



Spacecoast Technical Network

Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time

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Friday's Speaker

Angie Griffin, Goodwill Industries

Angela Griffin came to Florida in 2010 from Clarksville, TN. She is alumni of Arizona Western College, Yuma, Arizona where she majored in Liberal Arts; she also attended The University of Tennessee College of Social Work in Nashville, TN where she received certification as a Career Development Facilitator in 2002.

Ms. Griffin has worked in the field of job training and job development for over 15 years. She is currently employed with Goodwill Industries of Central Florida, Inc. as a Coordinator for the Rockledge Job Connection Center.



Angie Griffin

Ms. Griffin is active in her community serving as a local board member for the Brevard Re-entry Task Force, Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, Blue Print Brevard dealing with Transitioning military personnel and previously served as an STN Board member. She is a member of the Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce, Space Coast Area SHRM and is involved with the Military Affairs Committee at Patrick Air force Base.

Friday's Speaker

Deborah Ballard, Goodwill Industries

Deborah Ballard was born on Patrick Air Force Base, FL, and



Deborah Ballard

graduated from Eau Gallie High School. Mrs. Ballard is a US Army Veteran and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business from NOVA Southeastern University and a Master's Degree in Organizational Development from Capella University.

Mrs. Ballard has 10+ years of experience as a workforce professional and 12+ years in HR recruiting, employee benefits and business development.

In October 2008 Mrs. Ballard was recognized by the US Senate for the coordination of the Alfred P. Sloan Award and grant for Excellence in Workplace Flexibility Strategies for the Melbourne Regional Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Ballard was also part of the Brevard County Schools Team that received the National Civic Star Award for education.

Mrs. Ballard is currently an Employment Specialist with the Goodwill Rockledge Job Connection Center. She also is a Private Business Owner and Consultant for small business owners and individuals seeking performance improvement and financial management strategies.

Backup Position NEEDS Filling!

Due to potential new jobs being acquired . . . The STN needs to fill one back-up position. This position assist the Event Coordinator in case they get a new (paying) job and need help in handling the duties of the position.

If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please contact [Herb McElrath](#) or [Patrick Pearce](#).

Upcoming Speakers

05/30 Angie Griffith and Deborah Ballard, Goodwill Industries
 06/06 TBA
 06/13 TBA
 06/20 TBA

If you are interested in presenting at an STN breakfast meeting, please call Martin McClellan, Speaker Coordinator at (321) 759-5955, or email at: litamartin@msn.com

Success Stories . . .

Jeff Patterson - Came home for a visit. Spoke a little about keeping the faith while looking for a job. Welcome back!

Jeff mentioned that SLS (Boeing) may be looking for people in the Huntsville Area. Posting about 20 new jobs every week.

Victor Dahlquist - May have a potential position in Uganda. He found out about the position through Social Networking.

Rich LaCroix - Received a new job with Black's Automotive

Congratulations to Everyone!

If you have a Success Story that you would like to share with the group, please contact [Gail Peek](#).

Upcoming Events . . .

May 2014 [Back In Black Event SPCA
Fun Events for North Brevard](#)

05-28 [Free Webinar for Entrepreneurs - Pricing for Profitability](#)
 05-28 **Business Development Focus Group Meeting - Fairfield Inns and Suites**
 05-29 [SBIR-STTR Phase I Grant Preparation Workshop](#)
 05-30 **Board of Director's Meeting** - following regular Friday meeting
 05-31 [Grand opening of Spacewalk of Fame](#)

June 2014 [Career Source Brevard - Training Schedule](#)

06-03 [Tuesday Twosday - TCOC Networking Event](#)
 06-03 [Rolling Readers Hosted Lunch](#)
 06-03 [AARP VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR](#)
 06-06 [Business Connection Luncheon - Titusville](#)
 06-10 [Dept of Energy Small Business Forum and Expo](#)
 06-14 [SPCA - Party in the Country](#)
 06-20 [Business Connection Luncheon - Pt. St. John Library](#)
 06-24 [Lowes Job Info Session](#)
 06-25 [Start Your Own Business Free Workshop](#)
 06/13-25 [4th Annual Sea Turtle Festival](#)

If you have an upcoming event that may be of interest to our group, please contact [Gail Peek](#).

Employment / Training Opportunities...

STN Discussion Forum Job Postings (Member Login Required)

JOB POSTINGS WILL SOON BE MOVING TO MEMBER WEBSITE!!!

[Local Opportunities with Craig Technologies](#)

[Opportunities with Harris Corporation](#)

[Goodwill Industries Jobs](#)

[Local Technical and Engineering Jobs in Brevard County](#)

[More Jobs in the Area](#)

[HOT JOBS from CareerSource - Brevard](#)

[TechPoint Training - FLMEP](#)

[Civilian Jobs for Ex-military](#)

[USAJobs.com](#)

[URS Jobs](#)

Important Links...

[NEW STN Members Website](#) - **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!!!**

[STN on LinkedIn](#)

Weekly Article . . .

Emergency Bags: 3 Days to Start

Re-posted By: [Victor Dahlquist](#)

Hurricane Season starts in just under a week and now is the time to check on your readiness supplies. This week's story is about Emergency Bags.

Special items to check your 3 day bag. You should have at least one basic bag in house, car, work. Every person in the house, adults and children, should prepare a back pack to carry some of their personal things in to keep hands free. Parents - adults can have one or two family bags. At the start of the season, parents/adults should already have a list of clothes, practical shoes, rain gear, blankets, flash lights, batteries, battery and cell phone chargers ready and stored in a place convenient to reach at a moment's notice.

Listed below are the critical items everyone should have in place in case a major storm comes our way.

1. Medicines and copies of prescriptions that show type and strength. Is name brand a must over generics? Make sure you have sun block and insect repellent in addition to first aid kit. Nit-rile gloves and face masks for all members.
2. Money: At least \$150 in cash, more is better. ATM's and credit cards may not work. Have a second credit card if possible. Sometimes credit card readers at gas stations or stores will malfunction, which can lock up your card making it useless.

3. Glasses: Even if you normally use contacts, bring at least one extra pair of prescription glasses in case your eyes get irritated. Get a pair of backup glasses in an inexpensive frame. This is an important safety feature. Make sure everyone in the family has extra pairs of sun glasses.

4. Hydration: Water containers are critical. To save room bring several of the collapsible 5 gallon containers to stage where you stay. Always have 2 personal refillable water containers for each person. Get a gallon of water/per person stored in advance.

[Read more . . .](#)

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The Spacecoast Technical Network Offers Two Levels of Membership

Associate Member - are seeking to re-establish their income stream. Many of our associate members have since moved on to new positions of employment. Some are starting their own business, while others have re-enrolled in an educational curriculum that will provide them with new skill sets and/or certificates for the next step in their career.

Business Support Member - offer the expertise and resources of their businesses to aid and assist the STN in its quest to strengthen the economic situation of the community. The support of the local business community is the key to the completion of all STN goals.

One Year Membership is just \$20. Contact [Herb McElrath](#), Director of Membership Services Via Email For More Information Or...

[Visit The STN Website](#)



About The Spacecoast Technical Network

The STN meets every Friday to network, share a meal, and learn from informative speakers.

The membership is over one hundred and growing weekly. STN is about securing Employment for its members, enhancing skill sets through Educational resources, and providing ongoing professional support and expertise for new and exciting Entrepreneurial

efforts.

Networking begins at 8:00am. A hot breakfast is served at 8:30. Cost for the breakfast is \$4 per person. The Spacecoast Technical Network meets in the parish hall of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, located at 414 Pine St., Titusville.

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