

# MSNA Newsletter

*Missouri Special Needs Association*

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## WOW! WHAT A SCHOOL YEAR IT HAS BEEN

SAM DELANEY, PRESIDENT

If I did not look at the calendar, it would be hard to believe that we are already on the backside of April. Summer is right around the corner. It has been an awesome experience for me to be your president of MSNA this school year. I want to thank you for giving me a year full of wonderful memories.

Being president has allowed me to meet and work with some of the best professional educators in Missouri—YOU! We have a wonderful, supportive MSNA Board that goes way beyond to make this a very valuable organization. The amount of support and effort that these board members give to our special needs students in Missouri is outstanding! The networking that we do as an organization is so beneficial for all parties.

I had the opportunity to be part of the National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC in March this year. It was truly amazing!! To have the chance to meet the people in DC who represent the great state of Missouri was an honor. To actually get to talk to them and be able to explain

what we do for Career and Technical Education was a memory that I will have for a long time. The excitement of DC was easily caught by those of us who were there. I have had a chance to keep communicating with my legislators and would encourage you to do the same.

As we are coming to a close of another school year, we start turning our focus on Summer Conference. The people I have had the pleasure to work with on the conference have been so sincere. There is an AWESOME Summer Conference scheduled for you this summer. Please be sure to sign up to attend...you won't be sorry. Mark July 20<sup>th</sup> thru July 23<sup>rd</sup> as the time to meet us in Springfield. My son-in-law will be "Scratching" for us as a DJ on Tuesday evening. The friendships you

renew and create will make wonderful memories for you, as they do for me.

Hang in there.....only a few more weeks until we mark this year a "goner". I pray that you have a successful ending and get a chance to renew before the next one starts.

See you in Springfield in July! Please be sure to stop and introduce yourself to me.



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## EMBEDDED CREDIT

RON WEBSTER, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

If your school has not already started the process, you know it is coming. You may be looking at declining enrollments already and asking yourself how is this possible. You have great programs; you visited schools and talked to students; you have put up posters and made videos; your students have talked to students. You have done everything you normally do and more but your enrollment is slipping away.

As a VRE I have continued to notice each year a greater number of students that are returning to their home schools to make up credit in their core classes. Students that would flourish in a Career and Technical environment are passing up the opportunity in order to meet the ever increasing number of credits they need to graduate. Career and Technical Centers are scrambling to develop creative ways to embed math and English credit into their already bulging list of competencies.

An administrator from a Career & Technical School in North Kansas City reports a buzz around the school district as they talk about offering embedded credit for the 2009-2010 school year. Students want to learn and these students will get the chance to learn math and English skills in context with their program of study. What could be better?

The Stakes are high and the challenge to develop quality work is even higher. This is not an easy task but one that can have far reaching implications for our students and for Career Centers in general. We are not the Vo-Tech's of old.....



Here Today, Gone to Maui  
Have you ever wanted to vacation in Maui????

Here is your opportunity!!!!

Julie Gronneberg, a retiring member of MSNA, and her husband own a condominium in Maui! It sleeps four and is oceanfront!! It is the perfect place to get away from all the stress and just relax! Or hike, golf, snorkel, surf, shop, parasail, fish, etc, etc.

Check out the website:  
[www.holidayonmaui.com](http://www.holidayonmaui.com)

This could be your vacation of a lifetime! Reasonable rates!

## **ACTE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **HENRY CHILDS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Professional Development Committee met on March 27, 2009 at the Governor's Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. It was agreed that the Committee will continue to host the New Professional Reception prior to the opening session of the annual MOACTE Summer Conference. As in previous years, each division will be asked to provide two gifts for the drawing.

The committee updated the Missouri ACTE Professional Development Scholarship Application and modified the instructions for the application process. The instructions now include a detailed rubric that spells out points that will be assigned for each of six categories that applicants will need to complete as part of the application process. The updated scholarship application will be available on-line by mid April. The application and accompanying documents must be submitted with a postmark dated on or before June 12, 2009.

Region 3 is responsible for the 2010 Leadership Conference that will be held the last week in June 2010 in Kansas City, Missouri. The AmeriSTAR Casino will be hosting the conference. Committee members are being asked to provide ideas for the conference and to consider serving during the 2010 Region 3 Leadership Conference. Contact Barbara Mountjoy with suggestions.

## **MSNA SUMMER CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

**BILLIE SHARP, PRESIDENT ELECT**

The ACTE conferences theme is *"Building Blocks for Successful Careers."* MSNA breakout sessions will definitely follow this theme.

Some of the breakout sessions that you may want to attend are "Transitioning to Higher Education," "The Building Blocks of Asset Development," "Got Students," and make sure to attend the panel discussion that includes agencies that can help special needs students' transition into the world of work. There are also workshops on more serious themes such as "Depression and Cutting," "Bullying," and "Autism." These are only a few of the fabulous workshops that will be available to you at the 2009 MSNA/ACTE conference in Springfield, MO.

MSNA's conference hotel has changed names. Last year it was the Oasis, this year it is the Ramada. The conference hotel is still at 2546 North Glenstone Avenue in Springfield, MO. So, go to your calendar and block off Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> so that you can attend the ACTE Conference in Springfield, MO. You don't want to miss this professional development opportunity. See you there!!

## **SUMMER CONFERENCE -BUILDING BLOCKS FOR SUCCESSFUL CAREERS**

JULIE, GRONNEBERG, CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE, CO-CHAIR

Exciting things are happening in Springfield!!! The Oasis Inn and Convention Center is now under new ownership! This equals great things for our conference!!!! The Oasis is now called the Ramada Springfield Inn and Convention Center!!! The hotel is now part of the Wyndham Rewards Program and guests can earn points each time they stay! All standard rooms are being remodeled with new carpeting, furniture, bedding, bathrooms and paint. New carpeting is being installed in the hallways! So now there is one more reason to register early for the summer conference!!!



### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**If you want to stay at the Ramada Springfield Inn & Convention Center, the headquarter hotel for our division (and where all of the action is), for the summer conference send your hotel registration in early!!!!**

You can always cancel the reservation if you choose not to attend the conference, but if you register at the last minute, you may not be able to stay at the Ramada Springfield Inn & Convention Center. We will, again, be sharing the Ramada as a headquarters hotel with Trades & Industry. However, the Ramada wants to maintain our business since we have been using them as our headquarter hotel for five years. The Ramada has become a very desirable hotel to stay in since the Linn State social and All Division socials are both held at the Convention Center on the property. And now with the remodeling more people are going to want to stay there! *Remember, if you are even thinking of attending the summer conference, send in your hotel registration as soon as you receive the conference information!!!!*

This summer the breakfast buffet will be held in the Atrium and additional seating will be available in the Fire & Ice restaurant off of the Atrium. The Tuesday evening Tail-Gate will be at the Ramada Convention Center starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have an awesome buffet along with a DJ, thanks to Sam DeLaney! The DJ is Sam's son-in-law!!! It will be a great time, so be sure to stop by for great food, door prizes, and great music!!!

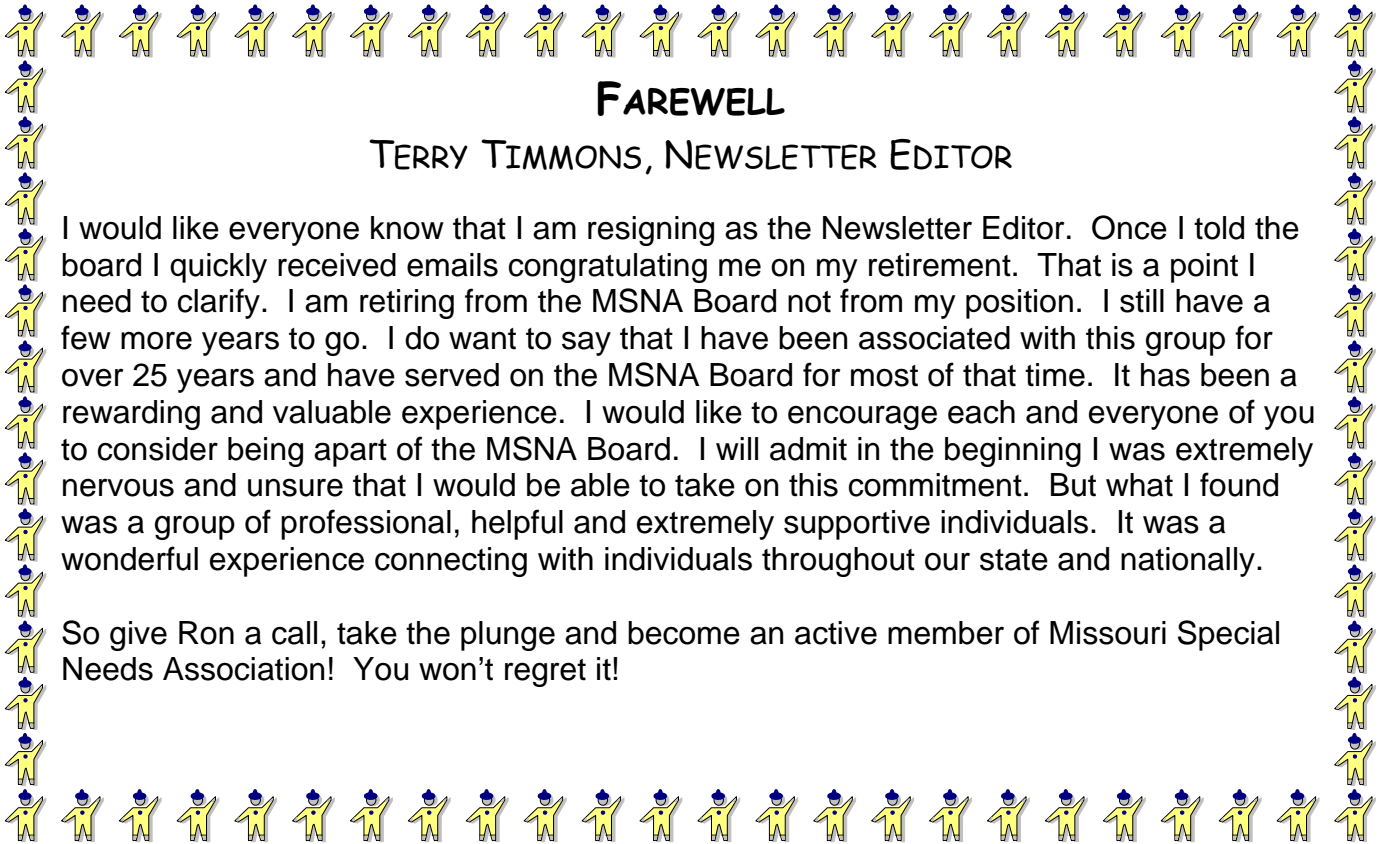
Once you arrive at the Ramada for the summer conference, information about the events will be available through a number of sources. You will have your conference program upon registration at the Expo Center. Additionally, when you arrive at the hotel, a flyer will be given to you outlining the entire event times and locations and there will be easels set up in the hotel lobby, near the conference headquarters room and at the Convention Center.

If you have any questions about the summer conference please feel free to e-mail Pam Madison at [pmadison@lexington.k12.mo.us](mailto:pmadison@lexington.k12.mo.us). Thank you for your support!

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

RON WEBSTER, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Time is running out to take advantage of a great opportunity as a committee member for the Missouri Special Needs Association. MSNA is a division of MO-ACTE and reports directly to the board. If you have ever thought about joining a committee, now is the time. MSNA is looking for individuals that like to have fun, work as a team, and play a greater role in the ever changing world of Career & Technical Education. If this sounds like you, run, don't walk, pick up the phone and contact Ron Webster at 816-858-5505 to be a part of a great organization. Committee vacancies for next year: Policy, Program Improvement, Public Information, VRE/ Counselor – Vice President Elect.



## FAREWELL

TERRY TIMMONS, NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I would like everyone know that I am resigning as the Newsletter Editor. Once I told the board I quickly received emails congratulating me on my retirement. That is a point I need to clarify. I am retiring from the MSNA Board not from my position. I still have a few more years to go. I do want to say that I have been associated with this group for over 25 years and have served on the MSNA Board for most of that time. It has been a rewarding and valuable experience. I would like to encourage each and everyone of you to consider being apart of the MSNA Board. I will admit in the beginning I was extremely nervous and unsure that I would be able to take on this commitment. But what I found was a group of professional, helpful and extremely supportive individuals. It was a wonderful experience connecting with individuals throughout our state and nationally.

So give Ron a call, take the plunge and become an active member of Missouri Special Needs Association! You won't regret it!

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