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From the President...



Greetings and welcome to the New Year! I hope you had a safe, restful and blessed holiday season. The time has rushed by and soon the annual conference will be here again!

The MSRT Board is busy planning the 2013 conference, which will be at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO, for the last time this year. I hope you are able to come for at least part of the conference to meet your peers, listen to some of the wonderful presentations and catch up with friends. We have made changes in our program from previous years. One of those changes is that the Ulysses D. Murray Lecture and the Presidential Banquet will both begin earlier. Our Murray Lecturer this year is Pam Fulmer, a champion in the mammography field and an

enthusiastic and dynamic speaker. I hope that with our changes more of you will be able to join us for her presentation and for the banquet that follows.

The MSRT is working on sending representation to RT in DC March 3-5. We will make congressional visits to lobby for the C.A.R.E. Bill (Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility & Excellence in Medical Imaging & Radiation Therapy). The ASRT has been working toward federally mandated minimum education and credentialing standards since 1997. We would love for this to be the year that we succeed.

March will be a busy month – RT in JC is the 27th, which corresponds to Wilhelm Roentgen's birthday and Radiation Safety Awareness Day. We will be represented in Jefferson City to lobby for licensure in Missouri, another battle that we have been fighting for a very long time.

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey that we sent out. We appreciate your time and are very much interested in your input. We are currently looking at the results.

I hope to see you at one of the upcoming events to help promote our profession!

Sincerely,

Kristi Littleton, MEd RT (R)

From the Student Intern...



While visiting schools in southern Missouri this last semester, I encountered such wonderful students and staff. I've enjoyed my experience as the student intern for the MSRT immensely. All my experiences will benefit me greatly and prepare me well for a career after graduation. I am very excited to stay active with the MSRT and work with our new student interns this year.

I am also looking forward to the upcoming annual MSRT conference. I encourage all students and technologists to participate in the scientific essay and scientific display contests. Also, prepare well for student bowl, students! I would also like to encourage students and technologists to keep contacting their representatives to let them know how necessary the CARE Bill is for the safety of our patients!

Sincerely,

Casey Scott

**Would you like to earn a
\$500 dollar Scholarship?!?!**

Join our Technologist Scholarship contest today. Write an essay telling us about your professional development, career goals and professional motivation and you could earn a **\$500 scholarship!** Go to www.mosrt.org for contest rules.

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*A message from your
Conference Coordinator*

Hello to all Technologists and Students! The 81st Annual MSRT Conference is fast approaching – April 17 – 20, 2013. Our theme this year is “Be at the Top of Your Game.” We have a great line up of speakers and activities in store.

The MSRT Board has been listening to you! You want to get the most for your money and not everyone can attend weekdays. So, we have **LOWERED THE COST FOR SATURDAY.** We are offering 5 lectures with fewer breaks so you can spend more time getting the CEs.

Back by popular demand, Wednesday night is **Trivia Night** with food, fun and prizes! Thursday night is the ever popular annual **Student Bowl** where teams from each school compete and have fun. Both events will allow all of you who come to... **BE AT THE TOP OF YOUR GAME!**

Sincerely,
Joan Hedrick, MEd RT (R)(M), MSRT
Conference Coordinator

YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE!



It's that time of year again to **vote for your Board of Directors!** The online voting began on February 5, 2013 and for those of you who do not have email, paper ballots were mailed out. If you provided a current email address on the membership form, be sure to double check your spam mail for the ballot. It will appear as an email from *Brandi Grindel, MSRT Nominations chair.* In order for your vote to be counted, all ballots must be completed or postmarked by March 6, 2013. Please help us continue to grow professionally as a society by casting your vote. **Your vote does count!!!!**

Sincerely,
Brandi Grindel, BS RT (R), MSRT
Nominations Chair

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Diane Hutton, BA RT (R),
Legislative Activities Chair



RT in D.C. The MSRT is actively making appointments with Missouri legislators for visits during the March 3-5, 2013 event in our nation's capital. Currently we have three appointments. It is very exciting to be able to talk with these legislators to express 'our side'. Washington needs to know what they do there affects those of us in the radiologic technology field!

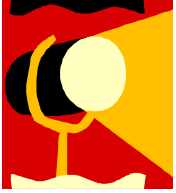
RT in J.C. If you are a member of the ASRT, you should have received a licensure survey via email. We had an overwhelming reply from this survey with almost 400 responses! This is a great sign that Missouri RTs are anxious for change. There are a large number of technologists who are aware of non-licensed people providing imaging services and an equally large number of technologists who want some type of state licensure.

At the invitation of Senator Wayne Wallingford, the MSRT will be hosting RT in JC at our state capital on March 27th, 2013, officially known as Radiation Safety Day! This event will give RTs the opportunity to speak with state legislators about radiation safety and our interest in state licensure. We are making appointments with as many legislators as we can. Plans are still developing, so watch our website for more information and look for registration emails coming soon. Please join us for the first annual Radiation Safety Day on March 23, 2013 so your voice is joined with the MSRT!

HISTORICAL TIDBITS...from MSRT Historian, Martin Henson, RT (R)

- Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen "discovered" 'X' rays in November 1895.
- The American Society of Radiographers (ASR), our national organization, was begun in 1920 by Dr. Eddy Jerman.
- In 1985, the MSRT began a Student Scholarship. The first awardee was Judith Taylor who went on to become an educator in Radiologic Technology and MSRT President in 1992.
- The MSRT Student Bowl competition began in 1988. There were only 4 teams competing that year. In 2007, Barnes-Jewish/Mallinckrodt closed the doors on the school – that year they won the competition. Here's to 25 years of the Student Bowl competition!

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Volunteer spotlight: Q & A with a MSRT Volunteer

Find out why volunteers choose to dedicate their time to the MSRT...and perhaps become inspired to do the same! This edition features Donita Shipman, RT (R) (M) (QM), Imaging Informatics Coordinator at Bothwell Regional Health Center in Sedalia, MO.

Q: *How long have you been a volunteer for the MSRT and what roles have you had?*

A: I started volunteering with the MSRT in 1991. It all started at the MSRT Conference when Dan Cantrell and Henry Cashion approached me about being the District 3 Rep. I agreed and that began my volunteer career. I have been District 3 Rep, Publications Chairman, LAC Chairman, Secretary, Vice President, President Elect, President, Senior Board Member, and currently I am the Membership Chairman and Executive Treasurer.



Q: *What has been your most fun experience with the MSRT?*

A: My favorite memories are too many to list. Every time I gather with MSRT members I gain a new favorite memory. I really cherish the times that I traveled to Washington, DC and ASRT meetings. I have met some very interesting and dedicated people. It is very inspiring to meet students and share in their enthusiasm for our profession. I have always enjoyed the different speakers I have gotten to listen to and I never fail to learn something I can take back to my job and put into practice.

Q: *What do you have to say to our fellow technologists to encourage them to volunteer for the MSRT?*

A: I encourage all technologists to volunteer with the MSRT. There are a lot of great people in our profession and it would be a shame to pass up the opportunity to meet them. I have heard all the excuses: "I am too busy;" "I don't know enough to help..." Technologists don't realize that most tasks we need volunteers for only require a short time commitment and the results are very fulfilling. All it takes is just one "yes" and you will reap many rewards. It is super easy to get involved. Just go to the website and click on the name of one of the committee chairman and ask, "Is there something I can do to help?" I guarantee you will earn a colleague for life!

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