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Mission Statement

The Mission of CACVT is to

- Govern and certify veterinary technicians
- Champion animal health and welfare
- Promote professionalism and career advancement
- Advocate for the veterinary healthcare team
- Provide educational opportunities
- Collaborate with the veterinary community and allied groups

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Tiger cub at the Denver Zoo

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Colorado Association of Certified Veterinary Technicians

Techniques

Advocating Proper Nutrition for Animals

Three components affect the life of an animal: genetics, environment, and nutrition. Veterinary health care team members play an important role in educating clients about these factors. Probably the easiest one to influence is the role of proper dietary management in maximizing health and minimizing diseases.

Veterinary nutrition technicians take it one step further by understanding all the details of the nutritional effects on animals and becoming qualified specialists in the field of veterinary nutrition.

One of the newer veterinary technician academies focuses on this area. The Academy of Veterinary Nutrition Technicians (AVNT) was established to advance the area of and promote excellence in the discipline of veterinary nutrition.



"The AVNT provides a process by which veterinary technicians may become certified as a Veterinary Technician Specialist (VTS) in the field of nutrition, thereby increasing the competence of those practicing in the field of veterinary nutrition."

Additional information on this Academy and what it has to offer can be found at <http://nutritiontechs.org>.

AVNT also has a facebook page. Join and follow what is happening in the world of nutrition!

Another association working in the area of education and animal nutrition is the American Animal Hospital Association. They have recently released the [AAHA Nutritional Assessment Guidelines for Dogs and Cats](http://www.aahanet.org/resources/NutritionalGuidelines.aspx). This is available at www.aahanet.org/resources/NutritionalGuidelines.aspx.



Their identified goals include awareness of the importance of nutritional assessment of dogs and cats, guidelines for nutritional evaluation, and evidence/tools to support the recommendations.

One of the outcomes in these guidelines is a recommendation to perform 5 Vital Assessments of the patient's health at every examination to ensure the highest standard of care. Nutrition is the newest assessment.

Visit www.everypeteverytime.com for details.

The major nutrition companies have educational pieces on their Web sites, as well. Understanding the variety of pet foods and what options are available can be a huge assistance so that the best food is recommended for the pet.

This is a great area for technicians and assistants to become extremely knowledgeable and competent in order to assist the veterinarian and client in the proper education on nutrition for the animals.



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CACVT will provide certification status to any inquiring party. This will be limited to date joined, current status, and number of CE hours obtained. Personal information will not be given out.

December 2010

Visit www.cacvt.com/calendar for details on events.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 SBVM MDSA	10	11 Ex Bd Mtg
12	13	14 Memb comm. mtg	15	16	17	18
19	20 Newsletter deadline	21 	22	23	24	25 
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Office closed — happy holidays!						

Meeting Updates and General Information

Past Meetings

A synopsis of meeting minutes for members in good standing is available at www.cacvt.com, under the “members-only” area, “Association Meetings,” or by contacting the CACVT office. Thank you.

Scheduled Meetings

Please visit the Web site calendar for an up-to-date listing of meetings.

CACVT members can contact the Committee Chair or the office for an agenda.

Rather than having set dates for many of our committee meetings, we try to adjust the dates for people’s personal schedules. Thus, if you’re interested in one of the committees, it’s best to contact either the Chair or the office. Thank you.

Planning your Calendar:

Unsure of all the acronyms? Visit www.cacvt.com/acronym for a complete list.

Dec 9: CO State Board of Veterinary Medicine:
Learn about governance. From 8:30am to around noon. If you would like to car pool with Denise from the CACVT office, please RSVP to her (info@cacvt.com) by Dec 8th at noon.

NOTE: change in CE policy: You may now obtain up to 4 technical credits for attending this meeting.

Dec 9: Metro Denver Shelter Alliance (MDSA)
Meeting at 12:30 pm at the CACVT office.
www.MDSAlliance.org.

Dec 11: Executive Board meeting at the CACVT office. 10 am

Dec 14: CACVT Membership Committee Meeting 6:30 pm at the CACVT office.

Dec 24 – Jan 2: CACVT office closed. Staff will return on January 3, 2011.

Jan 15-19: NAVC in Orlando, Florida.

Jan 22: CACVT Focus Conference, 1-5 pm at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. See page 6 of this newsletter for details.



President's Point

Roxane Rocks, CVT

Professionalism – this is a word we hear often, but do we truly understand what it means? The dictionary defines professionalism as professional character, spirit, or methods. While it is a somewhat vague definition, it is essentially accurate. How we act, relate to others and execute what we do shows our level of professionalism. How does this apply to veterinary technicians and assistants?

Let's start with image and character. Every time we step into our clinics, we must put on our game faces. We need to look presentable and sound like we know what we are talking about. We need to make clients comfortable with the level of care we can provide. We must also behave a certain way with our co-workers. The most competent and cohesive teams function through trust and respect for one another. What is important in both of these instances is how genuine we are with our actions. Character is not just what we do when we are being watched, but what we do when we are NOT being watched. Do you possess a pro-

fessional character?

Next, let's look at how we execute our daily tasks. Veterinary medicine is constantly evolving and growing, and we must personally do the same. Continuing education is an integral part of professionalism. If we only do the minimum education required, are we really able to provide the best care possible to our patients? Are we staying relevant with new techniques and procedures? Reach beyond your current skills to acquire a higher level of proficiency.

Take a moment and view yourself objectively. What is your professional image? Do you look the part? Do your actions illicit trust and respect from those around you? Do you strive to be the best you can be? We are lucky to live in a state with a technician association that provides the resources we need to be professionals. Take advantage of these resources to be the true definition of professionalism.

Sincerely,

Roxane Rocks, CVT

Social Media – Take Care



In the August *Techniques*, there was an article addressing social media and job searching. There are definitely some positive aspects to the Facebook craze as many people enjoy this newly created medium to stay in touch with friends and family.

However, you should beware of using it for negative purposes, such as venting.

Recently, a situation occurred surrounding a veterinary technician school program (not in Colorado). The students, being upset with a recent decision that one of the instructors made, posted some controversial information with a somewhat negative aspect on their Facebook pages. Some recent graduates of that program saw it and informed the teacher.

The graduates were not happy as they respected this particular instructor and knew she did a great job. In addition, the graduates have now "black listed" these students so that they won't be able to obtain jobs in the clinics where they work (and they are good clinics).

So in a moment of passion, beware that your short-term rant doesn't have long-term implications. Once it's posted, it's there forever and for all to see!



If you are a NAVTA member, pay attention to an amazing opportunity being brought to you by Bayer Animal Health in partnership with the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA).

In the Fall 2010 issue of the NAVTA Journal, details are found on page 14 and 15. If you're not a NAVTA member, this might be incentive for you to join.

Bayer Animal Health is committed to increasing educational and professional development opportunities. Thus, they are offering three full scholarships to attend a national conference! The catch, writing an article related to current issues in parasitology and being an active member of NAVTA. In addition, the winning articles will be published in the NAVTA Journal.

We are very fortunate to have such wonderful organizations, such as Bayer and NAVTA, working hard on behalf of the entire veterinary health care team. Take a moment to thank your Bayer rep the next time he/she stops by your clinic.



NAVTA's First Annual Conference



Washington D.C., November 12-14, 2010, was one happening event! The 90 or so veterinary technicians and students from across the nation had an amazing weekend loaded with sights, networking, and amazing continuing education opportunities. They attended the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) first Annual Leadership Conference.



The event opened with a bus night tour of the city. The educational tour guide spoke about famous monuments and sites. There were opportunities to walk around and take pictures of attractions such as the Capitol, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Memorial.

For networking opportunities, attendees travelled from all over the nation. They swarmed on D.C. like bees to nectar, taking in the soft skills that were presented, and anxious to return to implement the skills into their hives (private practice, organizations, and schools), to create that golden sweet honey through communication, harmony, and empathy in the animal community as a whole.

In addition, many vendors were in attendance. This allowed one-on-one time to have questions answered and obtain valuable information about products used every day in the clinic.

Although networking has its benefits, this was not the highlight of the event; it was, without a doubt, the speakers. The leadership concept was expounded upon in depth as each speaker hammered home the theme of the event through their presentations.

One speaker, Aundráy Collins, an image consultant, spoke to the group about appearance. She noted business casual and casual attire that is appropriate. She provided insightful suggestions and tips that help build confidence in outfits that could be of help in other areas of life besides the job. Aundráy said "Don't get stuck in a rut. You need to add variety to your image, as this will make a great impact on your career."

NAVTA awarded one lucky winner a \$250 gift card to Macy's for an attire makeover. Saturday evening consisted of a trip to the local shopping mall where Aundráy helped the winner select items to dress successfully.

Another equally effective speaker was Kara Burns, MS, MEd, LVT. Kara spoke about how important it is to get involved with professional organizations and the benefits leadership skills have on careers. She stated, "Leadership starts individuals on their own leadership journey which helps them in their personal and professional (veterinary technician) life. Leadership helps with self-esteem and self-confidence."

Stan Krejci followed with a presentation on "Be Ready for Leadership: Serving on a Board of Directors." While not everyone may be interested in doing something at this level, Stan certainly helped explain how it works and offered practical ideas for all.



Vickie Byard

Skip Lineberg and Emily Bennington finished out the day with a program on how to fit in and stand out. This valuable information focused on marketing yourself in a very practical and effective way.

Sunday morning opened with a delicious breakfast and two wonderful speakers, Dr. Kathleen Bonvicini and Vickie Byard, CVT, VTS. They discussed the art of communication with your clients and how it strengthens teams and provides better diagnostic information from the clients.



Peter Gros

Lastly, Peter Gros wrapped up the conference. He spoke about his three decades of devotion to captive wildlife, establishing several breeding programs of endangered animals and now doing educational programs. He showed clips that highlighted his career and his crazy antics he used to tempt crocodiles, without losing an appendage, in order to relocate them, thus

protecting farmers' livestock. He, along with Dan, brought live creatures, such as a rare owl, a porcupine, two different-sized alligators, a huge python, a vulture, a lemur and other creatures that he allowed attendees to touch.



On a personal note, the experience was great and I really enjoyed myself, as I'm sure all who attended could say the same. I hope this encourages all of you who couldn't attend to plan for the annual conference next year. There was so much valuable information to be gleaned and many people from all aspects of life with whom you could connect as potential employers. NAVTA should be congratulated on a job well done.



Scholarship funds were provided in order for some to attend the conference. Personally, this scholarship, in conjunction with assistance from other people, allowed me to attend. Networking really paid off! I've reaped some wonderful benefits of being a member of NAVTA and I look forward to next year's conference.

Adapted from an article submitted by Tanisha Diggs, CVT

See more amazing pictures of this event on the NAVTA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/VetTechs

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PURCHASE A LICENSE PLATE



Adopt a Shelter Pet License Plate

<http://coloradopetfund.org/license-plate/how-to-purchase>

Coloradans can now visibly show their support for pets in shelters through their license plates. The new Adopt a Shelter Pet license plate will be available to pet lovers. It will help raise awareness about the 170,000 cats and dogs that were taken into Colorado animal shelters last year.

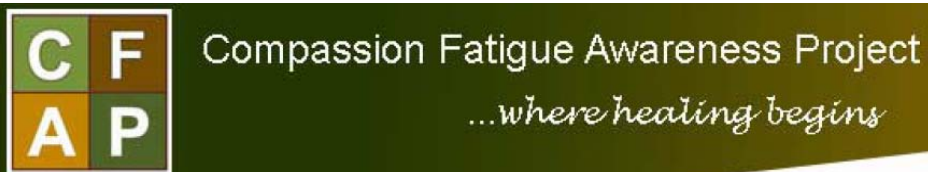
Beginning in January 2011, you can purchase the Adopt a Shelter Pet plate at your local Division of Motor Vehicles office or through your County Clerk office. Simply visit either office and request the Adopt a Shelter Pet license plate.

Money raised by license plate sales will provide grants for spay/neuter surgeries and medical care for cats and dogs in shelters throughout Colorado, with an emphasis on underserved areas of the state.

Adopt a Shelter Pet plates may be purchased at any time during the year. You will receive credit for the time re-

maining between the purchase date and your annual license plate renewal date; that money will be applied to the new purchase. You may also purchase an Adopt a Shelter Pet plate upon annual renewal of your regular plates.

Costs to purchase the plate include a \$50 fee for a Group Special Use License Plate, a \$30 Donation to the Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund for the benefit of the Adopt a Shelter Pet license plate program, plus customary license plate renewal fees.



Reprinted from www.compassionfatigue.org

Did you know?

Caring too much can hurt. When caregivers focus on others without practicing self-care, destructive behaviors can surface. Apathy, isolation, bottled-up emotions and substance abuse head a long list of symptoms associated with the secondary traumatic stress disorder now labeled: Compassion Fatigue.

While the effects of compassion fatigue can cause pain and suffering, learning to recognize and manage its symptoms is the first step toward healing. The Compassion Fatigue Awareness Project© is dedicated to educating caregivers about authentic, sustainable, self-care and aiding organizations in their goal of providing healthy, compassionate care to those whom they serve.

This site has numerous resources we have found for

caregivers working in many professions. The Compassion Fatigue Awareness Project© also offers original training materials, workbooks, and texts through our parent organization, Healthy Caregiving LLC. Please visit the new site at: www.healthycaregiving.com.

Compassion Fatigue Awareness Project

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Thanks to Katherine Dobbs, RVT, CVPM, PHR, for originally identifying this Web site and providing information about it. Ms. Dobbs, also lectures on compassion fatigue, as well as provides consulting services and is the founder of VESPA (Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Practice Association).
www.vespassociation.org
www.katherinedobbs.com



CACVT Focus Conference

Advanced Anesthesia Monitoring & Troubleshooting

What you need to know during emergencies and everyday.

Saturday, January 22, 2011

Think you know enough about anesthesia? Think again. Even if you attended the anesthesia lecture several years ago, times change and advancements are made. Make sure you don't get left behind in the continually changing medical world.

Time: 1 - 5 PM

Registration begins at 12:30 PM
4 Technical CE Credits

Light snacks will be provided. You are welcome to bring additional food/beverage as you see appropriate.

This is a power point presentation only.

This conference is orientated for advanced technicians.

However, all are invited to attend. You will learn something new!



Speaker: Kurt A. Grimm, DVM, MS, PhD
Diplomate American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists, Diplomate American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology.

“By far, Dr. Grimm is one of the best in the business.”

~Roxane Rocks, CVT, CACVT President

To register:

Either: 1) submit this form with payment, or
2) visit www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms for a registration form and to enter credit card payment via PayPal (you do not need your own PayPal account).

Location:

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
15200 W. 6th Ave.
Golden, CO 80401
www.jeffco.us/fair

Thanks to Pfizer for their continual wonderful support!



CACVT Focus Conference Registration

Please return form with payment to CACVT,
191 Yuma Street, Denver, CO 80223.

Contact the office with **questions or assistance**: 303-318-0652 or info@cacvt.com.

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Check here to apply the \$10 credit (for receiving the CACVT newsletter via email) - if appropriate.

*currently attending an AVMA-accredited program in veterinary technology.

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A confirmation and map will be sent to you. Any credit card information will be destroyed after posting. **Thank you for attending!**

Small Bites - News You Can Chew



VIN Recall Center

A recall center for veterinary medications and pet food is now available on the Veterinary Information Network (VIN). The VIN Recall Center is a tool that tracks food and product recalls that impact veterinary medicine.

Visit <http://news.vin.com/VINNews.aspx?articleId=16618> for information and how to access this area.

Thanks to Nanette Walker Smith, M.Ed., RVT, CVT, LVT
Monument, Colorado
VSPN Content and CE Director

World Veterinary Year



2011: World Veterinary Year

From www.vet2011.org

The world's first veterinary school was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761, shortly followed by the Alfort veterinary school, near Paris, in 1764, both of them at the initiative of French veterinarian Claude Bourgelat. This means that 2011 will mark the 250th world anniversary of veterinary education.

World Veterinary Year will launch internationally with an opening ceremony on January 24, 2011, in Versailles, France.

Veterinary medicine certainly has come a long way in this time. Let's celebrate with our veterinarian friends this wonderful milestone in the history of taking care of animals.



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Get your pet's photo with Santa on Larimer Square



Santa Claus is coming to town and he wants to meet your furry family members! Bring your pet to Larimer Square for a special photo opportunity with you and your four-legged friend(s). After the photo session, dogs will receive a special treat. Visit www.larimersquare.com for details.

Santa will be available for visits beginning Friday, Nov. 26, from 10 am to 7 pm and continue every Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm and on Sundays from noon to 6 pm during the holiday season. Santa will also be available for visits on Christmas Eve from 10 am to 5 pm.



**BRIDGES FOR PETS
TELETHON**

Make plans now to grab your remote on January 30, 2011, to watch our happy tails that will make your heart sing.



Holiday Party

Join CRCG in celebrating the holidays with photos with Santa, holiday pet gift shopping, a silent auction, and more. Sunday, Dec 5 from 9am-2pm at 8855 W 116th Circle, Broomfield, CO 80021. Proceeds benefit Golden Retriever Freedom Rescue.



Happy Healthy Cats

Morris Animal Foundation continues to assist animals in a number of ways.

Their Happy Healthy Cat Campaign centers around research to help cats fight disease. One of their shelter projects focuses on creating a healthier environment in shelters and reducing respiratory infections in the shelter cats, thus increasing their overall adoptability.

In addition, they are holding a photo contest. Submit your favorite cat photos online by Wednesday, Dec. 15. Visit www.Research4Cats.org/cat-photo-contest to submit photos.

Visit www.Research4Cats.org for more information about this amazing work being done and how it helps the veterinary team with their client's cats.



Annual Holiday Fund Drive

Help come to the rescue of thousands of animals each year by joining in our 2010 Annual Holiday Fund Drive today. Simply click above to donate.

When you contribute to our Annual Holiday Fund Drive, you'll help save animals from terrible neglect and suffering. You'll help save lives, one pet at a time. Thank you for your ongoing support that helps bring happiness and new beginning to hundreds of deserving animals every year.

www.boulderhumane.org



HOPE for People and Their Pets

What is the HOPE program?

Recognizing the importance of pets in enhancing the well-being of homebound individuals, the Colorado Veterinary Medical

Foundation (CVMF) has established the Home Outreach Pet Exams (HOPE) program. HOPE is a program dedicated to serving the basic health needs of the pets of home-bound individuals who are living on fixed incomes with minimal family or outside support.

What services does the HOPE program provide clients?

A team of veterinary professionals (veterinarian and CVT) will visit the homes of identified individuals. There, they offer basic wellness services, such as a full exam, vaccinations, and laboratory testing. If any other treatments, such as dental cleanings, are recommended, they will be performed at Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital.

How can you help?

1) Become a volunteer

We are currently accepting applications for volunteers to work in this program. If you are a veterinarian or CVT and would like to do home visits, an information/training class will

be offered in December 2010. This will walk you through all the steps needed for this position.

In general, teams are asked to visit families approximately twice a year. So the actual time commitment is very minimal, yet will make a huge impact on the life of that family and their pets.

2) Pass the word

This program is in its second year and having great success. As more donations and volunteers are available, the program will expand into the community. Tax deductible financial donations are always accepted. Checks can be made payable to CVMF (specifically noting the HOPE program in the memo line) and sent to 191 Yuma St., Denver, CO 80223.

For more information

Please contact Brittney Parent-Williams (303-318-0447 or brittneyparent-williams@cvmf.org) or Denise Mikita (303-318-0652 or info@cacvt.com) if you would like more information or to put your name on the attendee list.

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Continuing Education

Reminder: 1/2 of your credits must be technical in nature (medically related, at an advanced level, and in person).

For information on CE guidelines, submitting CE, or for more CE listings or details on the ones posted here, please visit

www.cacvt.com/ContinuingEducation.

CACVT accepts RACE credits. Additional classes are accepted than are listed on our Web site. These are just the ones currently known.

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A posting of CE across the United States can be found on the Veterinary Learning System's Web site: www.cecenter.com.

DETAILS: www.cacvt.com/otherprograms

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January 9, 2011

The 21st Annual Technician program 6 hours of CE credit.

For more information, to register, or to print a conference brochure (available in December), visit

www.cvmb.colostate.edu/clinsci/ce/products/22-72nd_conference.aspx or call Tiffany Banfield at 970.297.1273.

Jan 20-23, 2011

DAVMS presents Ski CE - Vail, CO
The Renal System: A Comprehensive & Current Review
www.davms.org or 303-318-0447

Jan 22, 2010

CACVT Focus Conference. See www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms for details or **Page 6** of this newsletter



April 9-10, 2010

CACVT Annual Spring Conference. Denver, CO
www.cacvt.com/cacvtceprograms for details



NATIONAL CONFERENCES

December 5-8, 2010

AAEP and AAETV Annual Convention Baltimore, MD
<http://www.aaep.org/convention.htm>

January 15-19, 2011

NAVC - Orlando, FL
www.tnavc.org

February 20-24, 2011

Western Veterinary Conference - Las Vegas, Nevada
www.wvc.org

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There are also a variety of online classes. Yes, these do count as credits in the supportive category. Please visit www.cacvt.com/guidelines for CE acceptance policy.



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www.livingsafelywithdogs.org
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Happy
Holidays!

Enjoy this wonderful
time of the year!

CACVT Focus
Conference registra-
tion is on page 6.

Relief Veterinary Tech- nicians & Pet Sitters

For a copy of the current relief technician list or pet sitter list, or to be placed on either of these lists, please contact the CACVT office.

Both lists can also be found at www.cacvt.com under "Job Postings."

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www.Bel-Rea.com

www.coloradomtn.edu

www.ccd.edu/careerconnections

www.WhereTechsConnect.com
<http://careers.navta.net>

Post Your Resume

Now you can post your resume directly to the CACVT Web Site. You must be a CACVT member and signed into the members-only area.

Visit www.cacvt.com and view "post resume" under the "job" tab.

Office Paw Prints

Denise Mikita, MS, CVT, Executive Director



CACVT Updates from the Office

Office Staff

As mentioned in November's *Enformation*, there has been a turn over in staff. Many qualified applicants have applied for the position and at the time of printing, we were narrowing in on our next Administrator. Watch Facebook and our Web site for the announcement when the candidate has been chosen.

Thank you for your patience during this transition time.

Excellent Questions Asked by Members

1) I've been a member longer than the Web site indicates...

When you log into the "members-only" area of the Web site, there is a counting of how long you've been a member. This is NOT how long you've been a CACVT

member, but rather, how long you've been a member on the Web site.

2) How do I Post My Resume

You post your resume by first signing on in the members-only section. Click on "members only" and then choose the tab "create new account."

You have to wait until the office (me) verifies your status. So you're welcome to send me an email letting me know you're trying to log onto the members-only area.

Once you have your password and can log on, mouse over "job postings" and choose "post your resume." The rest should be self-explanatory.