



# CareerTech Support Staff News

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## Update from the President...

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Summer Conference was held August 1-3 at the Tulsa Convention Center. This year has been an exciting time for me. I hope everyone will have the opportunity to participate in our activities sometime during the coming year.

Our Support Staff meeting was held at the Doubletree Hotel in the Manchester Room. The meeting opened with our Business meeting. Brooke Davis had to resign as our President due to new job responsibilities. We wish Brooke good luck in her new job. Rhonda Foote and Mary Brundage, both Past Presidents, stepped in for Brooke at our meeting this year.

The out going officers were recognized and presented gifts for the work they contributed over the past year. The new officers were introduced by Sharon Schonhaler and pictures were taken.

One of our guest speakers, Ron Stahl, took us on a delightful trip down memory lane on Oklahoma's Route 66 where we re-lived the history of our state from past to present.

Greg Dewald gave us an overview of Career Clusters for our schools. He explained how the Career Clusters vision fits with the Technology Centers. Career Clusters provide a way for schools to organize instruction and students to experience sixteen broad categories that encompass virtually all occupations from entry through professional levels. To learn more about Career Clusters visit the website at <http://www.okcareertech.org/okcareerclusters>

"Wilma Jo Marshall" took us on a stroll through the years reminiscing the changes in equipment, clothing, attitudes and titles of the person often called the backbone of the office-the support person. "Wilma Jo" sure did bring back memories, both good and not so good, of the early office days. I am sure most of us could relate to some of "Wilma Jo's" examples of the past and if we were caught in one of her examples we might want to make a change in our way of thinking or even change the way we handle situations in our lives at work.

I am attempting to implement a new plan for information to be distributed to every support staff person in our system. If you have contact with someone who has not received information from us, please pass that person's location and information to a Board Member or me so and we can get information sent to them.

I attended the NRS meeting at Lincoln Plaza in Oklahoma City where we had a great meeting. Membership is down so NRS is looking for new ways to help grow the membership. I had an opportunity to share about Ron Stahl being our speaker at Summer Conference. They were very interested in having him come speak at the Leadership Conference and asked if I could contact him. I can report he is scheduled for the meeting. I hope that many of you can attend the NRS Leadership Conference November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Moore Norman's South Penn campus. For more information contact Tammy Casady at Canadian Valley Technology Center, (405) 224.7220 or [tcasady@cvtech.org](mailto:tcasady@cvtech.org)

We look forward to seeing you in November and March. If you have anything to discuss please contact me at [dmoran@francistuttle.com](mailto:dmoran@francistuttle.com)

See everyone soon,  
Dennis Moran

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## NRS Leadership Conference November 1, 2007

Our next professional development opportunity will be November 1, 2007 at the Moore Norman's South Penn Campus. The New and Related Services Section (NRS) will hold it's Annual Leadership Conference at Moore Norman's Penn Campus from 9 -2. It will feature Kristine Sexter's "Characteristics of **Wildly** Successful Leaders" presentation. "Bring along your courage as Ms. Sexter takes you on safari....a wild journey....into the deepest reaches of the career jungle!"

Adventures in Leadership tentative agenda:

- 8:30 Registration
  - 9:15 Pat McGregor, OkACTE
  - 9:45 Break and silent auction begins
  - 10:00 Ron Stahl, TV personality (Discover Oklahoma)
  - 10:45 Rob Geresi, Sonic Drive-Ins
  - 11:30 Lunch (provided)
  - 12:30 The **Safari** begins
  - 2:00 Door prizes, photos and silent auction ends
- \$50 for NRS members; \$60 for non-members
  - Contact Tammy Casady @ [tcasady@cvtech.org](mailto:tcasady@cvtech.org) or 405.224.7220 for more information.
  - Contact Dawn Brakey @ [dawnb@pioneertech.org](mailto:dawnb@pioneertech.org) or 580.765.5101 for registration information.

### Summer Conference 2007

Ron Stahl, co-host of Discover Oklahoma, shared several stories they had showcased on the show.



Greg Dewald, Associate State Director for CareerTech, did a presentation on Career Clusters 101.



We learned a thing or two about being an Administrative Assistant from Wilma Jo Marshall (Carol Ebert).



**2008 Support Staff Leadership Conference will be held March 6 at Pioneer Technology Center in Ponca City.**