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In Memoriam

Dr. Al Johnson
1936-2007

Dr. Alonzo Franklin Johnson, recipient of the 1983 *WVCTM Distinguished Service Award*, died on March 10, 2007 in Morgantown. He was 70 years old. He retired after 31 years of teaching in the Mathematics Department of West Virginia University. We are grateful for his dedication to WVCTM in the earlier years of our organization.

Dr. Jim Myers
1944-2007

Dr. James Richard Myers died February 15, 2007 at an Indiana Hospital. He had been a faculty member in the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Mathematics Department since 1989, as well as the Department's Assistant Chairperson, until his untimely death. As a former Mathematics Supervisor in West Virginia, he was active in WVCTM. A scholarship fund has been set up in his name at IUP, and numerous responses to the website attest to his caring attitude and exceptional mathematics teaching ability.

WVCTM Annual Conference

Math & Technology: A Winning Combination

Technology and probability/statistics provided themes for the 2007 WVCTM Annual Conference. The meeting took place at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, WV, on Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17 with 590 participants attending 92 different sessions for grade levels K-2, K to 5, 3 to 5, 3 to 8, 6 to 8, 6 to 12, and 9 to 12. Following the last session on Saturday, the T3 Post Conference continued until Sunday.

Election Results, Awards, and Music at the 2007 WVCTM Banquet

Music (including one of our won), an Italian buffet, announcements, and surprises were all part of the 2007 WVCTM Banquet held on Friday, March 16 at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, WV. The banquet followed a full day of conference activities.

WVCTM's highest honor, The Distinguished Service Award (The Chair) was presented to **Dr. Laura Pyzdrowski**, an associate professor in the Department of Mathematics in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, at WVU. Her work in mathematics education includes Project MERIT, Project IMPACT, and the Blue Ribbon Mathematics Partnership Committee.

WVCTM Mathematics Teacher of the Year awards were presented by the vice-presidents to: **Dr. Nick Baker** (College) of West Liberty State College; **Rowanne Shockey** (High School) of Hampshire High School; **Sheryl Hulmes** (Middle/Junior High) of Eastern Greenbrier Middle School; **Julaine Pfund** (Elementary) of Back Creek Valley Elementary School.

Alex Milanese, a student at West Virginia Wesleyan College, received the WVCTM *Walter Regula* Teacher in Training Grant from Walter's daughter **Sheila Ruddle**.

Dr. Boyd Holton presented three Golden Holtan Grants to: **Barbara Black** of West Teays Elementary School in Putnam County, **Cindy Halbert** of Martin Elementary in Wood County, and **Melanie Sheppard** of Eastern Greenbrier Middle School.

The two state winners for the Presidential Award for Mathematics and Science Teaching, **Cathy Walker** and **Jacqueline Fodor**, were recognized.

Friday's election results were also announced at the banquet. Newly elected officers are: **Rowanne Shockey**



The 2007 Distinguished Service Award Participant, **Dr. Laura Pyzdrowski**, sits in the award chair following the banquet.

(President Elect; **Susan Goodwin** (Vice President, College); **Sheila Ruddle** (Vice President-Middle); **Holly Plunkett** (Member at Large); and **Barbara Trytko** (Secretary). In addition, Student Poster Contest winners were named and door prizes from sponsors were distributed.

Music for the banquet program was provided by the Mountain Harmony Group of Sweet Adelines International. Our own **Holly Plunkett** is a member and performed with the group. Their harmony was impeccable, and their enthusiasm unmatched as they performed selections including a Broadway medley, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", and of course, "Country Roads".

Following the banquet, a reception to honor award winners was held in the adjoining room where the attendees enjoyed ice cream sundaes, karaoke, and a variety of games. Members, old and new, took the opportunity to renew friendships and compare notes about the sessions.

Congratulations to the 2007 WVCTM Award Winners



Dr. Charles N. (Nick) Baker
College/University Mathematics
Teacher of the Year
West Liberty State College



Rowanne Shockey
High School Mathematics
Teacher of the Year
Hampshire High School, Hampshire Co.



Sheryl Hulmes
Middle/Junior High Mathematics
Teacher of the Year
Eastern Greenbrier Middle School



Julaine Pfund
Elementary Mathematics
Teacher of the Year
Back Creek Valley Elem., Berkeley Co.



Alex Milanese (r)
Walter Regula Teacher in Training
Grant Award Winner
Standing with Walter's daughter,
Sheila Ruddle (l)



Dr. Laura Pyzdrowski
WVCTM Distinguished Service
Award
West Virginia University



Golden Holtan Award
Cindy Halbert
Martin Elementary School
Wood County
Presented by **Dr. Boyd Holton**



Golden Holtan Award
Melanie Sheppard
Eastern Greenbrier Middle School
Greenbrier County
Presented by **Dr. Boyd Holton**



Golden Holtan Award
Barbara Black
West Teays Elementary School
Putnam County
Presented by **Dr. Boyd Holton**

If your label says membership expires 6/30/07, it is time to renew, or this will be your last newsletter.

T³ Post Conference Features New Technology

By Tonya J. Hancock, Consultant,
Texas Instruments, Inc.

As a post-conference to WVCTM, WV hosted Teachers Teaching with Technology, a conference funded in part by a grant from Texas Instruments Incorporated. All sessions included technology, and sessions from elementary through post-secondary levels were held. 137 educators took advantage of this great event, and much fun and excitement was had by all. The post-conference opened with a luncheon keynoted by Dr. Dan Kennedy, professor at Baylor School in Chattanooga, TN, prominent textbook author, NUMB3RS activities author, and natural entertainer. What could top this?

With six to eight sessions offered in each time slot, there was something for everyone. Two WV HS teachers, Traci Knight and Jerry Pomeroy, are also members of the TN Navigator Fast Track Team and were able to give engaging demonstrations of wirelessly networking a classroom of graphing calculators together for classroom management and interactive learning experiences. Educators from KY, MD, OH, PA, TN, VA, and WV attended, making this truly a "regional" conference.

WV was also the FIRST conference, other than TI's National conference held the week prior in Chicago, to feature the new handheld technology from Texas Instruments: TI-Nspire. That's right! WV educators are truly on the CUTTING EDGE.

Birthday cake was enjoyed by most everyone, and the end of the conference had teachers enthusiastic about going back to their classrooms to practice what they had learned, ready to write grants to obtain more technology, and writing the dates in their 2008 calendar hopeful that this post-conference would continue on next year.

Congratulations to Sue Steinbeck for winning the GRAND prize of the 40 door prizes given out: a brand-new 3.0 TI-Navigator 32-student system.



WVCTM Treasurer **Barbara Trytko** hands a \$25 check to **Julie Wood** who won the drawing at the WVCTM Business Meeting on Friday.



Cathy Walker (above) and **Jacqueline Fodor** (below) were recognized at the banquet as state winners of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching.



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Farewell

With much gratitude to all who have sent me news and photographs for the newsletter, I regret I must now step down as editor due my additional responsibilities at Bluefield College. I wish the new editor the best and encourage everyone to offer their support. Thanks again for a great 10 years of news and views!

Donna Hardy Watson

2007 Student Poster Contest Winners (Teacher/sponsor given in parentheses)				
Grades K-2	Grades 3-5	Middle/Junior	High School	College/Univ.
1. Sarita Mehta (Barbara Trytko)	1. Avery Smith (Barbara Trytko)	1. Melanie Hott (Donna Davis)	1. Veronica Loss (Suzie White)	1. Eric Scheller (Mary Ellen Komorowski)
2. Josh Dwine (Rebecca Griffith)	2. Mattison Johnson (Rebecca Griffith)	2. Amanda McGuire (Sandra Humphries)	2. Nicole Ambrozak (Suzie White)	2. Elizabeth Zimmerman (Holly Plunkett)
3. Hannah Johnson (Rebecca Griffith)	3. Heidi Powell (Johna Fogle)	3. Sarah Dunaway (Mark Dunaway)	3. Ashley Lambert (Amy Powell)	3. Miranda Nottingham (Jodie Styers)

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Upcoming Events

WVCTM Executive Committee
Meetings at 10:00 a.m.
Flatwoods, WV, Days Inn
June 9,2007
October 20, 2007
February 16, 2008

WV State Math Field Day
Executive Meeting
2:00 p.m. June 9, 2007
Flatwoods, Days Inn

NCTM Regional Conference
"Winds of Change"
October 11-12, 2007
Richmond, VA

NCTM Annual Meeting
Salt Lake City, UT
April 9-12, 2008
"Becoming Certain About Uncertainty"

Student Mathematics Symposium
West Virginia University
November 15, 2007

Summer Opportunities from the West Virginia Department of Education

**21st Century Elementary Mathematics
Classrooms**
August 6-10-2007
90 elementary mathematics teachers
selected by County Superintendents

**Algebra I Standards-Based Units
Professional Development Series**
July 18-20, 2007
110 Algebra I Teachers, Grades 8 & 9

**Statewide County Mathematics
Leadership Team Meeting**
June 13-16, 2007
County Mathematics Leadership Team
Members (5 per county)

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