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PRESIDENT, Audrey Brekel

Happy holidays! I hope you all have an enjoyable time with family and friends over the next few weeks. Can you believe 2012 will soon be upon us – where does time go?

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in the Second Board Meeting and Educational Conference to be held in the Denver area on January 27 and 28, 2012. The topics of the speakers (Protecting Society's Most Vulnerable) sound particularly interesting. More information will be forthcoming from the Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff. The board meetings are always fun and it is a great opportunity to meet members from around the state or to catch up with people you already know.

Also, don't forget to visit our website regularly. Carol Donahue does a fabulous job of making our website look wonderful. The website is where you can find who the other members are, where they work, when meetings are, what benefits are available to you as a member, pro bono opportunities, what deadlines are coming up, and a plethora of other information. And Carol always has a timely quote on our home page!

My email and phone are always open, so feel free to contact me if you have suggestions, ideas, or questions. I look forward to seeing you on January 27!

PRESIDENT-ELECT, Judy Boker

As the holidays come and go, please remember that this is not just the only time of year we should be generous in our giving. There are many special needs in our communities that need constant replenishing. Keep local food and clothing banks, nursing homes, Hospice centers, etc., in your thoughts and not just for monetary donations but donations of time as well. I love to play the piano, so I've made it my goal for 2012 to play at one of the nursing homes in Greeley once a week. The residents love the music (even though they ask for songs I've never heard of) and it seems to brighten their very long and boring days, PLUS, I get to do what I enjoy too! So, think about reading to a child at a hospital, baking cookies for an elderly neighbor, or buying groceries for a family who might be too proud to ask. It'll do your heart good, I promise! See you in January!

WEBSITE, Carol Donahue

Season's Greetings from your website chair! A very special thanks to Jim Ingwersen for taking care of behind the scenes web maintenance and service improvements. The system we were using for updating the website was dated and Jim instituted a more current method of working with the website to update pages. Thanks also to folks who let me know when there are any issues with the website, including typos and information to be updated. I really appreciate all you eagle eyes, it allows to have a better website that is useful for everyone. As always, suggestions and comments are truly welcome.

LARIMER-WELD, Joyce Beach, PLS

The November meeting was a dinner meeting held at Mulligan's Restaurant. A round table discussion was held with all members present contributing helpful tips that are used in their respective offices or businesses. Sherry McWethy also showed us pictures and told us stories of her recent Australia/New Zealand trip.

Our holiday party was held on December 13 at the home of Joyce Beach who hosted a soup supper with other goodies furnished by the members. Our civic project for the year was providing warm clothing for the growing homeless population. Members were very generous with donations and a very large trash/leaf bag was filled to the top! Members also hand-tied four fleece blankets to contribute to this endeavor. It is amazing how quickly knots can be tied when visiting and catching up on all of the news.

Last, but certainly not least, Larimer-Weld ALSS hosted a brown bag CLE on December 21 at the Larimer County Justice Center entitled "Mandatory Domestic Relations E-Filing". It was a very timely seminar as it addressed policies and procedures regarding mandatory e-filing going live January 1, 2012 for Domestic Relations cases.

HISTORIAN, Ginny Lee

Hello all members:

Don't forget to bring your cameras to the 2nd CALSS Board and Educational Meeting. We need to overfill Audrey's History books for this year.

Come find me if you need a camera to use for the weekend.



MEET JUDY BOKER

Yes, I know. I'm cheating here a bit but couldn't get anyone to volunteer information this round!

Judy is a member of Larimer-Weld ALSS.

How long a CALSS member: Since 1981.

How long in the legal profession: 37 years this coming February and has worked for William L. Crosier those 37 years!

My family consists of: Daughters- Lori (43) and Cameron (41), Son-in Law- Wayne, Granddaughter- Caitlyn (23), Grandsons- Chris, Jeremy (both coming up 17), Michael (14) and Great Grandson- Reagan (3). Oh, yes, Kia the Peek-a-Poo and Ransom, the cat!

In my spare time I like to: Play piano, travel and I have a black belt in shopping!

My favorite place on the planet is: Santa Fe, New Mexico.

My favorite music/song is: Anything but Rap.

My favorite TV show is: CSI Miami and when I can watch, The Bachelor/Bachelorette.

My favorite movies: Hope Floats and A Knight's Tale.

My favorite actresses: Julia Roberts and Sandra Bullock.

My favorite actors: Sam Elliott and Jude Law.

My favorite author: Beverly Barton.

The last great book I read: "Mercy Killing".

It drives me crazy when: "Newbies" who think they know more than us "Oldies"!

Only my very best friends know that: I'm destined to be an old woman with no regrets!

I'd also like to share: Never say you "don't know". That just means you "don't care". Make a difference and find the answer!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Our December and January Birthdays

Audrey Brekel	December 2
Janet Elder	December 8
Timothy Curtis	December 10
Pauli Ingwersen	December 14
Jill Buck Smith	December 20
Ginny Schermerhorn	January 1
Santa Patafio	January 3
Patsy Thompson	January 17
Sherill Mullins	January 21
Rita Watson	January 22





Dear CALSS Friend and Guests:

The Colorado Association of Legal Support Staff welcomes you to join us at our Second Educational Conference, January 27 and 28 focusing on helping those most in need: children and the elderly.

With federal, state and local resources continuing to decline and those over 80 representing the fastest growing portion of the American population, the need to protect those who are unable to safeguard themselves has never been greater. As legal professionals, we know we can help.

Casey Williams of Glatstein & O'Brien will teach how planning with powers of attorney and living wills can prevent the need for adult guardianships and conservatorships in “Mental Incapacity and Disability: Planning for Yourself and Protection of Others”. Director *Barbara Martin-Worley of the Denver District Attorney’s Office* will teach us how to protect seniors from fraud and Elder Abuse in “Outfoxing the Predators”. Finally, a representative from the Office of the Child’s Representative will enlighten us on how the Colorado judicial branch strives to protect the very youngest members of society: our children. What a worthwhile and illuminating start to 2012 we have planned for all who can attend!

CLE credits are being applied for. Attendance for all three hour-and-a-half long sessions is only \$50 for non-CALSS members and \$40 for CALSS members. In addition, all who attend are warmly welcome to see CALSS leadership in action at our Board Meeting Saturday morning and to join us for friendship, networking and fellowship.

Registration materials are available in early January on the CALSS website:

www.CALSS.com or by calling me at 303-436-9121. Feel free to email me with questions at MED@H-L-MLaw.com, as well.

We look forward to welcoming you in person on January 27 and having your help as we seek to better protect the most vulnerable members of our society. Won’t you join us in this work?

Best Regards,
Mark Donovan
Mile High ALS, Hosts

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2011-2012**

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2011-2012**

Annual Meeting	Peg Bell and Pauli Ingwersen, Members-at-Large
Audit	Teresa Chamberlain, Jan Knoll Larimer-Weld Association of Legal Support Staff and Karen Smith, Member-at-Large
Bulletin	Rhi Long, Member- at- Large
Continuing Legal Education	Sherry McWethy and Jodi Morse Larimer-Weld Association of Legal Support Staff
Credentials	Pat Thompson, Member-at-Large
Guidelines	Peg Bell, Member-at-Large
History Book	Ginny Lee, Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff
Marketing/Professional Association Liaison	Mark Donovan, Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff
Membership	Shelley McKinstry, Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff
Nominations	Karen Smith, Member-at-Large and Teresa Stenwall and Timothy Curtis, Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff
Outstanding Member	Pat Thompson, Member-at-Large
Pro Bono	Janet Price, Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff
Professional Certification	Vacant
Scholarship	Joyce Beach, Larimer-Weld Association of Legal Support Staff
Ways & Means	Ginny Schermerhorn, Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff
Website	Carol Donahue, Mile High Association of Legal Support Staff