



# Staff Congress Newsletter



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### Tidbits from Congress:

- Dr. James Votruba accepted our invitation and joined Staff Congress for our first meeting of the year. He presented the University's Priorities and entertained questions. Post Secondary Education is undergoing a vast transformation, which includes technology, competition and de-monopolization of campuses, and globalization of education. We need to continue our implementation of Vision, Value and Voices by addressing the Kentucky Legislature this session in regard to implementation of benchmarking funding, by better preparing our students through curriculum reform, by addressing our vision of growth on campus through recruitment and retention. Dr. Votruba is open to proposals to de-bureaucratize our campus. Our core values are collegiality and community, which are best expressed by inclusiveness and openness. NKU will continue to be value-based and vision-driven. He encourages NKU to be a "No Blame Zone" which encourages us to stretch our limits and learn from the experiences.
- Robert Neely and Gena Grigson have left the university and have been replaced on Staff Congress by Jeanne Papania, Intercollegiate Athletics, and Lisa Brinkman, Talent Search. Royleen Seibert and Charlene Schweitzer are no longer on Staff Congress and have been replaced by Vanessa Johnson, Literature & Language, and Laura Walter, Economics/Finance/IFS. Replacements are made from the reserved list of the last Staff Congress Election.
- The next Board of Regents meeting is July 14. They will address the setting of our own tuition. This is a historic first for NKU. In the past, this was done in Frankfort by the Legislature Council.
- Community Care Week is set for Saturday September 18. Mark your calendar to join the campus community in volunteer work at Redwood School located in Ft. Mitchell. Particular assignments will be forthcoming.
- J.B. Losey was re-elected and unanimously voted in as Secretary of Staff Congress.

The Staff Congress Newsletter editors wish to thank Greg Thompsen for his help in creating the web site for the Newsletter on line. Jill Diesman, Administrative Computing, has graciously stepped in and assisted on the project and we look forward to working with her on future issues. We also wish to thank Gena Grigson for her expertise as co-editor of the newsletter. She will be missed.

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On Saturday, September 25, 1999, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation will hold the Northern Kentucky WALK TO CURE DIABETES. The Walk is 5K(3.2 miles) and will again be held on the NKU campus. This is an early announcement and further details will be given in the August Staff Congress newsletter.

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## New Arrivals



**Tony Powell**, Physical Plant-Horticulture, and his wife Amy had a baby girl July 5. Her name is Sylvia Rae and she weighed 7 lbs and 12 ozs. **Virginia and Frank Stallings**, both retired from NKU, are the baby's grandparents. Mom and baby are doing fine.

**Ron Hoskins**, Physical Plant-electrician, and his wife had a baby boy on June 24. His name is Colten Michael. He weighed 6 lbs. and 1 oz. and was 18" long. The baby's proud grandpa is **Dayton Hoskins**, who is also employed in Physical Plant as a Plumbing/Sheet Metal Worker.

**Renee Rust**, Strategic Planning and Outreach, and her husband, Jeff, are the proud parents of a son, Kyle David Rust, born on June 28th.

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## In Sympathy



**Joan and Judy Carr**, PP Custodial Services, in the death of their father, **Thomas Carr**. Joan works in the AST Building and Judy in AC. They both were former employees in the cafeteria prior to their employment at NKU.

**"The greatest betrayals come from within."**

**Fulton J. Sheen**