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President's Message

Jim Murray, WACTE Acting President

*Every morning in Africa a gazelle wakes up.
It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed.
Every morning in Africa a lion wakes up.
It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death.
It doesn't matter whether you are a lion or gazelle.
When the sun comes up, you better start running.*

African Proverb

The World is Flat, page 114

The sun is up and just like the gazelle and lion, WACTE has started running with several new initiatives and activities for 2006 and 2007.

At the House of Delegates meeting in March, delegates approved a budget that includes a \$5 dues increase for next year. I encourage members to renew their dues by June 30, 2006, and beat the price increase as well as receive a gift from the Association.

One of the Resolutions passed by the delegates was to build the Association's membership to 1,000 Members Strong. If each member encouraged another person to join WACTE, we will meet and exceed our goal! Western WACTE, Local 9, provided a challenge to the other Locals to meet or beat their \$100 donation to the Association! Thanks Local 9!

Check out activities planned before the end of the Association's fiscal year:

- WACTE Golf Outing on June 20, 2006, in La Crosse. Go to wacteonline.org for details. Plans will be finalized in the near future.
- WACTE is hosting the ACTE Region III Conference June 21-23, 2006. Excellent speakers, including Hans Meeder, and workshops are planned. This is an excellent professional development activity as well as a networking opportunity. Go to wacteonline.org for details and registration materials.
- WACTE Summer Fun Money Raffle will conclude on June 23, 2006. Winners will be drawn at the ACTE Region III Conference. Contact the WACTE office for tickets!
- WACTE Board will finalize Action Plans for 2006-07 at its summer board meeting in July. New activities and initiatives will be announced after the meeting.

Why not become active in a WACTE committee? Committees meet throughout the year either face-to-face or via Wisline. WACTE committees are: Awards, Bylaws and Resolutions, Communications, Conference, Continuous Improvement, Legislative, Membership, and Professional Development. Your participation is welcome. Contact myself or the WACTE office to sign-up for a committee.

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President's Message (Continued)

Continue monitoring state and federal legislation on career and technical education (CTE). These are critical times for CTE and we need to be proactive legislatively to ensure a future for CTE.

At the House of Delegates Meeting, I gave the following challenge: one new member for each current member, all inactive chapters become active, and greater participation in the Association activities from all members. It is imperative everyone knows and understands the value WACTE can bring to their professional growth and development. ACTE and WACTE are your voice for all facets of Career and Technical Education.

Our Association has no alternative but to wake up each morning running. Working together will ensure achievement of our challenge to be 1000 Members STRONG...WACTE.

Career & Technical Summit Group Meets

By Rose Ellinger

As part of the WACTE Legislative Seminar, 15 members of 18 different professional organizations met to discuss and adopt their purpose statement:

“To create and maintain unified efforts that support the Career and Technical Education needs of Wisconsin, including:

1. Professional Learning
2. Communication
3. Informational Resources, Public Relations and Outreach”

After a lot of discussion, the group decided to break into smaller groups that will:

1. Circulate the ACTE Position Paper and make sure all career and technical educators know its content.
2. Research a common web site for a clearing-house calendar for all CTE organizations.
3. Research various avenues for a surcharge on membership transfer to make all activities of the organizations accessible and affordable.

Members of the CTE Summit Leadership Group will solicit ideas and thoughts of their membership for feedback to these workgroups.

LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR RECAP

WACTE Members Storm the Capitol

By Darla Burton

A crowd of close to 100 Wisconsin Association of Career and Technical Educators attended the annual Legislative Seminar at the Inn on the Park in Madison on April 20th, 2006.

Acting WACTE President, James Murray, welcomed everyone. A panel of business people and educators including: Dan Clancy, President, Wisconsin Technical College System; Margaret Ellibee, Director of Career and Technical Education, Department of Public Instruction; Michelle Armstrong, Youth Coordinator for Aspirus Hospital, Wausau; Paul Linzmeyer, President, Bay Towel, Green Bay; and John Lukas, Co-Owner Lube Devices, Manitowoc and a Lakeshore Technical College Board Member addressed several of the key issues facing the manufacturing and health care industries.



Their discussion also focused on how Career and Technical Education can be part of the solution. A theme that came from the business side of the panel as well as the educators was that “we all need to see education as a return on an investment”.

Participating in the Legislative panel were: Representative Gregg Underheim (R), Representative Louis Molepske (D), Senator Luther Olsen (R) and Senator Judy Robson (D). The Legislators answered questions from moderator Gregg Bosak and also fielded tough questions from the crowd.

Wisconsin is proud to be affiliated with the national Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE). Alisha Dixon-Hyslop, ACTE Assistant Director of Public Policy from Washington D.C. presented the federal perspective on “Challenges and Opportunities for 2006”. Budget Appropriations, Perkins Reauthorization, High School Redesign and Advocacy Tools were just some of the many topics that Alisha addressed.

The mood was lightened a bit before lunch with talk show host and stand up comedian, Mitch Henck. Mitch is a former TV Anchor and was the Media Aid to Attorney General, James Doyle. Mitch currently hosts “Outside the Box” and can be heard on WIBA AM. Mitch gave tips on how to use the media to our advantage on critical issues. His humorous stories and experience with the media gave a unique perspective.

Paul Gabriel, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association and John Ashley, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards teamed up to present “Tips for Local Advocacy”. Both Executive Directors gave their angle on the best ways to keep board members and local representatives informed of the many important issues affecting Career and Technical Education.

Armed with their up to date information and talking points, the group marched across the street to the Capitol to meet with their representatives to let them know about the great things happening in Career and Technical Education across Wisconsin.

A special thank you to everyone who helped make this Legislative Conference a success! For more information or to become a member, go to www.wacteonline.org.

AWARDS WRAPUP

69 INDIVIDUALS RECOGNIZED

By Linda Wilke

On Thursday, March 2, 2006, the Wisconsin Association of Career & Technical Educators (WACTE) gave special recognition to 69 individuals and business and industry partners. The Awards Program recognizes individuals, companies, and organizations that have made contributions to promote and expand career and technical education in Wisconsin. Awards were given in the following 12 categories: George P. Hambrecht Award, C. L. Greiber Award of Merit (Business and Individual), Associate Member, Teacher—Part-Time, Teacher—Full-Time, Specialty Services, Administrator, New Teacher, Loyalty Member, and Outstanding Member-Community Service. Photographs of the award winners can be viewed on the WACTE website, www.wacteonline.org.

The following three individuals are now eligible for the ACTE Region III Awards selection process:

- *Administrator (Outstanding Educator)* - Joseph Hegge, Chippewa Valley Technical College
- *New teacher* – Sandy Hume, Chippewa Valley Technical College
- *Full-time teacher* – John Frank, Chippewa Valley Technical College

Other professional excellence award winners include the following: *Specialty Services*—JoAnn Giese-Kent, Moraine Park Technical College, *Associate Member*—Kelly Dempsey, Blackhawk Technical College, *Community Service*—Melody Marsh, Blackhawk Technical College, *Loyalty Member*—Jan Bush, Madison Area Technical College, *Part-Time Teacher*, Pamela See, Gateway Technical College, and *First-place Local of the Year*, Moraine Park Association for Career & Technical Education.

Special thanks go to a group of committed, passionate volunteers interested in paying special recognition to others for their contributions to career and technical education. These individuals are: Gloria Arenz, Moraine Park Technical College, Larry Gee, Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, Kari Knower, Western Wisconsin Technical College, Ross Miller, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Tamara Moss, Chippewa Valley Technical College, Bill Urban, Oregon School District, Carol Beck, Fox Valley Technical College, and Mary Bohlman, Moraine Park Technical College.

Look for the 2007 Awards Program Handbook after May 1, 2006, on the WACTE website. Begin planning today to participate in next year's Awards Program. For more information on the WACTE Awards Program, contact Linda Wilke or your Executive Director, Bette Lou Esser.



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e-mail us at:
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FOURTH ANNUAL BURMASTER BUSINESS FRIEND OF EDUCATION AWARDS

By Joseph Donovan



Following the Friday morning breakfast at the 70th annual Wisconsin Association of Career and Technical Education Conference on March 3, five Wisconsin Businesses received State Superintendent Burmaster's Business Friend of Education award. Those receiving awards were:

Bellin Health, Green Bay, for its work with Green Bay Area Schools and other youth services to provide Career Expos, presentations for elementary students through "Careers on Wheels," and on-site health career days for high school students. Bellin also employs youth apprentices and offers a summer "Educators in the Workplace" internship.

Denmark State Bank for its partnership with the Denmark School District to support academic and community achievements of their students. The bank funds recognition activities and participates in the learning lives of Denmark youth.

Mt. Carmel Rehabilitation Center of Greenfield, for its quality learning experiences for Greenfield K-12 students through volunteer job opportunities, certified nursing assistant classes, and intergenerational learning projects between students and residents.

Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital for its work-based learning experiences including guest speakers to school and community groups, job shadowing opportunities, youth apprenticeships, and scholarships to graduates interested in the health care profession. The hospital also sponsors the community's Family Resource Center and operates the Wee Care Child Care Center, which provides a job shadowing venue and potential employment for assistant child care students.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation and its Community Foundations for the "SolarWise for Schools" program, involving Brillion, Crivitz, Green Bay's Notre Dame, Lutheran, Rhinelander, Stevens Point and Wausau West high schools. The schools receive a rooftop solar-electric system and curriculum package to explore renewable energy resources, solar power, and technical career information. Additionally, students have the opportunity to test their skills in the "Solar Olympics" held at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

"The businesses who provide quality work-based learning experiences for all students make a valuable contribution to a well-educated workforce and support our schools, our communities, and our state's continued economic viability," said Burmaster.

2006

May 20	IC3 Workshop – Mishicot High School, Mishicot
June 20	WACTE Golf Outing, LaCrosse, WI
June 21-23	Region III PD Conference – Radisson, LaCrosse, WI
August 2 & 3	Support Staff Conference – Holiday Inn – Stevens Point, WI
September 19	Local Leadership Wisline Meeting (9:00 am – 10:00 am)
October 17-19	GED/HSED & Adult Literacy Conferences – Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton, WI
October 25	Student Services/Counselors Workshop – CVTC, Eau Claire
November 29	Deadline for Award Packets due at WACTE Office
November 30 –	ACTE Convention – Atlanta, GA
December 2	

2007

March 1 & 2	71st Annual Conference, Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton
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WANTED

\$1500 Scholarship Winner Needed

REQUIREMENTS:

Must be a first-time attendee of ACTE Conference.

Must be a member or become a member of ACTE/WACTE before July 1, 2006, (Become a member by visiting the www.wacteonline.org website and click on “Become a Member Today”).

Must be available to attend ACTE National Conference on November 30 to December 2, 2006, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Must present a report on Innovative Practices/Concepts Learned at the ACTE Conference to:

- 👍 Your local organization
- 👍 New Professionals’ Group at the WACTE Conference on March 1 & 2, 2007, Appleton, WI

HOW TO APPLY: (Application deadline is September 15, 2006)

Submit the following information via e-mail to: wacteorg@chorus.net

1. Your Name, Title, Mailing Address, Telephone Number (home & office), E-mail Address
2. Complete a 250-300 word essay, double-spaced, answering the following questions:

How will this experience benefit your professional practice?

What are your plans for disseminating information about your experience?

The \$1500 could include travel, food, conference fees, hotel, (sub fees), expenses, etc.

YOUR 2006-07 WACTE BOARD

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*Special Thanks to Outgoing Board Members
Tim Greene, Linda Wilke, Bryan Albrecht
and Bonnie Wieland Hare*

WITH SYMPATHY

Chippewa Valley Technical College Remembers Its Own

During each of the past several years, Chippewa Valley Technical College has had the misfortune to have one of their staff pass away. We really are a large family here, and we dearly miss those with whom we have shared work, happy times, frustrations, and even a few sad moments. As part of our healing process, we hold an annual Memorial Luncheon in January. This special time allows us to recall the crazy moments we shared with our lost colleague, the tender moments that we miss, and of course raise a little money for the Chippewa Valley Technical College Foundation for use in our scholarship program.

This past January we honored the memory of Cheryl Janke, a long time business office employee. Cheryl worked behind the scenes to make many of our processes function smoother. She was a special person, a good friend to many, and dearly missed by all.

Cheryl's friends related many anecdotes, and her mother and sister joined us to enjoy the welling of love and laughter. New staff members were able to meet experienced staff, and all of us reconnected with many of our retired friends. Although the impetus of the luncheon was sad, the event itself was pleasant. It allowed us to bring a little closure to a painful loss.

The goal for next year is to have another luncheon just for fun! We are trying our best to keep everyone healthy and safe!

Submitted by Barbara Ries, Luncheon Chair

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WACTE Professional & Personal Development

By Tim Greene

The WACTE Professional Development Committee strives to provide our members with quality professional development opportunities on a variety of topics. Take advantage of the following opportunities:

May 20, 2006, "IC³ Training & Certification Workshop"

Mishicot High School, 660 Washington Street, Mishicot, WI

August 2 & 3, 2006, "Support Staff Workshop"

Holiday Inn Conference Center and Water Park, Stevens Point, WI

October 25, 2006, "WACTE Student Services & School Counselors Workshop"

Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire, WI

What other workshops/topics would you like to see offered? Have you heard a presenter that you think would be helpful in furthering Career and Technical Education for you or your counterparts in the Wisconsin Technical College System or Department of Public Instruction?

If you have, please email any ideas/suggestions to the WACTE Professional Development Committee at wacteorg@chorus.net.

The WACTE Professional Development Committee is your helping hand to meeting our member's growth and development needs.

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COMMITTEE SIGN-UP FORM

Have you wanted to sign up for a committee, but just did not know how? Listed below are the different committees and a form for you to complete. After you fill in the blanks, you will receive information regarding committee assignments, members, and meetings.

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Want to spring into summer with some Fun Money? It's fun and easy to get some extra \$'s in your pockets for..... sailing, shopping, surfing or just splurging.

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PRIZES!

1st Prize	\$750*
2nd Prize	\$500
3rd Prize	\$250
10 - 4th Prizes	\$100 each

TICKET REQUESTS

Email your request to Bette Lou at ble@chorus.net or call WACTE at 608-833-5858

There are a limited number of tickets available – so you will need to sell or purchase what you order.

TICKET TURN IN

All ticket stubs and money must be returned to the WACTE Office at 518 Potomac Lane, Madison, WI 53719 and be postmarked no later than June 14, 2006 to be included. Tickets sold after that date will need to be turned in at the WACTE Registration desk at the Region III PD Conference, Radisson, LaCrosse, no later than 5:00 pm June 22, 2006. Please encourage buyers to make their checks payable to WACTE.

DRAWING

June 23, 2006 – 11:00 am – Region III PD Conference, Radisson, LaCrosse, WI

Payments will be mailed to winners on Monday, June 26, 2006. Winners need not be present to win.

***Winner will be sent at 1099**



tips to conserve gasoline this summer....



Here's How:

1. Get your car tuned up.
2. Make sure that your tires are inflated properly and that your wheels are properly aligned.
3. Purchase only gas that is the correct octane as specified by your car's manufacturer.
4. Fill up in the morning—cooler gasoline is more compact, so you'll get more drops of the precious fluid for your dollars.
5. Added weight lowers fuel economy, so don't overpack your trunk!
6. Obey posted speed limits; fuel economy decreases substantially at speeds above 55 miles per hour.
7. Set your cruise control to maintain a constant speed, which can also improve fuel economy.
8. If your car has overdrive, use it. It reduces fuel consumption during highway driving.
9. Try to avoid extreme acceleration.
10. Don't tailgate. It leads to unnecessary braking and acceleration.
11. Don't let your car sit and idle. Start it only when everything is packed in the truck, the kids are strapped in, and you're ready to go.
12. Because running a car's air conditioner may increase gas consumption in some cases, opt for open windows, particularly at speeds under 40 miles per hour. Check your owner's manual for specific information about your own vehicle's fuel efficiency when operating the AC.
13. Be sure to park in the shade.
14. Try not to make single-purpose trips. Bring your beach gear along so that you can go straight there after a morning of sightseeing.