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President's Message ~ Krystyna Alexander

Fellow TAALP Members:

As many of you, I often attend First Monday Trade Days in Canton. This month was especially great because the weather was beautiful, even though it was still a bit warm for my taste. I love to shop, but truthfully, the corny dog is always the highlight of my trip. :) My love for Canton is currently at risk, however. I was a bit annoyed walking through one of the pavilions to hear Christmas music playing—Jingle Bell Rock. Seriously? It was before Labor Day; the only thing on my mind was that my white shoes would have to disappear before Monday. It seems like every holiday is advertised months ahead of time these days. I am left wondering if these folks are holiday fanatics or if I am the ultimate procrastinator. I was almost conned into purchasing outdoor Christmas light string holders—on sale—until I snapped out of it and realized that it's too darn early to be thinking about trees and lights! There is so much to do before December!! What is the rush?!



Speaking of things to do and upcoming events, I will be attending the State Bar of Texas Paralegal Division's Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar (TAPS) in Austin on September 29 - October 1, 2010 and will be representing TAALP at the Friday luncheon, of which TAALP is a sponsor. If anyone is attending TAPS and would like to share travel expenses, please let me know, and I will do my best to hook you up with another attendee. Hope to see you there!

Please review the 2010 - 2011 Committee List included in this month's newsletter. If your name is included, that indicates that you signed up for that particular committee when submitting this year's membership application. If your name is not included on any committees and you would like to participate at any level, large or small, please let me know.

SAVE THE DATE!! The 2010 Joint Luncheon in honor of our area judges will be held at Hollytree Country Club on **October 22, 2010**. Please mark your calendars! Sarah Connor is chairing the Joint Luncheon Committee and would be thrilled to have a few more volunteers to assist. Please contact Sarah via email at sconnor@wilsonlawfirm.com for additional information. Additionally, TAALP members are encouraged to attend the Smith County Bar Association's CLE event, "Top 10 Things Every Lawyer [and his/her staff] Should Know...," which is scheduled for **October 29, 2010** at the Rose Garden Center. TAALP members will receive a discounted rate of \$100.00, while the non-member rate will be \$150.00. (There is no membership requirement.) For more information regarding the bar association CLE, please contact Cristy Keul at cristy@smithcountybar.com.

See you at the next meeting!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Krystyna'.

Krystyna Alexander

**TAALP
MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, BOARD MEETING**

By: Sarah Connor, Recording Secretary

A board of directors meeting was held at WILSON, ROBERTSON & CORNELIUS, P.C., on Wednesday, September 1, 2010. All board members were present: Krystyna Alexander, President; Nancy Crim, CLA, President-Elect; Sandra Hayes, First Vice President; Cristy Keul, Second Vice President ; Sarah Connor, Recording Secretary; Kara Bennett, Corresponding Secretary; Bonnie Brooks, Treasurer; and Carrie King, Executive Advisor.

Krystyna Alexander called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Old Business:

Bonnie Brooks stated that a budget meeting was held on August 26, 2010. She presented the budget that was proposed by the committee. Cristy Keul moved that the proposed budget be adopted, seconded by Sarah Connor. After discussion, the budget was adopted unanimously.

Krystyna Alexander passed out copies of the lists of committees and the members who had agreed to serve on each. She will continue to work to fill vacancies.

New Business:

Krystyna Alexander, President:

The bank signature card needs to be changed, and those who will be signing will meet at the bank, with the secretary's letter stating the new officers elected, at a mutually agreeable time to sign the card.

The Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar (TAPS) will be held in Austin on September 29-October 1, 2010, and TAALP is a sponsor of the Friday luncheon. Krystyna said that she had been contacted for a donation of a door prize for the seminar because the organization was having difficulty getting donations of door prizes this year. Nancy Crim moved that TAALP donate a \$50 gift card to be used as a door prize at TAPS, seconded by Cristy Keul. The motion was discussed and passed unanimously.

Cristy Keul and Krystyna discussed how TAALP will benefit from the Fall CLE seminar on October 29, 2010, sponsored by the Smith County Bar Association, titled: "10 Things Lawyers Need to Know." TAALP will receive 40% of the registration fee of any TAALP member who registers for the seminar. The registration fee for TAALP members is \$100.

The Joint Luncheon will be on Friday, October 22, 2010, at Hollytree Country Club. Mark Lanier will be the speaker. Sarah Connor is chairing the committee.

Carrie King, Executive Advisor:

She will bring the microphone to our meetings in case our group is moved into the smaller room at the Woman's Building, which does not have a sound system.

Nancy Crim, President Elect/NALA Liaison:

Nancy has submitted her application for NALA membership.

Sandra Hayes, 1st Vice President (Membership):

The current membership is unknown, as several renewals are to be added to the roster.

Sandra will continue to send an Evite regarding the monthly meeting and will provide the number of members expected to Shelly at the Woman's Building.

Cristy Keul, 2nd Vice President (Program):

Cristy scheduled John Trube to speak in September on DUI and the impact on driver's licenses. He is a very entertaining speaker and should make the topic very interesting.

She has several other speakers who have agreed to speak, and they will be announced latter since no dates are firm yet.

Cristy is getting some assistance with the flyers for the meetings.

Sarah Connor, Recording Secretary:

Sarah moved that the minutes of the August 4, 2010, board meeting be approved as printed in *The Transcript*. Bonnie Brooks seconded the motion, and it passed.

Kara Barrett, Corresponding Secretary:

The newsletter deadline is Friday, September 3, 2010.

Bonnie Brooks, Treasurer:

Bonnie submitted the Treasurer's Report for August and moved that it be filed for audit. The motion was seconded by Sarah Connor, and the motion passed.

Krystyna Alexander announced that the next **regular meeting will be at noon on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at the Woman's Building.**

The next **board meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at WILSON, ROBERTSON & CORNELIUS, P.C.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Krystyna Alexander, President

Sarah Connor, Recording Secretary

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Say Cheese!

TAALP August Meeting





SEPTEMBER



- 3 - Debbie Espinosa**
- 5 - Wendy Hesse**
- 7 - Jennifer Phelps**
- 11 - Kimberly Thedford**
- 12 - Chelsea Thompson**
- 12 - Kara Barrett**
- 13 - Cassie Griffin**
- 14 - Lisa Henderson**
- 18 - Barbara Skeen**
- 28 - Julie Kesel**
- 29 - Jennifer Smith**

BIRTHDAYS!!

TAALP Upcoming Events:

September 9 - TAALP Regular Meeting, 12:00 PM
Speaker — John Trube, Administrative License Revocation and Occupational Driver's Licenses

September 29 - TAPS in Austin, TX
October 1

October 6 - TAALP Board Meeting, 12:00 PM
Wilson Law Firm

October 14 - TAALP Regular Meeting, 12:00 PM
Speaker — Holly Monk, Family Law and the Reference Attorney Program





Who: John Trube

What: “Administrative License Revocation and Occupational Driver’s Licenses: What is going to happen to your friend or acquaintance when they get a DUI?”

Where: Women’s Building

When: September 9th, 2010 @ noon

WANTED

A few great volunteers to make the TAALP Programs be the best that they can be!

WANTED:

Volunteer to make arrangements for a speaker for one (just 1) month's program.
Estimated time to complete – 1 hour

Volunteer to create the graphic announcement for the newsletter and or the membership reminder announcement.
Estimated time to complete – Depends on how creative you can be.

As 2nd Vice President, I am interested in providing excellent TAALP programs for 2010-11!

I know that no one person is as good as several interested volunteers. So, if you are interested in attending programs, please volunteer to assist with the planning and implementation of them.

Please contact me to let me know what YOU can do for TAALP!

Cristy Keul

2nd Vice President

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Fun Stuff!



September Fun Facts:

1. September is Cholesterol Awareness Month in America.
2. The first comic strip was printed in an American newspaper on September 11, 1875.
3. The poem, "Mary had a Little Lamb" was published September 1, 1830.
4. Band-Aids were invented in September.
5. The Great Fire of London happened September 2, 1666.
6. The Beatles recorded their first single, "Love Me Do", on September 11, 1962.



Brain Teaser:

There is a seven letter word in the English language that contains ten words without rearranging any of its letters. What is the word?

(The answer's at the bottom of the page...don't peek!)

Politically Correct Term of the Month:

TERM:

Motivationally Dispossessed

WHAT'S IT MEAN?:

Lazy



Answer to Brainteaser:

"therein": the, there, he, in, rein, her, here, ere, therein, herein

Employment

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GERMANY
April 23 – April 30, 2011
(Seven Days and Six Nights visiting
Munich, Fussen, Nuremberg,
Salzburg (Austria))



Saturday, Apr 23, 2011: Overnight Flight
Depart for Europe.

Sunday, Apr 24, 2011: Munich Upon arrival in Munich you will be met by your tour manager, and transfer to hotel for check in. This evening enjoy a welcome reception, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Monday, Apr 25, 2011: Munich Sightseeing includes the Town Hall, the famous Glockenspiel and Nymphenburg Palace, summer residence of the Bavarian kings. This afternoon drive to the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial, a grim reminder of Nazi atrocities during WWII. (B)

Tuesday, Apr 26, 2011: Munich Travel to Fussen today and explore King Ludwig II's fairyland castles Neuschwanstein and Linderhof, with their lavish apartments and Linderhof's fantasy grotto. Return to Munich for evening. (B, L)

Wednesday, Apr 27, 2011: Munich Drive to Salzburg (Austria) for sightseeing, including

Mozart's house and the city's beautiful Baroque churches. Return to Munich for the evening. (B, L)

Thursday, Apr 28, 2011: Munich Journey to Nuremberg, the home of the famous artist Albrecht Dürer and Peter Henlein, the inventor of the pocket watch! Enjoy a walking tour of downtown Nuremberg. After enjoying lunch at a local restaurant you will visit the Palace of Justice, where the "Judgment of Nürnberg" took place (pending approval). Explore the quaint Old Town before you head back to Munich. (B,L)

Friday, Apr 29, 2011: Munich The day is free to explore Munich's many sights. You may wish to visit priceless art at the Alte Pinakothek or the open-air Viktualienmarkt, the colorful flower and food market. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner as a group! (B,D)

Saturday, April 30, 2011: Departure Depart for the USA. (B)

FEE WITH AIR INCLUDED: Fee is based on registration by October 1, 2010 [Departing DFW – \$3,155, Amarillo - \$3,315, Houston - \$3,115, Midland - \$3,315, Austin/San Antonio - \$ 3,195 (includes program fee and departure fees)] **Additional/Optional fees:** Single room supplement: \$360; Ultimate Protection Plan: \$240; Comprehensive Protection Plan: \$160

LAND ONLY FEE: (*if you wish to make your own air travel arrangements*): \$2,299

FEES BASED ON 20 PERSONS: Airfare and Hotel (double room) with daily breakfast is included in price as well as three lunches, two dinners, and all tours listed above.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Deadline for registration is October 1, 2010; Initial deposit is \$300; second payment of \$500 is due December 2; third payment of \$500 is due on January 8, balance due on February 15, 2011.

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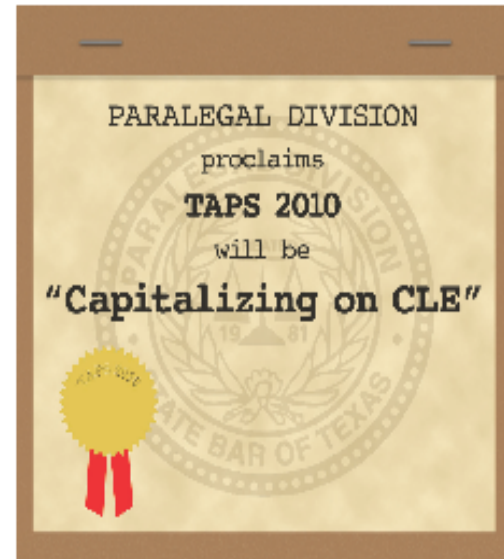
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Registration for TAPS opens on June 1, 2010 at www.txpd.org/taps.
Register by August 20, 2010 and save!

Full 3-Day registration includes admission to all CLE and Exhibit Halls, seminar materials, a complimentary Continental breakfast each day, as well as tickets to social events and the Friday CLE luncheon. One-day registration includes one day of CLE, speaker materials, and continental breakfast (socials and luncheon available at an additional price). Scholarships to TAPS are available for Paralegal Division members in need of financial assistance.

Conference rates are available for rooms at the DoubleTree Hotel. *1-2 guests \$109 - 3-4 guests \$125*

Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, August 28, 2010. Call 800-347-0330 and ask for TAPS. Online hotel registration available at www.txpd.org/taps beginning June 1. Room rate available for three days before and after event.



For more information on TAPS please visit www.txpd.org/taps. Updates will be made as new information becomes available.

A seminar brochure will be included in the Summer 2010 *Texas Paralegal Journal*.

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