



Spring • 2007

Kansas Court Reporters
Association



Mary Gaffey
President, KCRA

Spring has sprung. I imagine all the reporters in western Kansas were glad to see the calendar turn to April and hopefully no more snow. This is a great time of year when

everything is fresh and new and blooming. The Kansas Court Reporters Board had their Spring Board Meeting on Saturday, March 31, 2007. One of the things that was discussed and adopted was a Mission Statement. Taking advice from the National Court Reporters Association and our Executive Director we have chosen a more concise Mission Statement.

The new statement is "Kansas Court Reporters Association is committed to promoting and maintaining the highest standards of verbatim reporting, quality services, professional ethics, and advocating continuing education as well as the utilization of state-of-the-art technology."

I know our members are committed to being outstanding reporters and providing quality services. In advocating continuing education, I want to let you all know that Debbie Oakleaf and Joyce Lederer have put together an outstanding convention for you. The convention will be June 10-11, 2007 at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Please look for registration information elsewhere in this edition of the Twister.

In the utilization of "state-of-the-art technology" department, just to remind you, there will be no computer training in conjunction with the convention. Instead Mary Kay Scheetz will be setting up training in October. Hopefully this will be in conjunction with the mandatory CSR/CCR training to be implemented by OJA. The decision was made to hold computer training at a different time than the convention because many members felt like it was too long of a weekend to do the training and the convention. I look at this as another way for us to get together with our fellow reporters.

Another topic of discussion at the Board Meeting was amending the bylaws to include voice writers as members. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made and passed that the membership be allowed to vote on including voice writers as associate members. A final vote will be held at the Annual Business Meeting during the convention. Since this is a very important topic, I am working on something for Saturday afternoon either in conjunction with the Board Meeting or in addition to where we have a forum to discuss this matter so that all members can be informed when they vote at the Annual Business Meeting on Sunday. Please look for a News2Use for more information on this topic.

As we look toward the convention, I hope you will help those who are in charge of the silent auction with donation of items. You will also have the opportunity to help sponsor a student and have your name put in for a special drawing. So when you are asked to make a donation of an item or donate toward a student(s) registration, please say yes.

I look forward to seeing all of you in June.

Mary

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Executive Director's Corner

Beth Cauley-Fox
Executive Director

Another Season Has Arrived, 2007 . . .

Kansas is so full of changes in the weather at this time. We cope with it and accept it as simply nature in our home state.

KCRA is full of changes as well. As Mary has stated so eloquently in her President's message, we are all striving to work together to promote and preserve the court reporting profession. The software training date has been changed to October. We now have bi-annual CCR examinations thanks to the KCRA Board's research, persistence, and the blessing of the Board of Examiners of Court Reporters. Our Clerk's Office in Topeka supports KCRA wholly.

At this Spring season, I would encourage you to renew your dues, ask your friends to join as well, and be with us at this year's convention in Wichita.

Because I always love to leave folks with a happy note, I provide below a light, wonderful Summer salad recipe which I guarantee you will enjoy!! Have a super day and thank you for your support and commitment to the association.

Best regards,
Beth

Spinach-And-Strawberry Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 - 10 oz. pkgs. fresh spinach
- 1 qt. fresh strawberries, quartered
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds, toasted

Tart Poppy Seed Dressing:

- 1/3 c. sugar
- 1/4 c. vinegar
- 1-1/2 t. chopped onion
- 1/4 t. paprika
- 1/4 t. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 1 T poppy seeds

Place ingredients in large bowl and toss. Wisk the dressing. Refrigerate the salad mixture and dressing separately. Drizzle dressing on salad just before serving OR...what I do, is put the dressing in a separate bowl so guests can drizzle as they dish up their salad.

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From KCRA's Vice President . . .

Mary and I have been to numerous seminars together on behalf of KCRA, one for the specific purpose of observing the dynamics and interaction between stenographic writers and voice writers in Missouri, a state which has employed voice writers for as long as the people I conversed with could recall, which was at least since the 1970s. Both voice writers and stenographic writers have the privilege of regular membership in the Missouri Court Reporters Association.

The reason for the board's decision to send us to the Missouri convention was a request to join our association from the single voice writer who has gained employment in our state since the Supreme Court amended the rule in 2006, allowing voice writers to practice as Certified Court Reporters in Kansas. This change to the Supreme Court Rules was made following the recommendations of the advisory board, due in part to the concern regarding the perpetual shortage of reporters to fill the official positions in Kansas, and, further, the fact that 40 of 131 officials will be eligible for retirement in the next ten years.

As the bylaws are currently written, voice writers are not eligible for membership in KCRA. Prior to taking action regarding this request, the board wanted to thoroughly consider the possible effects on not only our association, but on the profession, and also allow the membership to be involved in the decision-making process on this important issue.

According to information the KCRA board received from NCRA, at least 14 reporting associations, including 12 NCRA-affiliated associations and one national association, the United States Court Reporters Association, permit both stenotype and voice writing reporters as either regular or associate members. NCRA's Government Relations Department is currently in the process of updating those figures. The majority of states that have allowed voice writers membership have accepted them as regular members, while some court reporting associations have permitted voice writers membership as associate members, and others, of course, have denied membership altogether.

There are currently 11 official positions in the state of Kansas which are not filled. Due to this shortage and the inability to fill positions, some districts have turned to electronic recording in order to make a record, which sometimes involves downgrading the open court reporting position to a transcription-

ist position on the pay scale, thus eliminating that court reporting position. As indicated earlier, there is only one voice writer currently employed as an official court reporter in the state of Kansas. However, there are several transcriptionists who are employees of the state. In other districts utilizing electronic recording, either the official reporter prepares the transcripts or the transcript work is outsourced.

A decision will be made at the June convention whether KCRA will amend the bylaws to allow voice writers membership in our association. If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please don't hesitate to ask. I hope you will plan to attend the convention and be prepared to be a part of this important decision. No matter what outcome the membership as a whole decides is appropriate regarding voice writers becoming members of KCRA, I suggest we all, as fellow court reporters, whether official, freelance, CART, or captioner, and without regard to methodology of taking the record, consider the following, as stated by Ben Franklin, and quoted in a seminar at the NCRA convention in New York: "We must all hang together or most assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Pamela S. Wells
KCRA Vice President



Ask Mr. Modem

Q. Now that Windows Vista has been released, should I change from my Windows XP computer? Is it something I need?

A. In a word, no. With any product this new, I recommend holding off for the time being and not rushing out to either purchase a new computer with Vista installed or “upgrading” your current computer to Vista. Call me a technological conservative if you must, but historically, whenever a new operating system makes its debut (Windows XP came out in 2001), there are always a few bugs, glitches and gremlins to be worked out and compatibility issues yet to be discovered and resolved. Vista’s first major update, SP-1, will address most initial problems, and should be released later this year.

I’m using Vista and providing lots of tips and tweaks to subscribers of my weekly computer-help newsletter (www.MrModem.com), and answering a myriad of questions about it, as well. I haven’t run into any major problems, but I’m running Vista Ultimate on an AMD64 5600 dual core processor with 4GB of RAM, and oodles (sorry for the technical talk) of video and graphical horsepower.

For the time being, if your current computer is working fine, and you’re able to do the things you need to do with your PC, leave well enough alone. Vista will be waiting for you when the time is right for you - and so will I.

Q. I have a digital photo that would make an ideal passport photo, so I would like to print a full page of small photos. Please tell me how I can do that.

A. You’ll need the right software to accomplish that task. One of the most popular applications is the cleverly named Passport Photo (<http://tinyurl.com/8419m>). You can select between U.S., Canadian, standard or custom passport photo size. A free trial version is available, or it’s \$10 to purchase.

Q. I just replaced my old printer with a new one, but when I go to print, my computer still thinks the old printer is the one to use. The new printer was installed properly and I can see it listed, but how do I make sure that’s the printer my computer uses?

A. Establishing which printer is your default printer, meaning the printer it should use whenever you issue a print command, is easy. To do this, click Start > Settings > Printers. You’ll see your old and new printer icons displayed. Right-click the printer that you want to establish as your default printer - in this case, your newly installed printer.

On the menu that appears, click “Set Printer as Default” and a check mark will appear. Once you see the check mark, you’re done. Just close the Printers window and your new printer will spring to life the next time you have something to print.

Q. I’m confused about the different versions of the new Windows Vista. Could you sort that out for me, Mr. M?

A. Sure. There are five versions of Vista. Though most home users will opt for Vista Premium or Vista Ultimate, the full line-up includes:

Vista Home Basic - Similar to Windows Home Edition, this version does not include Vista’s fancier media features, such as DVD burning, HDTV, and TV recording features.

Vista Home Premium - This is Vista Home Basic, but with the media features included. It’s primarily for users who watch TV on their PC or who want to create DVDs from camcorder footage.

Vista Business - This version targets the business market, as did XP Professional, with networking and faxing features, but it lacks the media-related features found in Home Premium.

Vista Enterprise - Of little interest to home users, this upgraded business version contains support for additional languages and larger networks.

Vista Ultimate - A combination of Home and Business versions, Ultimate targets the hearts and wallets of power users or individuals who simply want all the bells and whistles. (And yes, I’m running Vista Ultimate. I never met a bell or whistle I didn’t like.)

If your current system is meeting your needs, there’s really no great urgency to move to Vista. In that situation, I would suggest waiting until you need a new computer, which will have Vista installed. All versions reside on the Vista installation DVD, so upgrading is a snap. You’ll find lots of Windows tips and answers to subscribers’ questions in my weekly computer-help newsletter (www.MrModem.com).

Q. I’m thinking of changing from Outlook Express to Outlook, but I occasionally use the Stationery feature in Outlook Express. Can you tell me if that is also a feature in Outlook? Thanks for your help, Mr. M.

A. Yes, it is, but you have to have HTML format selected for your email to use stationery. To do that, click Tools > Options > Mail Format tab. In the “Send in this Message Format” area, select HTML.

Next, click Stationery Picker > New. In the “Enter a Name for Your New Stationery” box, care to guess? That’s right, enter a name.

Under “Choose How to Create Your Stationery,” select whether to start from scratch or use an existing stationery. To

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June 30th

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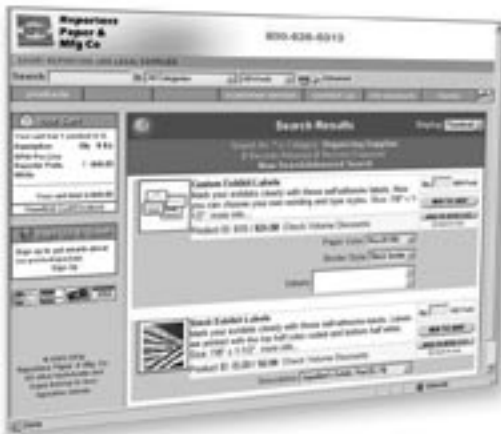
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Q. You explained how to check what programs launch automatically when Windows starts, by clicking Start > Run, typing in “msconfig” and going to the Startup tab. I disabled a bunch of programs that were running in the background, but every time I start my computer now, I get a message that says the computer is in the selective start-up mode for troubleshooting. How can I get back to the regular startup mode?

A. That “selective start-up mode” message you’re seeing is only a cautionary message, confirming that you disabled one or more of the programs that were automatically loading at startup. The next time that message appears, just click to place a check mark in front of “Don’t show this message or launch the System Configuration Utility when Windows Starts,” followed by OK. That will prevent the message from appearing again in the future.

Q. I need to install the Adobe Reader, but I’m running short on hard-drive space. Can you recommend a smaller PDF reader that I can use?

A. Yes, the Foxit PDF Reader (<http://tinyurl.com/rara6>) is small, loads quickly, and has an integrated search utility. Like the Adobe Reader (<http://tinyurl.com/6ip>) it’s also free, but Foxit is a scant 1.5MB compared to Adobe’s bloated 27.5MB size.

Q. I read somewhere that I can enlarge my scroll bars, but I can’t remember how to do it. They’re so skinny, I keep missing them with my mouse pointer. I’m using Windows XP, if that makes any difference.

A. It’s easy to expand the size of your scroll bars, which makes them an easier target for your cursor. Right-click a blank area of your Windows Desktop, then click Properties > Appearance tab > Advanced button.

Using the drop-down list under “Item,” select “Scrollbar,” then increase the value to the right to increase the size of the Scroll Bars. Your changes will be reflected in the little preview area at the top of the window. When finished, click OK twice, and your changes will take effect.

Q. I have a new computer, but it doesn’t have a floppy disk drive. How do I use a USB flash drive to transfer data from my old Windows 98 computer, which has a floppy drive, to my new computer? Thank you for being there Mr. M. I look forward to your newsletter (www.MrModem.com) every Friday.

A. If your old computer has a USB port and uses Windows 98, 2nd Edition, you can go to the Web site of your USB flash drive and download Windows 98 drivers. You’ll find instructions on the site. With the drivers installed, plug in the USB drive and it should automatically be detected and installed. Once the drive appears in “My Computer,” you can then drag

files to it just like you would with a floppy disk, but obviously it has a much greater capacity than a floppy.

If your old computer does not have a USB port, you can purchase a USB floppy drive to use with the new computer. This is simply an external floppy drive that attaches to your computer by a USB cable. External floppy drives are inexpensive and are available at most computer and office supply stores. As soon as you plug in the drive, Windows will recognize it and you’ll be ready to go.

For easy data transfer between two computers that have USB ports, you can’t beat the ease and convenience of The Tornado device at www.thetornado.com.

Q. Can you help me change the size of my mouse pointer? I’ve looked everywhere I can think of, but I can’t seem to find how to do it.

A. Depending on the version of Windows you’re using, click Start > Settings > Control Panel or Start > Control Panel. Double-click the Mouse icon, followed by the Pointers tab. In the Pointer Scheme section click the drop-down list and select the scheme named Windows Standard Large, then Apply > OK.

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Mr. Modem’s DME

(Don’t Miss ‘Em) Sites of the Month
By Richard A. Sherman

Causes of Colors

Have you ever wondered why the sky is blue, how rainbows are created, or what makes an emerald green? Me neither, but work with me here. This educational site examines the 15 causes of color, the concept of microconsciousness (huh?), and the way in which color is taken in by our eyes and how it impacts our life experience. This Web site is described as a “journey into light, where you can learn how light is created, lost, and moved.” There are also other features, including how the world looks through color-blind eyes and how animals see. <http://webexhibits.org/causesofcolor/>

Roadside America

We’ve all heard jokes about the World’s Largest Ball of String and other obscure attractions that lurk just off the beaten path of the U.S. Interstate Highway system. Roadside America is an online guide to uniquely odd tourist attractions. If you’re planning a road trip, you may want to take a brief detour to explore attractions such as The Pig Hall of Fame, The Voodoo Museum, and the World’s Tallest Totem Pole. If nothing else, this site proves that there’s something for everybody. www.roadsideamerica.com

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etc . . .

Dictation Material Needed

“Butler Community College Realtime Court Reporting Program, Andover, Kansas, is still in need of any dictation material for their students. This would include straight matter (literary), medical testimony, and jury charge. Please send transcripts in ASCII, CaseCATalyst or pdf format to the Director of the Realtime Reporting program:

Rhonda Landsverk, 316-218-6300

or

RhondaLandsverk@hotmail.com

Congratulations!

Connie Uphaus has a new granddaughter,
Alyssa,
born April 3, 2007 at 10:00 am.,
three weeks early, but weighed six pounds eight ounces
and 18 and 1/2 inches long!

Welcome, New Members . . .

Associate Members

Sheryl Ernst, Wichita

Kaye Garvert, Great Bend

Student Members

Brandie M. Dittman, Olathe

Yelonda Jones, Kansas City, MO

Upcoming Events . . .

**LOOKING AHEAD TO 2007 / 2008
ANNUAL CCR EXAMINATIONS**

Monday, May 7, 2007

Friday, October 12, 2007

Monday, May 5, 2008

Monday, October 27, 2008

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The results have been tabulated and the results for the 2007 KCRA and William Jennings' scholarships are as follows:

1st place goes to Stacy Grove in the amount of \$500.00. Stacy is a student at Butler Community College.

2nd place goes to Sarah Fulks in the amount of \$300.00. Sarah is a student at Butler County Community College.

3rd place goes to Sonia Chairs in the amount of \$200.00. Sonia is a student at Butler County Community College.

Deborah Moreno was awarded the Williams Jennings' Scholarship in the amount of \$300.00. Deborah is a student at the Kansas City Institute of Court Reporting.

The winning essays will be printed elsewhere in this issue of the Twister. Thanks to all students who submitted essays for consideration! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Shaun J. Higgins

KCRA Scholarship Committee Chair



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By Richard A. Sherman

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www.timeanddate.com/calendar

All Things Laptops

View notebook computer reviews and articles about laptops including brand names such as Acer, Apple, Compaq, Dell, Fujitsu, Gateway, IBM (Lenovo), Sager, Sony and Toshiba. If you're looking for information and user-based opinions about a laptop, this would be an excellent place to start.

www.laptopical.com

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www.mrpicassohead.com

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<http://laptopmag.jiwire.com>

Airline On-Time Statistics

Who among us hasn't had the experience of racing to the airport to catch a flight, only to get there and wait, and wait, and wait? If you're flying into or out of any airport in North America, you now have access to statistics that may help you resolve that problem. The Bureau of Transportation Statistics provides detailed information regarding airline punctuality, or lack thereof.

<http://tinyurl.com/dlzlbb>

Polar Inertia

A self-described journal of nomadic and popular culture. This unusual online magazine is updated bimonthly with visuals and articles that record the ever-changing landscape of modern urbanism. The January-February issue featured Soviet bus shelters, Hong Kong mansions, street graphics, India's reclaimed construction, and more. My only criticism is that the site's default font is bifocal hostile. If you experience the same problem, click View > Text Size (or your browser's equivalent wording) and increase the size of the display font.

www.polarinertia.com

Trivia Library

Jeopardy fans and other trivia buffs will want to bookmark this library of interesting and eclectic facts. Categories of random facts include History, Religion, Words, Love, Psychics, Film, Sports, and many other topics. Be sure to check out the Lists section which contains obscure lists, facts and figures such as the "Nine Breeds of Dog That Bite the Most," or 11 Missing People Who Disappeared."

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In Memoriam . . .

Doris H. Mosler

(mother of Vickie Barrett)

Parsons, Kansas

1927 - 2007

Doris H. Mosler, 79, of Columbus died Sunday, February 18, 2007, at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin.

Doris was born March 17, 1927, in Lawton to Roy H. and Bertha C. Yeager Thompson. She graduated from Labette County Community High School in Altamont in 1943, received a teaching certificate and taught at Franklin School, rural Parsons, from 1943 to 1946.

She married George W. Mosler on February 25, 1945, in Parsons. He preceded her in death on September 5, 1997.

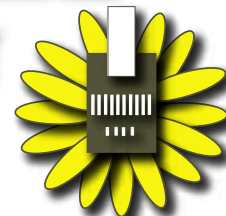
Survivors include two daughters, Vickie Barrett of Parsons and Debbie Jarrett of rural Baxter Springs; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

KCRA friends wish to extend a heartfelt expression of comfort and peace to Vicki and her family as they continue to remember the legacy which their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother have left upon their hearts forever.



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**Cancellations must be received by May 31st for a refund of registration fee.*

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AGENDA

2007 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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A Courtesy Reminder . . . Please Turn Off Your Cell Phones

Saturday, June 9

12:00 pm

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 pm

Hospitality Suite

Sunday, June 10

7:30 - 8:30 am

Registration / Continental Breakfast / Exhibitors

**Seminar Presenter
on Sunday:**

8:30 - 10:00 am

Rita M. Murray, M. Ed.

Survive and Thrive in a Multi-Generational World

First generation American businesswoman, TV Host, private pilot, and much more, Rita is inspired by people who are passionate about creating great places to work. One of the leading authorities on the generations in the workplace, Rita will engage and enlighten, discuss and provoke as she leads us through the impact of effective intergenerational communication. In a world of instant communications and in light of demographic realities, we have no choice but to rethink our values and behaviors toward one another. This exciting, motivational session will take us through a personal guide to working with four generations in the American workplace.

.15 CEUs

10:00 - 10:30 am

Break / Exhibitors

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Survive and Thrive in a Multi-Generational World, Part II

.15 CEUs

12:00 - 2:00 pm

**Annual Business Meeting and Luncheon
Election of officers and directors, committee reports**

2:00 - 3:30 pm

The Perfect Storm of Opportunity: A Dynamic Perspective on Work-Life Balance

Author of "Make Time Work for You," Rita will share with us a humorous and educational perspective on mastering work-life balance in a global economy.

.15 CEUs

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Break / Exhibitors

4:00 - 5:30 pm

The Perfect Storm of Opportunity: A Dynamic Perspective on Work-Life Balance, Part II

.15 CEUs

5:30 pm

Exhibitors

7:30 - 10:30 pm

Social - Sock-Hop - 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s (Music provided by Accent Mobile Music)

Monday, June 11

7:00 - 8:00 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast / Exhibitors
8:00 - 9:30 am	Periods and Interrogos <i>Margie Wakeman Wells</i> English books give us straightforward rules, but punctuating the convoluted sentences in the transcript needs more discussion. In this session, we will discuss the punctuation of fragments in relation to questions and answers, when to use a period instead of an interrog, how to handle <i>is that right</i> , and similar issues. .15 CEUs
9:30 - 10:00 am	Break / Exhibitors
10:00 - 11:30 am	Appropriate Dress in the Workplace/First Impressions/10 Most Common Blunders While Dining <i>Bonnie Bing, Staff Writer, Wichita Eagle</i> Bonnie will talk about dressing for the life you lead and how to make a good first impression. She also addresses the importance of manners and etiquette while dining in social and business settings. .15 CEUs
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Box Lunch in Seminar Room
12:30 pm	Break / Exhibitors
12:45 - 2:15 pm	Go Kansas! Game Show <i>Marci Penner, Kansas Sampler Foundation (Kanna White, Assistant)</i> The Go Kansas! Game Show was designed by the Kansas Sampler Foundation to help the audience become more aware about what there is to see and do around our state, as well as learn some facts in a very entertaining format!! .15 CEUs
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Break / Exhibitors
2:45 - 4:15 pm	Quotes <i>Margie Wakeman Wells</i> Even the best of us can use a refresher on how to handle quotes: where to put the punctuation in relation to the quotes, what to quote when the document doesn't match, when to use sic. In this session, we will expand on those basic rules. .15 CEUs
4:15 pm	Exhibitors

KCRA & Seminar Speaker Bonnie Bing Support “Dress for Success”



Dress for Success relies on the support of people like you who might be committed to helping disadvantaged women take charge of their lives. This simply involves a clothing drive. There are many reasons why some women end up in a situation where this program could help them immensely. At the convention registration table this year, we will provide an area where you can bring these contributions. There are only a few guidelines to keep in mind: You may donate interview-appropriate clothing. Items must be in good condition (no tears, stains, missing buttons, or broken zippers). Items must be clean and on hangers. Dress for Success also will accept shoes, purses, jewelry, NEW pantyhose, and personal hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant, razors, etc.



SILENT AUCTION

All donations appreciated! If you have questions, please contact Lynelle or Ruth!

DOOR PRIZES

Contact Debbie, Joyce or Cindy if you are bringing a door prize to convention! We appreciate it!

SOCK-HOP SOCIAL

Plan to swing to your favorite music on Sunday night **IN YOUR BEST COSTUME!** Prizes awarded for 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s decades! Hula hoop contest - limbo - and much, much more!

CONTROL TOWER HOSPITALITY SUITE

Plan to mingle with friends and enjoy networking opportunities in KCRA's hospitality suite on Saturday evening. The view from the suite is gorgeous and the company will be outstanding!

KCRA 2007 CONVENTION COMMITTEES

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NCRA 2007 Legislative Boot Camp

On February 24, 2007, Rhonda Landsverk and I arrived in Washington, D.C., to begin our training as grassroots lobbyists promoting court reporting issues and after the two-day boot camp, we spent a full day on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators. Rhonda attended NCRA's Boot Camp as a representative of Butler Community College and its realtime reporting program; and I was designated, as a member of our Legislative Committee, to represent KCRA.

Over the course of the boot camp, we received intense instruction from Dave Wenhold, NCRA's Director of Government Relations and Public Policy, and his staff. (Dave is our top lobbyist on Capitol Hill.) We were instructed on how to influence legislators by interacting with them as constituents on issues affecting court reporters; specifically, NCRA's federal initiative involving earmarks and authorization bills. This process included role-playing exercises in mock meetings with NCRA officers and directors assuming the roles of legislators, broadcast executives, and special interest group leaders.

Rhonda and I also received training on the proper way to schmooze at events. Schmoozing is the art of meeting people and benefiting from those relationships. We were able to practice what we had learned when we attended the fundraiser for Representative Ron Kind of

Wisconsin. NCRA PAC hosted the fundraiser following our day on Capitol Hill. This event raised well over the \$4,000 goal our PAC was striving to reach. And on Monday, March 26, 2007, Rep. Kind introduced legislation in the House of Representatives to provide competitive grants to schools for training court reporters and captioners. The bill, H.R. 1687, "Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2007," has 30 cosponsors from both political parties. It is a companion bill to our bill in the Senate, S. 675, which was introduced February 16, 2007, by Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, calling for \$100 million in funding to be made available to schools over five years.

The training that Rhonda and I received during boot camp gave us the information and confidence needed in order to discuss these bills with staff members in the offices of Senators Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts and Representatives Todd Tiahrt and Jerry Moran. We personally met Sen. Brownback and Sen. Roberts, and even though we did not speak to them directly about court reporting issues it is hoped that our personal contact with them and the information we were able to pass on to their staffs will influence them to vote in favor of this legislation to help ensure there are closed-captioning services available for deaf and hearing impaired residents by training more realtime writers for work in media outlets and as court reporters.

*Kelley M. Pfannenstiel
KCRA Legislative Co-chair*

Application for CCR Exam Now Available

The Appellate Clerk's Office is pleased to announce that the application to sit for the Certified Court Reporter examination is now available on the Kansas Judicial Branch Website (www.kscourts.org). Follow the Board of Court Reporters link found under the Office of the Clerk of Appellate Courts. At this time, the application may be downloaded and printed. It may not be completed online and then printed.

The next Certified Court Reporters' examination is May 7, 2007. If you are interested in taking the examination, you may download and print the application from the above website or contact Vanna McCarter in the Appellate Court Clerk's Office at 785-296-2852 or mccarterv@kscourts.org. The application deadline is April 9, 2007.

Graders are needed for the May 7 exam, and anyone volunteering is asked to sign up in advance. In order to ensure a proper number of graders, the Clerk's Office asks that you contact Vanna McCarter if you will be available to help grade. The Clerk's Office will coordinate the grading, and only those individuals who have signed up will be permitted in the grading room. Please contact Vanna no later than April 20, 2007, if you will be able to help grade.

The Appellate Clerk's Office is very appreciative of the consideration and kindness of KCRA and its members. Should any of you have any questions about any issue, please contact Carol Green at 785-296-3229 or Vanna McCarter at 785-296-2852.

Highway to the Future

1st Place Scholarship Winner - Stacy Grove

When I think of my future as a court reporter, I imagine it as a highway. I do not know what rough patches lie in my way or what else I may encounter. I do know if I have a dependable car, bumps in the road will pose no threat. In this comparison, I consider the dependable car as being my school.

The car represents Butler Community College. A person would not buy a car that cannot handle rough roads just like a person would not choose a mediocre school. Butler is a wonderful place to learn and provides the best of everything. We have a lab designated especially for our program, which is set up with only the best technology.

The teacher, the front-seat passenger, also plays a huge role in whether or not we reach our destination. The teacher serves as the navigator, telling us which way to go and when. We have phenomenal instructors, all of whom care deeply about our success and never lack encouragement when we come to a roadblock.

Classmates, the other passengers, also contribute. Our class has formed a type of sisterhood. We work as a team and keep each other laughing and holding on as we cross mountains of frustration. We all are heading in the same direction, so we understand each other like no one else does.

With these factors on my side, I know I will reach my destination and find success. I appreciate all the hard work that has been done to establish this program, and I will be proud to represent Butler Community College someday as a working reporter.

chance for one on one help from our teacher and also the capability to interact with our peers. The fact that Butler implemented this program shows that they are dedicated to helping their students grow and experience a different career.

This program allows us to be independent and learn on our own while the support of the teacher and the class is always right behind you. In a way we have woven our own little family within the confines of our classroom. A positive good job, an easier way to write a word, and the little tricks to help you remember a phrase is the support we can always count on from our teacher and classmates. The Real Time Reporting Program at Butler is opening many doors that seemed to be dead bolted at one point in time.

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3rd Place Scholarship Winner - Sonia Chairs

First, let me say it is an honor and privilege to participate in such a life changing program. To have been accepted goes beyond, no is one of my dreams! Yes, I may be the oldest in the class, but my potential for being successful is greatly increased. Having been a Legal Secretary gives me an edge. I hope to set an example for my two sons. Proving to them that you are never too old to learn, that if you dream it, you can achieve it!

Second, Butler community College is the only facility in the state of Kansas offering Realtime Reporting Training. I don't have to temporarily relocate my family to further my education. The instructors and the dean of the department are very knowledgeable. They have gone the extra mile to ensure that we receive quality, expert training. They give positive feedback and make sure that the pace of learning fits each student's individual learning style. They are accommodating when called for, yet firm when it is needed.

Third, my least favorite thing about attending Butler County Community College is the entire math requirement needed to become a Realtime Reporter. However, I do see the benefit, especially when it comes to calculating my grade point average. Now this is where my age is a disadvantage - yes, I've had more opportunity to balance a checkbook, but it has been too long to remember that X and Y mean something other than a letter in the alphabet.

Finally, as a single parent with two sons (who are growing up rather quickly), I would like to be in a financial position to finish what I have started. The scholarship would be used in purchasing the needed equipment to continue my journey down the road to becoming a successful Realtime Reporter.

"What I Like About My School"

2nd Place Scholarship Winner - Sarah Fulks

Born and raised in the small town of Augusta opportunities to achieve great things seem slim. I was in my second semester at Butler Community College taking general classes and fast approaching was my next semester and time to enroll once again. Sitting at the college, waiting to talk to a counselor the brochure for the Real Time Reporting Program caught my eye. After reading through it, there was no need to talk to a counselor anymore, I knew this is what I wanted to do and had to get started on the application process right away.

From that day on I have never regretted the decision I chose. The chance to get a stimulating, challenging, exciting, and fast paced career without having to travel far has been one of the greatest opportunities ever presented to me. Our class is small so it gives us more of a

It's Not Just My School. It's My Family.

William Jennings' Scholarship Winner - Deborah Moreno

What could I say to ever make anyone understand in 300 words that I not only like my school but I consider it my family. Married 17 years and a stay at home mother I was faced with being divorced with four children to raise on my meager education and no job skills. I didn't know what to do. The only thing I was sure of is that life can be harsh for the uneducated!

After what seemed to be many sleepless nights, I awoke with an epiphany . . . court reporting school. While on my quest to find a court reporting school someone told me of a gentleman, Larry, who was opening a school in my area. When I called Larry he was driving his car in rush hour traffic and instead of returning my call he took the time to pull over on the highway to talk to me. I thought, "Wow!" I'm that important?!! I was made to feel "my" future career in court reporting "was" that important! I enrolled in school immediately. Since that day school hasn't only been a place to gain my education, but a family also.

School has become my emotional support, believing in my success even when I don't believe in myself. It's like a parent, always supportive and always here for me through the many trials I've had to overcome just to attend school, yet able to tell me I need to be more committed when I'm slacking! My school has the faith in me that I can and will become a court reporter. I need this emotional support to continue staying focused on the 'Big' picture, and not what is happening in the moment. CRIKC is my school, but it is and has been my backbone, my support, my cheerleader, my family.

Calendar Contest Results

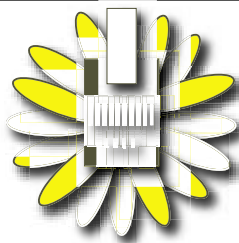
The members have spoken, as we have our new Men of Court Reporting for this year's "Men of Court Reporting II, Law and DisOrder" Calendar. In random order, the calendar men are:

Bill Carroll (Texas)
Bruce Matthews, RDR, CRR (Ohio)
Carlos Martinez, RPR, CMRS (California)
Chuck Motter, RDR, CRR, CBC, CCP, (Kansas)
Coley Griffin, RPR, (Wisconsin)
Dave Wenhold, Jeremy Alexander, Mike Friedman (NCRA Staff)
Doug Ackerman, RPR (Ohio)
Ed Johnson, RPR, CRR (Wisconsin)
Ed Varallo, RMR, CRR (Massachusetts)
Jason Meadors, RPR, CRR (Colorado)
Kevin Daniel, RDR, CRR, CBC, CCP (Nevada)
Matthew Dreger (Michigan)
Mike Bouley, RDR (Arizona)
Rick Greenspan, RMR, CRR (Florida)
Rick Levy, RPR (Florida)
The Future Men - Mike Helland and Jeff Lehti (Students from Wisconsin)
Thomas Hughes, RDR, CRR (Florida)

The Men of Court Reporting II calendar will feature 17 months filled with facts, steno machines, NCRA events, and, best of all, YOUR court reporting gents! Calendars will be available for purchase in July 2007. Members can preorder calendars by contacting Laura Dennis at ldennis@ncrahq.org or 703-556-6272.

And watch for information about the rollout reception at the NCRA/TCRA Annual Convention in Dallas for your chance to meet the Men of Court Reporting.

Congratulations to all of our nominees, and thank you to everyone who voted.



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- Fellowship - Nobody relates to court reporters like other court reporters!
- Website - Current information and contacts, as well as member-only online forum.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership in the Kansas Court Reporters Association for the year July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

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Regular Member (\$90)
(Includes nonresidents who actively engage in the practice of stenographic reporting in the state of Kansas)

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☐ **Other** _____

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Student Member (\$10)

(Must have instructor's / director's certification of current enrollment or sponsorship affidavit from KCRA member in good standing if self-taught)

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Retired Member (\$10)

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE PORTIONS

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Services (Please check all services you provide) ☐ Videotape ☐ Realtime ☐ Captioning ☐ Litigation Support
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Association areas in which you would be willing to serve:

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Submit completed application and annual dues to: SUSAN CARDEN, KCRA Treasurer
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