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“all that JAZZ!”*

**MARK THOSE NEW CALENDARS FOR  
OCTOBER 5-7, 2006 FOR  
NAFUSA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE!**

Well, another successful year for NAFUSA is passing by. 2006 is fast approaching and Boston left us feeling good. This years conference was a huge success. Not a frown in the crowd. We have a new President, **James Brady** (WD Michigan 1977-81) who has taken over the reins and replaces **Jack Selden** (ND Alabama 1992-93). Tough shoes to fill. Brother Selden did an outstanding job as our President and continues to work hard to finalize all the important projects he initiated: the NAFUSA Foundation and the the new By-Laws. Most professional! More to follow.

If anyone can fill those shoes, it's **Jim Brady**. He has been a part of this organization for 25 years and he and the lovely Cathy never miss a NAFUSA event. He is totally committed to NAFUSA and we are in good hands.

**BOSTON 2005** I've never received more positive comments and they're still coming in. The big thanks go to **George Lowe** (ND NY 1978-82), **Don Stern** (Massachusetts 1993-2001) and **Jack Selden**. They picked the location and made all the preparations. Hotel, golf course, dining, cruise, weather—all perfect.

Our speakers and CLE program were equally exceptional. Our dinner speaker was former Governor of Massachusetts-**Bill Weld** and former US Attor-

## Passing the Gavel



ney (MA 1981-86), great job. We opened our program with the Honorable **Tom Menino**, Mayor of Boston. This town likes this fellow and so did we. The program was filled with the best of the best. The Honorable **Judge Michael D. Hawkins** (AZ 1977- 80) Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; **Michael Battle** (WD NY 2002-2005), Director, Executive Office of United States Attorneys; **Michael Sullivan**, U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts; Professor **Charles J. Ogletree JR.**, Harvard Law School; Professor **Steven D. Easton** (North Dakota 1990-93), University of Missouri School of Law; Professor **Leon Friedman**, Hofstra University School of Law (Honorable NAFUSA member); Dr. **Donald Vinson**, CEO Vinson and Company and finally our wonderful recipient of this year's J. Michael Bradford Award, **Craig S. Morford**, Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney, (N.D. of Ohio). As good a program as we have ever had. Please see previous newsletters on their individual topics. You had to be there to see their performances.

If you are traveling to Boston be sure to knock on the doors of the **Langham Hotel**. The finest and most delightfully appointed big city hotel I've come across. They serve a mean dish of dining. (continued on back)

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(continued from front page) The cruise and the clam chowder they served on the boat were a true delight. We saw it all, from the U.S. Constitution to America's oldest lighthouse. Las Vegas shouts about its fine dining, Boston doesn't take a second seat. Wow! The golf excursion at Stowe Acres Country Club made those silly ball chasers very happy. I haven't figured out why yet, but the golfing contingency grows and grows each year. These folks even give each other prizes for whatever it is they do. Obviously one of the many reasons to attend NAFUSA conferences.

Now is the time to mark your calendar for **Chicago, October 5-7, 2006, the Conrad Hotel** (formerly LeMeridian), right downtown on Rush Street at Michigan Avenue, with a Nordstroms attached to it and a Joe's Crab Shack (the best) across the street. This is not the Shack that is franchised across America. A couple of years ago NAFUSA held their mid-year meeting at this same hotel. Wonderful place, why do you think we are going back? Chicago, like Boston, is one of those special cities that often times is missed in life's travels. It's a great location with lots of history, fine shopping and dining and we get there before the weather. Some of our most popular CLE presenters are returning and your Officers and Board of Directors are working as we speak on making next year's conference at least as good as Boston.

Speaking of Officers and Directors, we've got some new ones to accompany Jim Brady through the coming year, **Jose Rivera** (AZ 1998-01), **Jay Stephens**, (District of Columbia 1988-93), **Bill Robertson** (NJ 1980-81), **Bob Edmunds** (MD NC 1986-93), and **Jim Richmond** (ND IL 1985-91). Once finalized, we will place a copy of the new NAFUSA Foundation documents on the website [www.nafusa.org](http://www.nafusa.org) along with the new and revised By-Laws. **Joe Russoniello** (ND CA 1982-90), **Margaret Currin** (ED NC 1988-93), and Jack Selden get most of the credit. Don't forget **John Clark** (WD TX 1975-77). While I'm applauding effort, **Atlee Wampler** (SD FL 1980-82), **Ed Dowd** (ED MO 1993-99), **Rich Rossman** (ED MI 1980-81) Jim Brady, Jack Selden, Margaret Currin, & Joe Russoniello put a lot of hours and serious consideration into picking the J. Michael Bradford Memorial Award recipient. It's almost like an FBI background check. We owe them a lot. Those of you who missed this year's conference for whatever reason, it's time to drop in and enjoy the camaraderie and spirit of NAFUSA. A more diverse,

bright and wonderful group of folks just ain't around. Many of you know other former U.S. Attorneys who just have forgotten to sign up and join our ranks. Each year there are more and better reasons to be a part of this growing organization. Bush II appointees are beginning to come on board and Clinton folks are now very involved. Please tell those you know "it's time."

**Sad news:** An old friend and former US Attorney for Nevada, **Joe Ward**, recently passed away. We started attending political conventions together in 1960. He was also a former U.S. Magistrate. I'll miss him.

**Jim Rolfe** (ND TX 1981-85) is back at work and doing well. We wish him continued good health.

The mid-year meeting for NAFUSA Officers and Directors will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 21-23, 2006 at the Inn of the Anasazi. A special thanks to **Bill Lutz** (NM 1982-91) for making all the arrangements.

We hope you all had a super Thanksgiving Holiday (my favorite) and that the Christmas Season is great for you and all your family and friends. A bright light in the gloomy world we're traveling through. Good luck to everyone.

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*"Your organization of former public servants counts among its members many influential and respected lawyers from around the country"*  
...the late Chief Justice Rehnquist

### MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE BY CALENDAR YEAR

ANNUAL ...\$ 150

SENIOR ...\$ 50

LIFETIME... \$1500

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*Season's Greetings*