virginia Beach in May.

Before I sign off with hopes of this being my last article for the VALS News as NVLSA Governor, let me tell you what happened to my mother. The end of January where my mother lives in Missouri, they received six inches of snow one day. While my mother, who is 84 years old and had hand surgery in September, was out shoveling snow that day, a car stops. The person gets out of the car and tells my mother "you don't need to be shoveling snow." This person and his passenger then shovels the snow from my mother's driveway. You say nice story, but what is the point. Well, this person and his passenger was my mother's lawyer and his secretary. I say they both went beyond the call of duty!

**P W C A L P is:**

**R**eady to go to convention!

**O**ut to enjoy convention!

**Y**earning to learn at convention!

**A**t your service during convention!

**L**ooking forward to seeing YOU there!

## Prince William County Association for Legal Professionals

Mary Stewart, Governor

Our chapter continues to volunteer with the local Bar Association's Pro Bono Divorce Program. We provide members at the intake sessions to help screen the applicants for qualification, fill out the appropriate application forms, and track the case with the assigned attorney until final disposition; all under the guidance of the Legal Aid Office and the Prince William County Bar Association.

We are extremely excited to be returning to the beach, and to be working with their wonderful chapter to provide you all with a memorable experience. Plan on attending and receive a truly royal treatment from all of us.

## RLSA...the association for legal professionals

Gwen West, PLS, Governor



Just keeps *going* and *going* and *going* . . .

*Just like RLSA!*

Who will outlast the Energizer bunny? Just as vivacious, tenacious and pincnacious as ever. He's on a hare on a

mission, and he's got a message for all of us – **KEEP GOING®!** "Power through it all."

Somebody stop that Bunny! The Energizer Bunny – the ultimate taskmaster. Who will outlast the Energizer Bunny? "Neither rain nor sleet nor snow nor dark of night ..." So goes the promise of the Postal Service. The Energizer Bunny salutes those brave souls who reflect his never-quit spirit.

*Just like RLSA!*

Does he let obstacles get in his way? No. He just *keeps going*. That's the ultimate power of the Energizer Bunny. Unstoppable. Endearing. The Energizer Bunny speaks to longevity, determination and perseverance. He personifies the American Spirit. (*USA Today* 11/29/08). Macy's 82<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Parade (Dec. 2008) served as The Energizer Bunny's 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday kickoff. CBO's (Chief Bunny Officer) birthday is worth celebrating. Literally missions of comparisons to the Energizer

Bunny are made very single year. "Why do we love the Energizer Bunny®? It's simple. We love him because he's a fuzzy pink reflection of the never-say-quit spirit inside every one of us. And that's something worth celebrating." The Energizer® Keep Going® Hall of Fame recognizes people who embody the spirit of The Energizer Bunny.

*Just like RLSA!*

It seems like only yesterday that everybody's favorite spokeshare drummed his way onto television and straight into our hearts. And yet, 20 years later, he's still going strong. In its first appearance in 1989, The Energizer Bunny upstages and outlasts a drove of inferior toy bunnies and then exits through the sound stage door.

*Just like RLSA! – 50 years later, still going strong!*

Continuing in with RLSA's theme this year of a deck of playing cards, the following is just a fraction of what RLSA officers and Chapter members have been up to – some of the cards we've played in our deck to fit everything together and to have a successful year:

RLSA CLE After Hours Programs:

We continue to have a good turnout of members, as well as guests, at our monthly meetings. Sadly, we have lost a couple of treasured and hard-working members, but happily we have acquired a couple of new members and we look forward to what they can and will contribute to our Chapter. The meeting topics continue to be varied and interesting, and include:

Jan. Are You Certifiable? -- presented by Deborah M. Yench, PP, PLS (FALSA). Deb's program outlined in depth the multiple levels of certification available through NALS and how they can be achieved. She also covered costs and study aids and made herself available for questions. Even Debbie's husband Tom contributed certification tidbits to the program, as he too has pretty much lived and breathed certification ever since his wife made certification one of her many passions. We enjoyed having Debbie and Tom at our meeting. Several guests attended the meeting specifically to learn about certification opportunities through NALS.

Feb. Back to the Future, presented by Minor T. Weisiger, Archives Research Coordinator – Library of Virginia. We were treated to an informative and interesting presentation where we learned about the Chancery Records Index (CRI) which is overseen by the Library of Virginia (LVA). The CRI contains considerable historical and genealogical information. The pre-1913 chancery records are particularly important as they contain vital statistics for periods when the State did not regularly collect them. Documents at the LVA come in three forms: originals, micro-filmed and scanned. The LVA has ancestry books for all of the

States. In addition, one of the guests attending this meeting, Sharon Arnold, informed us of an upcoming WCVE PBS television program which will be airing this month on the history of the court system entitled *Judicial Independence in the New World*, followed by another program entitled *Beyond the Blueprint: Virginia's Judiciary*, hosted by Barbara Berlin and featuring a panel of experts who will discuss how popular culture affects our perceptions of the court system in Virginia. We also had another very special guest – Mary Hartman, PP, PLS (VBLSA). Mary distributed “Royalty Treatment at the Beach!” handouts regarding the upcoming VALS Annual Convention in Virginia Beach. We were delighted to have Mary as our guest and we’re looking forward to Convention.

Mar. *Where are YOU on Your List of things to Do?* – incorporating a “Get Up and Move” segment, which will be presented by Barbara Tessari, CEBS, CPT, CWC, Lifestyle Change Motivator and Coach, Certified Personal Trainer, Workplace Wellness Advisor and Motivational Speaker/Author. Following Ms. Tessari’s presentation, we will have election of officers.

In addition to our monthly meetings and programs, we had a Board meeting on a Saturday morning in early February. We continue to publish the now bi-monthly RLSA newsletter, *The Witness* -- contributed to by Chapter members through our new editor Cindy Lane Hughes, PP, PLS -- an impressive and informative read for professional legal staff.

Ongoing: We continue with our extra curricular projects, including:

RLSA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration; RLSA Monthly Scholarship Raffle Fundraiser; Ways and Means Fundraising Projects – Sale of USBs (\$10.00) and Bottle/Wine Openers (\$8.00); Donating gently used business attire and accessories to CCHASM; Providing snacks and beverages to VCU/ASK Pediatric Oncology Unit; Donating items included on Safe Harbor’s “Critical Needs Wish List;” Assisting with check-in/check-out at the Richmond Bar-Bankruptcy Section monthly luncheon meetings.

The Winter Meeting in Roanoke was wonderful. Thank you! Those of us who could attend were treated to a delightful and informative meeting and, as always, it was great to see our VALS GALS friends...

Extra! Extra! READ ALL ABOUT IT! -- Scales of Justice Award: Our own Jane Williams was presented with the NALS Scales of Justice Award and Certificate at our February meeting. Debbie Yencha proudly presented this prestigious award to Jane “In honor and recognition of her commitment to improving the quality of legal services through her generous support and outstanding service to the Legal Profession.” We were thrilled for Jane to receive this most-deserved

recognition and award. Jane was very surprised and honored.

Spring is right around the corner. A new season -- a time of growth and renewal.

*Silly wabbit!* The Energizer Rabbit has a sense of purpose – he just *keeps going and going and going!*  
*Just like RLSA!*



## RVLSA...the association for legal professionals

Cathy S. Freeman, PLS, Governor



In January we held a semi-annual membership drive with The Honorable Jonathan M. Apgar, 23rd Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney, Sheri King Jones, Esq., and District 15 Probation/Parole Officer, Michael Fosbre, presenting a very informative and educational program on “Exploring the Drug Court”.

February’s meeting was held at lunchtime with 8 members present and 2 guests. February is considered our “Safety” month and Tanya Williams from the American Red Cross spoke to the membership on the importance of being prepared for a disaster and the role the Red Cross plays in helping the community in such times.

March is centered mostly around RVLSA business and voting for our officers for the upcoming year. We are, however, taking time to collect items such as dog and cat food/toys for the Angels of Assisi Clinic.

We continue to work events at the Roanoke Civic Center. In February our biggest fundraiser was the Kazim Shriners Circus.

With Easter just around the corner, RVLSA would like to extend warm wishes to everyone for a happy Easter season and hopes for a sunny and warm Spring! (Brrrrrr, has it been cold! I had 9 inches of snow at my house this past weekend!)

We look forward to seeing everyone in Virginia Beach and receiving the “royal treatment”!



## Virginia Beach Legal Staff Association



VIRGINIA BEACH LEGAL STAFF ASSOCIATION

Visit our website at [www.vblsa.org](http://www.vblsa.org)

*Linda Thomas, Governor*

Greetings from the Beach. It sure is hard to believe that it is now March and that spring starts on March 20th. I know that I will be glad to get the warmer weather.

Since my last report, VBLSA has been very busy. In November, we had Attorney Robert Roussos come and speak to us about bankruptcy. In December, we had our Holiday Social and exchanged ornaments. In addition, we all made a contribution to the Food Bank in addition to the chapter making a contribution. In January, Mark Stiles, Deputy Attorney for the City of Virginia Beach came and spoke to us about the difference between private practice and working for the City. In February, we had our Day-in-Court program with Tina Sinnen, Clerk of the Virginia Beach Circuit Court, and Tracey Entwisle, Deputy Clerk of the Virginia Beach Circuit Court, came and spoke to us about the new changes in the Circuit Court. After their presentation, we then gave

a Certificate to Tina Sinnen making her an Honorary Member of VBLSA.

Thanks to Linda Kelley, PLS, VBLSA was awarded a \$300.00 grant from the NALS Foundation for membership and mentoring.

We are now in high gear with Prince William County in planning the 2009 Convention to be held in Virginia Beach on May 1-3. We have a lot of surprises in store for you at Convention. We all hope to see everyone at the Beach.

## Scholarship

*Cheryl M. Blythers, VALS Scholarship Chair*

A check has been forwarded to Marymount University on behalf of our 2008 Scholarship winner, Wendy Diaz.

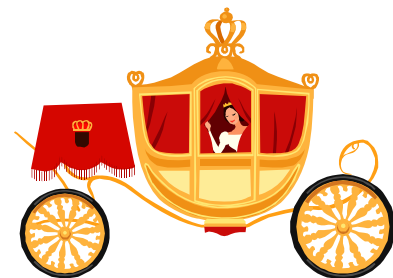
Area Schools have been provided with copies of the VALS Scholarship Application and rules.

The Scholarship Application and rules have been placed on the VALS website and chapter websites and can be located under Education.

Thank you all for your assistance.

**VBLSA and PWCALP look forward  
to hosting the VALS 2009 Convention**

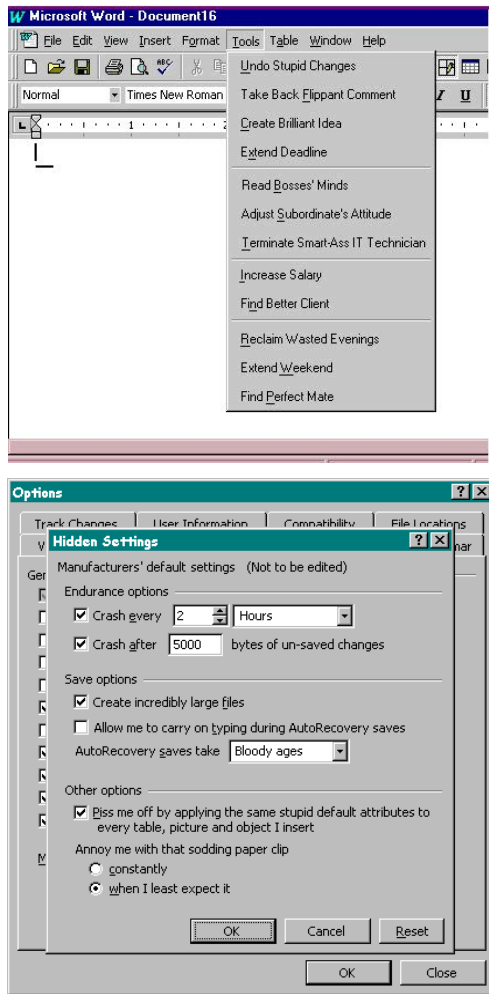
**Come to Virginia Beach for  
The Royal Treatment!**



**Make your hotel reservation now  
Call 757-428-7025**

**This is going to be FUN!**

## Tickle Your Funny Bone



## Happy Birthday

### April

- 5 – Mary Hartman (VBLSA)
- 10 – Sandra Marszalek (PALS)
- 11 – Kelly Walters (RLSA)
- 13 – Vickie Warren (VBLSA)
- 21 – Vicki Wilhelm (NPALSA)
- 23 – Carolyn Walters (NRVLSA)
- 24 – Alice Moore (NPALSA)
- 26 – Kathy Van Der Kamp (NVLSA)
- 27 – Barbara Rippon (PALS)
- 27 – Linda Thomas (VBLSA)

### May

- 1 – Kit Kneidel (NVLSA)
- 15 – Becky Bennett (FALSA)
- 18 – Myah Marshal (NVLSA)
- 19 – Patricia Hoover (PWCALP)
- 21 – Jane Williams (RLSA)

28 – Deborah Johnson (CALSA)

### June

- 6 – Tammy Christl (VBLSA)
- 8 – Genesina D'Ascenzo-Kimbel (PALS)
- 8 – Carolyn Viar (NRVLSA)
- 9 – Sherry Walter (PWCALP)
- 11 – Gwen West (RLSA)
- 12 – Christina Kim (RLSA)
- 14 – Marta Constable (PWCALP)
- 15 – Peggy Boggess (NRVLSA)
- 16 – Mary J. Lenhart (PALS)
- 20 – Deborah Hall (CALSA)
- 23 – Linda Crowe (FALSA)
- 24 – Nancy Ellett (RVLSA)
- 26 – Eileen Evans (PWCALP)
- 27 – Robin Wilson (NVLSA)
- 29 – Jennifer Smith (NRVLSA)
- 30 – Shirley Christian (RLSA)
- 30 – Amy Lewis (NRVLSA)

### July

- 1 – Maxine Sullivan (FALSA)
- 7 – Karen Shepherd (VBLSA)
- 7 – Elizabeth Slate (RLSA)
- 8 – Tammy Surles (FALSA)
- 11 – Shelley Fintor (NVLSA)
- 12 – Virginia Vernon (NPALSA)
- 14 – Mark Button (RLSA)
- 16 – Apama Bansal (RLSA)
- 16 – Debbie Quesenberry (NRVLSA)
- 31 – Victoria Boyd (PALS)

### August

- 3 – Meredith Uhl (RLSA)
- 5 – Diane Campbell (VBLSA)
- 5 – Sherri Hoffmon (NVLSA)
- 6 – Jessica Dale (PALS)
- 14 – Linda Colby (VBLSA)
- 14 – Deborah Yencha (FALSA)
- 16 – Deneen Jaramillo (VBLSA)
- 17 – Marian Foster (PWCALP)
- 26 – Juanita Singleton (NVLSA)
- 27 – Teresa Westerman (NVLSA)

### September

- 1 – Jacqueline Singletary-Claffee (VBLSA)
- 4 – Kathy Glass (PALS)
- 13 – Dawn Pierce (RVLSA)
- 20 – Geraldine Brown (RVLSA)
- 25 – Robin Trussell (PALS)
- 26 – Mary McGeath (VBLSA)
- 28 – Faye Vucich (RVLSA)
- 29 – Debra Deane (CALSA)
- 29 – Jo Anne Meyer (PWCALP)

## Dates to Remember

**March 8, 2009** – NALS Law Committee chat

**March 9, 2009** – NALS Certifying Board chat

**March 10, 2009** – e-Learn sent out

**March 10, 2009** – VALS Member of the Year applications deadline (postmark) to Alice T. Moore, PLS

**March 11, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**March 12 – 14, 2009** – NALS Professional Development & Education Conference – Double Tree Warren Place - Tulsa, OH

**March 13, 2009** – E-News deadline

**March 16, 2009** – Regional

**March 17, 2009** – e-News sent

**March 17, 2009** – St. Patrick's Day

**March 18, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**March 20, 2009** – First Day of Spring

**March 23, 2009** – Renewals 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> notice

**March 23, 2009** – Marketing

**March 25, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**March 27, 2009** – e-News deadline

**March 31, 2009** – e-News sent

**April 1, 2009** – VALS Scholarship application deadline (postmark) to Cheryl Blythers

**April 1, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**April 5, 2009** – NALS Strategic Planning chat

**April 5, 2009** – Palm Sunday

**April 6, 2009** NALS Education Committee chat

**April 8, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**April 9, 2009** – Leading the Way sent

**April 9, 2009** – Passover

**April 10, 2009** – VALS Interchapter Achievement deadline (& postmarked) to Linda Thomas

**April 10, 2009** – e-News deadline

**April 10, 2009** – Good Friday

**April 12, 2009** – NALS Law Committee chat

**April 12, 2009** – Easter

**April 13, 2009** – NALS Certifying Board chat

**April 14, 2009** – e-Learn sent to members

**April 14, 2009** – e-News sent to members

**April 15, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**April 15, 2009** – Tax day

**April 15, 2009** – VALS deadline to get membership reports to Deborah P. Johnson, ALS

**April 20, 2009** – NALS Regional Director chat

**April 22, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**April 24, 2009** – e-News deadline

**April 27, 2009** – Renewals 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> notice

**April 27, 2009** – NALS Marketing Committee chat

**April 28, 2009** – e-News sent to members

**April 29, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**May 1 - 3, 2009** – VALS 47th Annual Convention, Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront, Virginia Beach

**May 3, 2009** – NALS Strategic Planning chat

**May 4, 2009** – Education Committee chat

**May 6, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**May 8, 2009** – e-News deadline

**May 10, 2009** – Law Committee chat

**May 10, 2009** – Mother's Day

**May 11, 2009** – Certifying Board chat

**May 12, 2009** – e-Learn sent to members

**May 12, 2009** – e-News sent to members

**May 13, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**May 18, 2009** – Regional Director chat

**May 20, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**May 22, 2009** – e-News deadline

**May 25, 2009** – Renewals 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> notice

**May 25, 2009** – NALS Marketing Committee chat

**May 25, 2009** – Memorial Day (observed)

**May 26, 2009** – e-News sent to members

**May 27, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**June 1, 2009** – NALS Education Committee chat

**June 3, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center

**June 5, 2009** – e-News deadline

**June 6, 2009** – Certification Exams (\*testing for those who have completed Basic & Advanced NALS Training Course)

**June 21, 2009** – Father's Day

**June 21, 2009** – First Day of Summer

**June 22, 2009** – Renewals 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> notice

**June 22, 2009** – NALS Marketing Committee chat

**June 23, 2009** – E-news sent to members

**June 24, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**July 1, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**July 3, 2009** – e-News deadline  
**July 5, 2009** – NALS Strategic Planning chat  
**July 6, 2009** – NALS Education Committee chat  
**July 7, 2009** – E-News sent to member  
**July 8, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**July 15, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**July 17, 2009** – e-News deadline  
**July 20, 2009** – Regional Director chat  
**July 21, 2009** – e-News sent to members  
**July 22, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**July 27, 2009** – Renewals 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> notice  
**July 27, 2009** – NALS Marketing Committee chat  
**July 29, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**July 31, 2009** – e-News deadline  
**July 31 – August 3, 2009** – Region 2 Conference – Doubletree Hotel – Philadelphia, PA  
**August 1, 2009** – Deadline to postmark testing application for September exams  
**August 2, 2009** – NALS Strategic Planning chat  
**August 3, 2009** – NALS Education Committee chat  
**August 4, 2009** – e-News sent to members  
**August 5, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**August 9, 2009** – NALS Law Committee chat  
**August 10, 2009** – NALS Certifying Board chat  
**August 11, 2009** – e-Learn sent to members  
**August 12, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**August 13, 2009** – Leading the Way sent to members  
**August 14, 2009** – e-News deadline  
**August 17, 2009** – Regional Director chat  
**August 18, 2009** – e-News sent to members  
**August 19, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**August 24, 2009** – Renewals 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> notice  
**August 24, 2009** – NALS Marketing Committee chat  
**August 26, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**August 28, 2009** – E-News deadline  
**September 1, 2009** – e-News sent to members  
**September 2, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**September 6, 2009** – NALS Strategic Planning chat

**September 7, 2009** – Labor Day  
**September 7, 2009** – NALS Education Committee chat  
**September 8, 2009** – e-Learn sent to members  
**September 9, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**September 11, 2009** – e-News deadline  
**September 13, 2009** – NALS Law Committee chat  
**September 14, 2009** – NALS Certifying Board chat  
**September 15, 2009** – e-News sent to members  
**September 15, 2009** – NALS room rate cutoff date for  
**September 16, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**September 19, 2009** – Rosh Hashanah  
**September 21, 2009** – Regional Director chat  
**September 22, 2009** – First Day of Autumn  
**September 23, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**September 25, 2009** – e-News deadline  
**September 28, 2009** – Yom Kippur  
**September 28, 2009** – NALS Marketing Committee chat  
**September 28, 2009** – Renewals 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> notice  
**September 29, 2009** – e-News sent to members  
**September 30, 2009** – NALS Online Learning Center  
**October 8 – 11, 2009** – NALS 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference & National Forum – Irvine, CA



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# REGISTRATION FORMS

VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals*  
47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
May 1 -3, 2009

**Hotel Registration Request – Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront**  
**5700 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451**  
**Reservations: Phone 757/428-7025, 800/365-3032 or Fax 757/321-2468**  
**Website: [www.wyndham.com/hotels/orfvb](http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/orfvb)**

The Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel is honored to have you as its guest during your stay in Virginia Beach! In order to guarantee your reservation, please:

- (1) **Make your reservation before March 31, 2009;** (2) complete and send form directly to hotel;
- (3) enclose deposit with form for first night’s stay.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Rooms: \_\_\_\_\_ Specify Non-Smoking Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment: Check or Money Order enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Major Credit Card: Type of Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Room Rates: Oceanfront \$129; Non-Oceanfront \$109. There are a limited number of suites available: One Bedroom Suite \$169; and Two Bedroom Suite \$186. Room rates do not include state and local taxes. **Cut-off date: March 31, 2009.** Reservations requested AFTER the cut-off date may still be available at this rate but only if guest rooms are still available. Reservations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. **Check-in time is 4 p.m.; check out is 11 a.m. Rooms will not be held after 4 p.m. unless guaranteed by a credit card or advance deposit.**

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**Directions to the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront Hotel**

FROM WASHINGTON, D.C./NORTHERN VIRGINIA, take I-95 South to I-64 East (near Richmond). Follow I-64 East through the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. Take Exit 282 (Northampton Boulevard) and bear right. Follow directions below.

FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE, take I-64 East past Richmond and continue through the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. Take Exit 282 (Northampton Boulevard) and bear right. Follow directions below.

FROM ROANOKE, take I-81 North to Charlottesville, exit onto I-64 East, follow I-64 East past Richmond and continue through the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. Take Exit 282 (Northampton Boulevard) and bear right. Follow directions below.

FROM SUFFOLK AREA, take Route 58 East to I-64 West (signs for Chesapeake/Virginia Beach). Take Exit 282 (Northampton Boulevard) and go straight. Follow directions below.

FROM THE AIRPORT, take Norview Avenue to I-64 East. From I-64 East, take Exit 282 (Northampton Boulevard) and bear right. Follow directions below.

ONCE ON NORTHAMPTON BOULEVARD, follow for approximately 5 miles. Take the ramp to Route 60 East, Shore Drive (last exit before the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel). Stay on Shore Drive for approximately 10 miles, until it turns to the right and becomes Atlantic Avenue. Take Atlantic Avenue to 57<sup>th</sup> Street. The hotel will be on the left.

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**5700 Atlantic Avenue**  
**Virginia Beach, VA 23451**

The Annual Meeting of VALS . . . *the association for legal professionals* will be held Saturday, May 2, 2009, beginning promptly at 9 a.m. at the Wyndham, Virginia Beach Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451. **Registration deadline is March 31, 2009.** Registrations postmarked after this date must be accompanied by a \$5 late fee. No refunds will be given after March 31, 2009.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Officer or Chair in Local Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate \_\_\_\_ Alternate Delegate \_\_\_\_ Check here if this is your first VALS meeting \_\_\_\_

***Please check individual meals that you wish to pay for separately; otherwise, mark “Full Scrip Ticket.”***

Full Scrip Ticket (VALS members) \$125.00 ( )  
 Full Scrip Ticket (non-VALS members) \$144.00 ( )

**INDIVIDUAL EVENT PRICES (INCLUDED IN SCRIP TICKET):**

Friday Seminar \$ 15.00 ( )  
 Friday Night Welcome Party \$ 35.00 ( )  
 Saturday Lunch\* \$ 24.00 ( )  
 Saturday Banquet \$ 45.00 ( )  
 Sunday Breakfast \$ 20.00 ( )  
 VALS Registration Fee \$ 5.00 ( )

Late Fee (if postmarked after 3/31/09) \$ 5.00 ( )

**Optional: Wine Tasting** \$ 20.00 ( ) (Thursday – from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
**Optional: PLS Luncheon** \$ 20.00 ( ) (Friday – after Legal Education Seminars)

**\*Saturday Lunch:**  
 Choice of entree: \_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast Apricot  
 \_\_\_\_ Baked Lasagna

(This is a plated luncheon. We must know your meal choice.)

**Please make your check payable to “VALS 2009 Convention” and send with this form to:**

Linda Thomas  
 2554 Back Acres Road  
 Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Questions? Call or email Irene Diehl: 757/340-3232 or [irene@jeremiahdenton.com](mailto:irene@jeremiahdenton.com)

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 5700 Atlantic Avenue  
 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451  
 May 1-3, 2009

**“Royal Treatment at the Beach”  
 Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, April 30, 2009**

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Wine tasting (optional – ticket required)  
 7:00 p.m. until (?) Hospitality Suite open

**Friday, May 1, 2009**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Seminar Registration  
 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Convention Registration Desk Open  
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Legal Education Seminars  
 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibitors/Crafters Open  
 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. PLS Luncheon (optional – ticket required)  
 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own  
 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Fourth Board of Governors’ Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Friday Night Welcome Party

**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast On Your Own  
 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Convention Registration Desk Open  
 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Delegate Check-In  
 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Exhibitors/Crafters Open  
 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. First Session of General Assembly  
 12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Awards Luncheon  
 1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Delegate Check-In  
 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Second Session of General Assembly  
 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Installation Banquet

**Sunday, May 3, 2009**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast (there is a program, so please be prompt!)  
 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Delegate Check-In  
 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Third Session of General Assembly (if necessary)  
 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. First Board of Governors’ Meeting of 2009-10

# 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.

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Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Member No.: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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