

## Note from the President....

**W**ith a new year, comes new opportunities for each of us. LLPA offers many opportunities to members, including officer positions and committee chairs. LLPA is now seeking nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. See our website for more information on how to nominate someone or yourself.

LLPA is also providing its members the opportunity to get involved in organizing the Spring Seminar (March 17<sup>th</sup>). The theme is "NLPA Goes Green". Please contact me if you wish to become a part of selecting speakers, finding a location, planning food, finding raffle prizes for our scholarship fund, or any other simple task we have to offer.

I wish the best to each of you in all the opportunities you take advantage of in 2018!

Tina M. Scully,  
President



## LLPA General Meeting

- WHEN:** January 11, 2018
- WHERE:** Conference Room at  
Rembolt Ludtke LLP  
3 Landmark Centre  
1128 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300
- TIME:** Noon
- SPEAKER:** Ruth Karlsson  
Presentation on a program through the  
Nebraska Prison System called  
"Released and Restored"
- "Released and Restored" provides inmates and ex-offenders in Nebraska with the tools and support systems needed to learn how to live productive, moral, ethical, and legal lives in our communities after their release from prison or jail.
- LUNCH:** Pasta & Salad  
Cost approximately \$7.00 per person
- RSVP:** Carol Paige  
402-475-4240 or email  
cpaige@johnsonflodman.com

Please honor your reservation. If you cancel your lunch with less than 24 hours notice, you will still be responsible for payment.

# January Birthdays

3 Brooke Vass  
12 Susann Andrews  
19 Gisele Gartzke  
19 Vickie Starr



## Upcoming Events

January 11 - General Meeting  
January 18 - LincolnNotes Deadline  
January 25 - Board Meeting

## New Year's Resolutions

**HAVE** hope  
**TRY** new things  
**BE** active  
**SAY** "I Love You" more  
**CHALLENGE** yourself  
**CHOOSE** to be happy  
**EAT** better  
**ENJOY** today  
**FORGIVE** more readily  
**READ** more often  
**BECOME** your best you

## Pizza Potato Puff Casserole

1 lb. ground beef  
1/4 c. onion, chopped  
10-3/4 oz. can cream of mushroom soup  
8-oz. can pizza sauce  
12 to 15 slices pepperoni  
1/2 c. green pepper, chopped  
1 c. shredded mozzarella cheese  
16-oz. pkg. frozen potato puffs

In a large skillet, cook ground beef and onion over medium-high heat until browned, stirring frequently. Drain and return beef mixture to skillet; stir in soup. Reduce heat to medium; bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Spoon beef mixture into an 8"x8" baking pan lightly sprayed with non-stick vegetable spray. Spoon pizza sauce evenly over beef mixture; arrange pepperoni and green pepper over sauce. Sprinkle with cheese; arrange potato puffs over top. Cover with aluminum foil; bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes, until heated through. Serves 4.

## Cinnamon Maple Apples

2 T. butter  
3 to 4 apples, peeled, cored and sliced into wedges  
1/4 c. maple syrup  
1/4 c. brown sugar, packed  
1/4 t. cinnamon  
1/4 t. nutmeg

In a skillet over medium heat, melt butter and add sliced apples. Toss to coat; simmer until apples begin to soften. Add remaining ingredients to skillet. Simmer over medium heat, stirring often, until sauce is thickened and bubbly. Serves 4.



## PROGRAM TEAM

**Board Meetings:** The menu and food orders for all Board Meetings will be organized by our Program Chair.

**General Meetings:** The Continuing Legal Education speaker, location, and food caterer for the General Meetings are handled by the LLPA members assigned by month ("Program Team") listed below. The Program Team is responsible for: taking and ordering the food for members attending and the speaker and ensuring the food delivery, and providing the meeting information to the Chapter Representative for announcement to the members and the website. Please contact the Program Chair, LLPA President or LLPA Treasurer to obtain payment instructions for food totals. The Program Team is also responsible for collecting payment from the members at the General Meeting and providing it to Treasurer or President. Please make sure the speaker and a member of your Program Team arrive at the General Meeting location by 11:45 a.m. Please have the speaker's food ready by 11:45 a.m., so he/she has time to eat before speaking.

*\*CLE speakers and meeting location/food selection need to be chosen before the date in the LincolNotes Deadline column*

<b>Month Assigned</b>	<b>Law Firm / Business</b>	<b>LincolNotes Deadline</b>
January	Johnson Flodman & Legal Aide of Nebraska	December 21, 2018
February	Wolfe Snowden	January 18, 2018
March	ELECTIONS Election Committee Chair	February 15, 2018
April	BOSSSES' NIGHT BANQUET – Bosses' Night Committee	March 15, 2018
May	MEMBERSHIP MEET & GREET LLP Board of Directors / Vice President	April 19, 201
June	SUMMER SOCIAL US Bank & Latimer Reporting	May 18, 2017
July	Baylor Evnen	June 15, 2017
August	Mattson Ricketts & Workers' Compensation Court	July 20, 2017
September	Rembolt Ludtke	August 17, 2017
October	Woods & Aitken & Student Members &	September 21, 2017
November	Berry Law Firm & Olson Zalewski Wynner & Anderson Creager & Wittstruck	October 19, 2017
December	HOLIDAY PARTY LLPA Board of Directors	November 16, 2017

**\*\*Any member who joins after this list is sent out will be placed on an assignment month.**

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**LINCOLN LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION  
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LINCOLN LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION  
 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2017  
 (Review of November 2017 Financial Activity)

**US Bank - Checking (5410)**

Date	Type	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
1-Nov		Beginning Balance			\$1,089.13
9-Nov	DEP	Nov. General Meeting Lunch - 69.45 checks, 63 cash		\$132.45	\$1,221.58
10-Nov	EFT	Firehouse Subs - Nov. General Meeting Lunch 18 subs	\$129.78		\$1,091.80
30-Nov	DEP	Nov. Board Meeting Lunch - 17.25 checks, 23.25 cash		\$40.50	\$1,132.30
Outstanding	1160	Brooke Vass - Piezano's Board Meeting Lunch	\$40.17		\$1,092.13
					<u>\$1,092.13</u>

**US Bank - Scholarship Checking**

Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
1-Nov	Beginning Balance			\$1,038.83
9-Nov	DEP Scholarship Donations (letters)		\$300.00	\$1,338.83
	Ending Balance			<u>\$1,338.83</u>

**US Bank - Savings**

Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
1-Nov	Beginning Balance			\$2,182.28
24-Nov	INT Interest		\$0.01	\$2,182.29
				<u>\$2,182.29</u>

\*October 2015 Financial Report is missing

General Meeting Lunch: Gain of \$2.67 Board Meeting Lunch: Gain of \$.33
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Thanks to OZW Law for donating cookies & bottled water to our November General Meeting Lunch!!

Prepared and submitted by:



Alicia Hunt, LLPA Treasurer

Date: 12/1/2017

**MOVING OR CHANGING JOBS?**

Please remember to notify the LLPA Vice President, Tara Curtiss, of any changes in your contact information (work or home address, phone numbers, or email.) Thank you!!

**LINCOLN LEGAL PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
Minutes of November 30, 2017**

The regular Board Meeting of Lincoln Legal Professionals Association was held on November 30, 2017, at Baylor Evnen with the following board members present: Tina Scully, Brooke Vass, Mary Douglas, Lori Dymek, Lori McGowan, Carol Paige, Alicia Hunt and Beth Christ.

Tina Scully called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the October, 2017 meeting stand approved, with one correction, and will be printed in the LincolNotes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The October financial report was reviewed and approved, and will be filed, subject to audit.

There were no expenses submitted for reimbursement.

**Officer Reports:**

Vice President: Alicia Hunt reported for Tara Curtiss that we have 53 members.

Chapter Representative: Tina Scully reported that we need to nominate someone for President for the upcoming NLPA term. Discussion was held and it was decided we would nominate Lori Chapman for a second term. Tina will complete the nomination form and send it in to State.

**Committee Reports:**

Program: Brooke Vass reported that the Christmas Party is set for December 14, 2017 at Deb Thompson's house at 5:30 p.m. She also indicated that Johnson Flodman and Legal Aid are in charge of January, 2018 program meeting. Carol Paige reported that they have a speaker scheduled from Release and Restore. They need to confirm a location and food.

Charitable: Tina Scully reported that the majority of the board voted to have Release and Restore for our charitable giving this year. They have given a small list of items that could be donated. An e-mail will be sent to members with their wish list and LLPA will issue the \$25 annual charitable gift to them. It was decided we will give the items and the check to them when they speak at the January 11<sup>th</sup> program meeting.

Fundraising: Alicia Hunt reported that we have collected just over \$1,000 from the letter campaign and the Vendors and Vino event. We are still waiting for a check from the '31' representative. There is one more day to shop in the Black Friday vendor event with a portion of the sales to go to LLPA.

Bosses' Night: No report

Legal Professional of the Year: No Report.

Boss of the Year: No Report

Courtesy: No report. Tina Scully reported that she noticed on Facebook that Jean Roeder, a long time member of OLPA, is retiring. She will reach out to OLPA and try to find out the details.

LincolNotes: Lori McGowan asked Carol Paige to get the charitable information to her as soon as possible. The next LincolNotes deadline December 21, 2017.

Scholarship: Alicia Hunt reported for Sheila Anderson. The letter campaign and the vendor event has brought in just over \$1,000 with some additional funds still to be received. Sheila is sending out thank you letters to all the firms who donated to the scholarship fund. It was discussed and it was decided to offer a scholarship for 2018 in the amount of \$1,000. Tina Scully indicated that Sheila would send the scholarship information out to schools in January, 2018. Tina also suggested we e-mail the information to as many counselors as we could to cut down on expenses.

Nominations/Elections: Beth Christ acknowledged that she needs to have nominations and election information in the next newsletter.

Website: Alicia Hunt had nothing new to report.

Historian/Media: No Report.

Facebook: No Report.

Parliamentarian/Bylaws: Nothing new to report.

Audit: No Report.

**Special Orders:**

None.

**Unfinished Business:**

Tina Scully reported on some suggestions she had received for spring seminar topics. It was decided to go with the theme "NLPA Goes Green" since the seminar is on St. Patrick's Day and we can have speakers about a number of subjects, such as financial, environment, etc. referencing "Green".

Alicia Hunt distributed the new general LLPA brochures to the board members.

Discussion was held about the upcoming Christmas Party. It was decided that LLPA will purchase a brisket from Sam's. Tina will send out an e-mail for board members to sign up to bring a side dish. Lori McGowan indicated she would make small rolls for sandwiches. Tina will also look into getting plates, napkins and silverware. Everyone should bring their own drink. Mary Douglas will communicate with Deb and Art Thompson regarding the

details for the event.

**New Business:** None

**Next Board Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be January 25, 2018, at Woods & Aitken.

**Adjournment:**

At 12:50 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Douglas, Recording Secretary

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## **Call for Nominations**

The Nominating Committee for Lincoln Legal Professionals Association wishes to remind everyone that it is seeking nominations for the membership for the following elected officers for the 2018-2019 year: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Representative. Current officers may serve in their respective offices another term, but each officer should be nominated by a current member. After January 1st and before February 1st the Committee will again solicit nominations from the membership. If you wish to nominate someone, including yourself, please notify Beth Christ at EChrist@baylorevnen.com before February 1st. If there are no nominations prior to the March election meeting, the Committee will personally solicit individuals and prepare a slate of officers. At the March election meeting, the Committee will call for nominations from the floor for each elected office before the membership casts their vote.

## **Our charitable choice:**

Charitable Committee and the LLPA Board of Directors has picked Released and Restored to be the receipt of our charitable contribution this year. (The speaker at our January meeting). Released and Restored is a program offered through the Nebraska Prison System to help individuals being released from prison to re-enter society. The program helps individuals before they are released by teaching critical thinking skills such as goal setting and making positive and constructive choices; having the information on where to turn to for items and assistance for things like social security cards and drivers licenses; where to look for job listings and how to apply for jobs.

This training is done through class room type teaching before an inmate leaves prison. In order to assist with this program, they can use some basic office supplies such as stamps, printer paper, printer ink cartridges, and two-pocket folders. Folders cannot have metal prongs as they are given to inmates while still incarcerated and need to comply with prison rules.

If you would like to make a donation, either of supplies, gift cards to purchase supplies or of the monetary kind, we are accepting them from now through the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. We will present the donations to our speaker at our January meeting.

# Join LLPA

Look what LLPA has to offer in 2017-2018! LLPA members are employed in law offices, corporate law departments, court systems, government services and some are self-employed. Students studying in the legal field are also welcome. All of our meetings and most activities are held on the second Thursday of the month.

(Our LincolNotes newsletter, published each month, carries specific dates and times).

January .....	General Meeting
♥ <i>February</i> .....	General Meeting
March .....	Elections
April .....	Bosses Night Banquet
May .....	General Meeting
June .....	Summer Social
July .....	General Meeting
August.....	General Meeting
September.....	General Meeting
October .....	General Meeting
November .....	General Meeting
December.....	Holiday Party



## MISSION STATEMENT

*To establish good fellowship among the members - all persons employed and/or interested in work of a legal nature - so that ideas may be exchanged and knowledge increased;*

*To establish a high order of business and professional attainment and to further our knowledge of the law and uphold its honor and dignity;*

*To create a high standard of ethics among its members.*

### Find out More about LLPA

► **Check out our website:**

<http://www.nebraskalegalprofessionals.org/LLPA>

► **Find us on Facebook**




► **Email us at:**

[LincolnLegalProfessionals@gmail.com](mailto:LincolnLegalProfessionals@gmail.com)



The Lincoln Legal Professionals Association is open to any person engaged in a work of legal nature, or to individuals interested in the legal field. We pride ourselves in having a diverse membership base consisting of professionals and students. Yearly membership dues are paid through the Chapter Membership. For more information, please print membership application or contact any of our members.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Brooke Vass 	4	5	6
						
7	8	9	10	11 <b>General Meeting</b>	12 Susann Andrews 	13
14	15	16	17	18 <b>LincolNotes Deadline</b>	19 Gisele Gartzke & Vickie Starr 	20
21	22	23	24	25 <b>Board Meeting</b>	26	27
28	29	30	31			
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