

As of January 2009, NET TAG will now be run by a Committee under the local section. Bob Maleski will be the chair of this committee.

NET TAG members visited Middle Tennessee State University to attend the GRITS (Girls Raised in Tennessee Science) Collaborative Leadership meeting. During the visit, members had the opportunity to meet with members of the WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) program at MTSU. NETS-ACS, donated National Chemistry Week shirts and bags to the WISE ladies.

On April 17, A program was started by Mary Moore (NETTAG) and Jon Bird (VWR) to donate supplies to area schools. The first school was from Carter County. Due to the deficit in spending the school receives and caring attitude of the teacher this program was a success. The laboratory supplies were eagerly received by members of the class.

Local NETTAG members attended the American Chemical Society's (ACS) National Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana April 5-10th. Members served on a panel discussion titled "Applied Chemical Technology Professionals from Analyst to Chemist." They teamed up with various professionals from all over the chemical enterprise. NETTAG members organized/presided over the event. Members also hosted many other symposiums and served on various committees. There were posters presented by NETTAG members. WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) students from Middle State University presented a poster that featured their visit to Eastman and interactions with our members.

NETTAG member Lisa Hale and representatives from King College visited NET TAG members to discuss their new Bachelor of Chemistry program. This 16 month degree program is geared towards working adults who already have an Associate's Degree. Lisa and fellow classmate, Cindy, presented the information as part of an assignment for their Professional Communication course. Mary Young, Admissions Representative, spoke briefly about some of the prerequisites for the program, as well as the admissions process. Dr. John Gilmer, former Eastman Research Associate who is now a Professor at King, talked about some of the chemistry courses required for the degree.

On October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> several NETTAG members were "Having a Ball with Chemistry" with National Chemistry Week 4th graders day. NETTAG members were involved throughout the program, designing T-shirts, escorting students, presenting chemistry demos, and more. Over 1400 students shared in this year's two day event. Bruce Burstein (2008 President of the American Chemical Society) attended. Dr Burstein was presented a plaque from NETTAG.

NETTAG received the 2008 "Best Overall Technician Affiliate Award" at the fall National ACS meeting held in Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Jerry Fauver of Eastman Chemical Company accepted the award on behalf of NETTAG. Dr. Greg W. Nelson (Senior VP and CTO of Eastman Technology at Eastman Chemical Company) and Dr. Robert J. Clemens (Vice President of Corporate Technology at Eastman Chemical Company) presented the award to E.T. Cole (2008 Chair of NETTAG) at a reception to recognize the contributions of the NETTAG organization. The NETTAG Steering team, with area supervisors and managers were in attendance.

TECH, NETTAG and our Local Section (NETSACS) hosted a symposium in Nashville Tennessee at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society on November 12-15<sup>th</sup>. The symposium "Why I chose to be a Applied Chemistry Professional" was very well attended. Tom Lane the 2009 ACS President was the keynote speaker. Numerous networks were built between area colleges and NETSAC members.

Mary Moore presented a workshop at the Expanding Your Horizon (EYH) program in October, at Middle Tennessee State University. Over 350 middle and high school ladies attended to learn of the assorted careers available under the STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) professions.

December 4<sup>th</sup> NETTAG held their annual Christmas/award lunch so we can recognize our volunteers.

Spring 2008, Organic Refresher course was completed by 17 participants; this was a self-teach course of basic organic chemistry.

The Spring Mixer was held in March. Lots of fun and food were enjoyed by all who attended.

NETSACS Award Dinner at ETSU Culp Center The recipient of the 2008 NETSACS Chemical Technician Award was Michael Salyer.

Lunch and Learn

**March** Barnstead Water Treatment Systems, along with VWR,

**December** Sartorius, “ The Fundamentals of Weighing– Factors that Affect the Accuracy of Weighing”