



Spacecoast Technical Network

Rebuilding Our Community, One Person at a Time

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Friday's Meeting

Jack Mitchell: References

Jack is a former H.R. Executive grounded in electronics, banking and textile manufacturing. His 35 year career reflects skills in career search activities, resume development, training, writing and salary/benefits administration.

Currently retired, Jack volunteers as an active member of the Spacecoast Technical Network (STN) in the H.R. Resources Group. He reviews and edits member resumes and cover letters; provides job search tips and techniques in lecture and written formats; leads team meetings in H.R. discussions and coaches individual members in their job search efforts.



Jack Mitchell

Positions that NEED Filling!

The **Event Coordinator** position needs a new back-up .

The **Guest Speaker Coordinator** position needs a back up assistant.

Volunteers are still greatly needed to help cook, serve, and clean up for the

STN Friday morning meetings!

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

Upcoming Speakers

09/26 Jack Mitchell - References
 10/03 Robert Hill - STN Business Plan
 10/10 TBD
 10/17 Mke Ely
 10/24 TBD
 10/31 Abby Kohut - Absolute Abby - "Linked In Guru"

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

Congratulaton!

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

Upcoming Events . . .

Sept. 2014 [North Brevard Events](#)
[Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge Free Events](#)
[Enchanted Forest Events](#)
[Florida Small Business Workshops](#)
[Goodwill Training & Events Calendar](#)

09-24 [Tri-Regional Business Summit](#)

10/01 **Business Development Focus Group - 6:00 pm at Fairfield Inns & Suites**

10/02 [Customer Job Fair GW](#)
 10-03 [2014 TechXpo](#)
 10/04 **Business Connection Luncheon - Titusville COC - Titusville Library**
 10/07 [Tuesday Twosday Titusville Art League](#)
 10/01 [VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Arts & Algorithms](#)
 10/3-12 [Art & Algorithms Festival in Downtown Titusville](#)

10/11 [Space Walk of Fame Golf Benefit](#)

10/15 **Business Development Focus Group - 6:00 pm at Fairfield Inns & Suites**

If you have an upcoming event that may be of interest to our group, please

contact [Gail Peek](#).

Weekly Article . . .

References: The Keys to Choosing and Using the Best Job References in Your Job Search

by [Randall S. Hansen, Ph.D.](#)

If you're like most job-seekers, you may not have put much thought into whom you'll want to use as references when potential employers request them. We're often so busy polishing our resumes and cover letters, researching the companies, and preparing for interviews, that we neglect a very important part of the job search process -- requesting people to be references.

How can this article assist you? By helping you see the importance and value of choosing the "right" people to be references, by providing examples of how to develop a references page, and by offering you other keys to using references strategically in your job search.

Perhaps you're saying to yourself, "references don't really matter." And while it's true that most employers will not conduct a detailed background search on you, many employers will at least contact at least one or two of your references. Do not underestimate the power of your references. Remember, the employer is preparing to make a big investment in hiring you, and wants to be sure you are who you say you are. Having a few good references can be the deciding factor in your getting the job offer. Similarly, having one bad -- or lukewarm -- reference could cost you the job.

So what are the keys to using job references? Here's one list of the eight keys to choosing and using the best job references in your job search.

1. Don't even bother with those generic "letters of recommendations."

Employers don't want to read letters written in the past to "whom it may concern." Employers want to be able to contact and communicate (via phone or email) with a select group of people who can speak about your strengths and weakness and fit for the job you are seeking. (See sidebar below.) Plus, these letters don't have much credibility because anyone who would write a letter for you would likely say only good things about you.

Reference:

Hansen, R. (n.d.). References: The Keys to Choosing and Using the Best Job References in Your Job Search. Retrieved September 11, 2014, from http://www.quintcareers.com/job_references.html.

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Employment / Training Opportunities...

STN Discussion Forum Job Postings (Member Login Required)

JOB POSTINGS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO MEMBER WEBSITE!!!

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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...

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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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