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**MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE**

**Sandro's Trattoria Restaurant**

**Date:** May 24, 2011  
**Location:** 6601 Veterans Blvd.  
Metairie, LA  
**Phone:** 888-7784  
**Cost:** \$25.00  
**Dinner:** 6:00 p. m.

The speaker is John Denenea, Esq., whose topic will be "The Brandeis Brief 2010: New Electronic Filing Methods"

Please RSVP to Beverly Jackson at [bjackson@hhkc.com](mailto:bjackson@hhkc.com). The deadline to respond is Friday, May 20 before noon.

If you RSVP for a membership meeting and don't attend, you will be charged for the dinner as LSNORR will be charged by the restaurant.

**CIVIC**

We collected \$36.00 for the 50/50 drawing at our April Membership Meeting. Theresa Roques won \$18.00. The total collected to date is \$240.50.

**EMPLOYMENT**

Are you or someone you know searching for new employment? Do you have a lead for some of our members? If you are looking for a job or your firm is searching for new employees, contact Evelyn Breaux at [ebreaux@kingsmillriess.com](mailto:ebreaux@kingsmillriess.com).

Once you have obtained employment, please e-mail Evelyn and share your success with her so she is able to update her records.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.**

Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen John Logan giving his official proclamation May 5, 1868 and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

After World War 1 the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war.

Congress passed the National Holiday Act of 1971 and it is celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays.

It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

So, on Monday, May 30, no matter how you are spending the holiday, pause a moment and remember all those who gave their lives so that we can enjoy the freedom and blessings of this great country.

Theresa Roques

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is now at 48 plus 2 honorary members and 6 corporate members. Look around! Do you work with or know someone who is interested in joining LSNORR? Let me know and I will be happy to provide a membership application to them, along with any other pertinent information.

Members remember to notify Faye LePre, Membership Chairman of any change in your name, address, firm, telephone and fax numbers.

## WEBSITE

Officers and Chairman, **PLEASE** remember to submit information to be put on the website to Theresa Roques, [troques@laborlawyers.com](mailto:troques@laborlawyers.com).

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## HISTORIAN

Please e-mail or give photos of LSNORR events to Giselle Gifford. She is collecting them for the President's scrapbook which will be presented to Theresa Roques at the 2011 Christmas party. [giselle\\_gifford@ca5.uscourts.gov](mailto:giselle_gifford@ca5.uscourts.gov).

## OPERATION MARDI GRAS

Don't forget to give your beads and trinkets to Odile Arregui who is collecting Mardi Gras throws, costumes, etc. for Operation Mardi Gras which is an annual effort by Soldiers' Angels to send purple, green and gold packages to our men and women serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. A unit in Afghanistan holds a parade and a ball, so costumes and beads are needed.

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## LOUISIANA LEGAL SECRETARIES, INC.

**Annual Fall Meeting – St. Francisville, La  
October 28-29, 2011**

Odile Arregui and Linda Gaal are organizing this meeting. More information will be sent out once details have been finalized.

## LEGAL SECRETARIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

The 2011 Annual Meeting will be held in Tampa, Florida September 22-25, 2011. Registration forms will be coming out in the next issue of *In Brief*. The meeting will be held at the Mainsail Suites Hotel and Conference Center. The theme will be "Sea Shells at Tampa Bay." This year they will be doing a magnet exchange. Be on the lookout for a refrigerator magnet that showcases something about your state. Invite a friend.

## ANNOUNCEMENT: CLS: Executive Legal Secretary

This new Certified Legal Secretary Specialist Examination will be offered for the first time at the Annual Meeting in September 2011 in Tampa, Florida. This exam consists of questions regarding duties of a legal secretary, including general secretarial knowledge, grammar, and ethics; the certification is geared to a legal secretary in a small legal office, for an executive, or involved in management or administration, especially for those who have many years of experience. See new application on page 2 of each issue of In Brief.

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans hosted by Louisiana Legal Secretaries, Inc.

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