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MEETING REMINDER

Meeting Date:

January 11, 2006

Meeting Time:

11:45 a.m.

Location:

Club LeConte

Meeting Speaker:

*Libby Roleson, NALA
Region 3
Affiliated Associations
Director*

The next meeting of the Smoky Mountain Paralegal Association will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at Club LeConte. The business meeting will be from 11:45 a.m. to noon. The speaker portion of the meeting will be from noon to 1:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Olivia "Libby" Roleson, CLA, NALA's Region-3 Affiliated Associations Director and her topic will be NALA and professional associations. It is a great honor to welcome Ms. Roleson!

At the meeting, Committee information will be available regarding appointed Committee Chairs and members volunteering for each Committee. We still need additional volunteers! The two committees with the most need are the Educational Institution Committee (and Mentor Program) and the Membership Committee. Anyone interested in joining these committees, please e-mail me or see the Committee Chairs following the meeting.

I have heard only positive feedback about our new meeting room at Club LeConte. Please keep in mind that in order to use this meeting space, we will need to continue to give Club LeConte a firm number of attendees on the Friday before each meeting. Therefore, I ask that each person planning to attend our meeting on January 11th, **please e-mail me by Friday, January 6th to confirm your attendance.** The Lunch Buffet is available to attendees for \$15.00, payable as you arrive in the meeting room. There will be no charge for members not wishing to eat from the buffet. (The \$15.00 Lunch Buffet charge will cover the main food bar, the salad bar and water. I know it is a disappointment, but the deserts were only included for the holiday season. Anyone wanting an additional beverage, such as tea, coffee, soda, etc., will have to purchase it separately for \$2.50.)

I am a bit concerned about the length of time it is going to take each month for our members to pass through the buffet line. Our meeting in December was during the holiday season and, seeing that there were many other parties at Club LeConte, I'm not sure we can use that as a guideline. However, I would like to request that everyone arrive at our next few meetings early (approximately 11:30 a.m.). I realize that this will require more time away from work, but I would hate for our speaker to begin his/her presentation to a half-empty room. Once we have established an approximate length of time for our members to return from the buffet line, we can adjust to a more suited arrival time.

*Tracie L. Livesay, CLAS
President*

To assist us all in getting to know each other, we will now use name badges at our monthly meetings. Your name badge will be available for you when you arrive at the meeting, but please remember to leave your badge as you depart in order to assure we have your badge available at each meeting.

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