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President's Message

***"When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us."
~ Alexander Graham Bell***



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This is what I wish for everyone to think about over the next year. We have opened the doors to invite new and existing members to attend the board meetings. What is very exciting is that many members have asked to volunteer, in fact we have had a record amount and we want to have more. We are going to build the organization the way we always dreamed it should be by hard work and dedication. We want to encourage our members to step up and come to board meetings, listen in or volunteer, encourage your coworkers to join. Come to the half day seminars and visit with old friends or make new ones. Why just pick up a book to fill in the answers to gain CEU's when you can come and listen and see familiar faces. This year will be an exciting as well as challenging year for all of us. Our Board members are dedicated and work hard for this organization and we want to succeed in becoming a strong chapter that supports our membership and keeps abreast of what is going on in the world of the Imaging Sciences. As your new president along with the board I hope we can achieve everything we set out for and I look forward to serving.

Lisa Fanning
MSRT President

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

By Amie Kendall & Susan Mahoney, Northern Essex Community College

When we enrolled in the JRCERT accredited Radiologic Technology program at Northern Essex Community College we were unaware of all the dangers associated with x-radiation, as is most of the general population. Now being radiation workers we are vastly more aware of the effects this can have on our own bodies and those of the patients who put their health in our hands every day. We have learned that ionizing radiation can cause burns, genetically alter future generations, or cause cancer. We now know that no amount of radiation is healthy. There are instances when the good that comes from exposure to x-radiation outweighs the bad. In those instances it is crucial that those administering the radiation are trained and understand the effects of radiation and what can be done to minimize patient dose.

On June 8, 2012 our class of 22 students watched the hearing held by the House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Health; "Examining the Appropriateness of Standards for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Technologists", a discussion related to the Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (CARE) Bill H.R. 2104,. It was interesting to learn how this bill will not only affect our livelihood but also how it will impact the general public. We are thankful to know that the standards being discussed are already being met in Massachusetts due to our Technologist Licensing Regulations. We are proud to know that as students we are meeting, and even exceeding those standards for radiation protection and quality imaging that have been established for our profession on a daily basis. To learn that 11 states (including New Hampshire, our neighboring state) do not regulate radiographers, 15 states do not regulate radiation therapists and 20 states do not regulate nuclear medicine technologists is a frightening fact.

All over the world you can go into a McDonald's and know that you are being served the same meals based on the company's standard however the methods of radiation safety that exist when exposing patients' to radiation are not standard.

We are proud to say, although being students in a challenging five semester full time Radiologic Technology program is hard and all-encompassing we know with confidence upon completion we will be able to accurately and safely care for the public. Every day we learn more ways that we can protect the public, minimize patient dose and make necessary procedures as safe as possible.

Imagine one day your child falls on the playground and is taken to the emergency room where an x-ray or CT scan is ordered. Are you confident that the procedure is necessary and that the technologist has been properly trained? Not everyone is aware of how much more radiation a patient is exposed to in a CT scan versus an x-ray. Rebecca Smith-Bindman, MD spoke at the hearing and stated the fact that a single CT scan is equivalent to 200,000 airport x-ray screens. Not everyone is aware there are alternative options available such as MRI and Ultrasound.

It is up to us, the trained professionals to ensure the public is in the best possible hands. This is why it is so important that the CARE bill be passed. Once passed, technologist will need to be licensed and have passed an accredited program. Hospitals, in-patient and out-patient centers, doctor's offices and other medical facilities will be required to follow specific guidelines which will benefit the public and also reduce health care costs. Please contact your legislators to ask for their support in passing the CARE Bill H.R. 2104, and ask your colleagues and friends to do the same.



Amie Kendall (L) with Susan Mahoney (R)

We would love to get students perspectives for upcoming issues of The Exposure. If you would like to share your experiences, please email the MSRT office.

MSRT 2012-2013 Charity Selection

The Executive Board held their first board meeting of the 2012-2013 Membership Year and has once again selected "Homes For Our Troops" as the MSRT Charity for the upcoming year. Please support our troops through your membership renewal, 1/2 Day Seminars & Annual Conference. For more information, please visit www.homesforourtroops.com.

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Upcoming Home For Our Troops Events

We have two events coming up ! The first is the 9th Annual Texas Roadhouse Bike Run to Benefit HFOT on August 5th (www.homesforourtroops.org/bikerun). If any member is a biker, we have two simultaneous rides – one in New Hampshire and one in Rhode Island. We are also raffling off a Harley-Davidson in conjunction with the ride!

The second is the 2nd Annual HFOT Golf Classic on September 11th in Sharon, MA (www.homesforourtroops.org/golfclassic). We are already securing sponsorships and foursomes, so if anyone is interested in playing, please sign up. Last year was a very successful first tournament, raising over \$50,000!

Please Support Those Who Honor Us!

MSRT Executive Board Meeting

Westford Regency • April 3, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 7:20 PM

Members Present

Darren Sack, Karl Ellison, Tyler Martin, Nancy Sutcliffe, Pat Willett, Lisa Fanning, Amy Vietro, Linda Doucette, Kerri Covey, Kate Labrecque, Bernadette Ruchwa, Marie Oliver, Mary Frangiosa-Creesy, Nancy Garcia, Karri Brennan, Lynne Davis.

Minutes from 2-25-12 board meeting accepted with corrections

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed the 2011-2012 Budget. Karl alerted the Board to which accounts were reaching their projected limits
- We were reminded that it has been 10 years since a dues increase has occurred.
- Charity for FY13 "Homes for our Troops"

President's Report

- Darren thanked the Board and committees for all of their hard work this past year and said the role of president was more challenging to fill than he expected. The incoming members were assured they would have the support of the current Board and committee members.
- Due to the efforts of the Board and membership DPH has requested a meeting with us for Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

Conference Committee

- The Schedule of Events was discussed.
- Assignments for who would introduce whom were made, as needed. All changes to events occurring during the luncheon were discussed.
- As of this moment we have 301 Wednesday attendees and 290 Thursday attendees. Students outnumber the technologists in registration. Last year's numbers were about the same as this year.

- Linda Doucette briefly a different way to have the Buzz Bowl Competition. Atlanta, ACERT and Florida have their completion in a way that is less like a team and more like an individual competition. It was concluded that this would be brought to the educators first and, based on that feedback, the students would be asked for their feedback.

Governance Committee

- RT in DC – Dave LeClair said 5 Representatives have signed on. The Bill is in the House of Representatives: Committee on Energy and Commerce. Markey signed on to the Bill and is on this Committee. We only have 3 months to get this pushed through. This is the 14th year this bill has been pushed by ASRT. This is an Election Year and that is favorable for this Bill.

Old Business

- Nancy Sutcliffe stated the contract from SWANK (On-Line CE Company) was made available to the Board for review and feedback. Let SWANK know that we are still discussing their proposal.

New Business

- Mary Creesy resigned as QCC President and Scholarship Chair. She will mentor Nancy DiTullio over the next year to replace her in 2013 as QCC President.
- Lynne Davis resigned as Editor & Secretary of the MSRT.
- There are several important Board Positions that are still open after the election: President-Elect, Secretary and a State Delegate position. The By-Laws state that one needs to sit on a committee before being able to run for these Board positions. **ACTION: We need to revisit the P/P and Bylaws on this.**

2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Once again we had another successful Annual Conference. We went back to the popular site of the Westford Regency. After the 2011 conference, we studied the surveys and found that the Westford was the place of choice, due to convenient location, spacious layout and of course the delicious food. This year we tried different days of the week compared to previous years and it proved to be a wise decision. We had more attendees on both Wednesday and Thursday than we have had in the past few years. Our safety theme was well received with many lectures pertaining to safety. We even were able to offer a few extra Radiation Protection credits than in previous years. After all in our busy workplaces we always need to remember to keep the safety of our patients as our #1 priority. As an addition, this year we offered 2 mammo credits on Tuesday evening. The feedback was positive and we hope to continue offering a few evening credits in the years to come. And of course we had the Buzz Bowl, that stole the show. We had ten teams compete for the bragging rights of being the 2012 Buzz Bowl Champion. Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Science won this year's title but not without some fierce competition. Congratulations to Stamford School of Radiography & Middlesex Community College! DJ Brad entertained the crowd and had everyone up on the dance floor letting loose. It was a great time to catch up with old friends and make some new friends. Isn't that what the annual conference is all about? Not only to get CEU's and learn more about our profession but to get reacquainted with those former classmates and coworkers. Where does the time go? Before you know it we'll be talking about 2013 conference! Thank you for a successful conference and we hope to see everyone again next year!

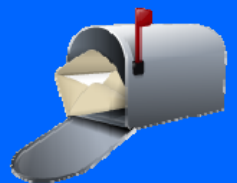
Marie Oliver, RT(R)(ARRT)
Conference Co-Chair

We would like to give a Special Thanks to Marie Oliver & Debra Ricciardelli for another amazing job on organizing the conference. They have both organized numerous past conferences & have stepped down this year to make room for new volunteers. Kerri-anne Covey and Kate Labreque have volunteered to be our 2013 Annual Conference Co-Chairs. Thank you for your support and dedication!

Thanks to the generosity of our membership, we collected \$1,108 for "Homes For Our Troops" during the 2011-2012 Membership Year.

Membership Renewals

Renewals for the upcoming 2012-2013 membership year have been mailed. We apologize for the inconvenience but the renewal forms had a dues error and did not reflect the increase. Technologists Dues are \$50 and Students are \$20.



Dues Renewal is also available on-line. Simply click Online Membership Renewal on our homepage.

If you recently graduated from a Radiology Program, please upgrade your membership to a technologist so you can accrue Continuing Education Credits to renew your license.

If you have any questions, please contact the MSRT office at msrt-ma@comcast.net or by phone (781)331-3520.

2012 MSRT CONFERENCE AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS & RAFFLE WINNERS



Karl Ellison
MSRT Treasurer
Oliver E. Merrill Lecturer



David Gilmore
2012 Keynote Speaker



Christine Kiley with Karen Farris
QCC Scholarship



Kate Labrecque with Karen Farris
QCC Scholarship



Michael Foley with Mary Creesy
QCC Inductee



Another ticket collected by
Jaclyn Tam-Nguyen



Jennifer Bourassa with Karen Farris
Scientific Paper Contest



Lindsay Burba with Karen Farris
Oliver E. Merrill Scholarship



Marisa Leavitt with
Marie Oliver



Marie Oliver with
Lynne Fillion
50/50 Raffle
Winner



Thomas Gentile with Bernadette
Ruchwa—MSRT Membership



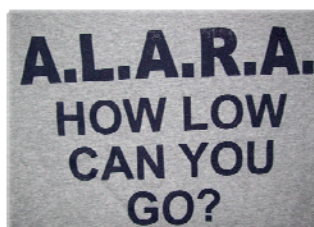
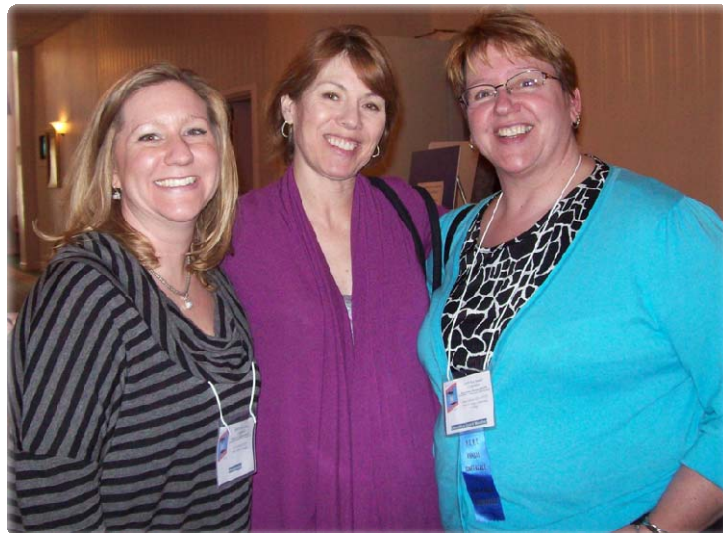
Kerri Brennan-GPS



XRI Bike Raffle Winner

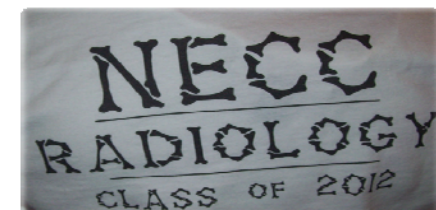


2012 MSRT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS





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MSRT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS Past & Present



Induction of Lisa Fanning by
Michael DelVecchio



Mary Creesy
QCC President



Past Presidents from Left to Right: Ted Bergey, Linda LeFave, Michael DelVecchio, Carol Wallace, David LeClair, Debra Ricciardelli & Darren Sack



Bernadette Ruchwa with Lisa Fanning



Bernadette Ruchwa, Patricia Willett &
Debra Ricciardelli



Tyler Martin, Marie Oliver, Bernadette Ruchwa
& Nancy Sutcliffe



Darren Sack (Chairman of the
Board) with Karl Ellison



Newly Inducted State Delegates Amy Vietro, Eric McAdam,
Nancy Sutcliffe & David LeClair



Newly inducted VP, Patricia Willett
with Michael DelVecchio

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BUZZ BOWL 2012



Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences ~ 1st Place



Buzz Bowl Committee 2012

Left To Right: Karen Farris, Lillian Haskell, Tim Wilkinson & Jerry Jones

Absent: Linda Doucette, Coordinator



Stamford School of Radiology ~ 2nd Place



Middlesex Community College ~ 3rd Place

BUZZ BOWL 2012

On behalf of the Buzz Bowl Committee I would like to thank all the students and coaches for another exciting & successful year! We had ten teams competing this year:

Brigham & Womens Hospital, Bunker Hill Community College, Lawrence Memorial/Regis College, Massasoit Community College, Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences, Middlesex Community College, Northern Essex Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, Springfield Technical Community College & Stamford School of Radiology

The competitions reflected the energy and devotion of the team members and their coaches in preparation for the Buzz Bowl.

It is my pleasure to announce that the winner of the 2012 Buzz Bowl challenge was Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Science! Way to go MCPHS! The second place team was Stamford School of Radiology with Middlesex Community College coming in third. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

I want to thank the Buzz Bowl Committee members for their efforts not only at the conference but also throughout the year in preparation for the competition. These dedicated individuals are Karen Farris, Lilly Haskell, and Tim Wilkinson. Additionally thank you to volunteers Cheryl Hollyfield, Marie Moriarty, Amy McDonough, Jaclyn Nguyen and Jerry Jones for their assistance during the competition. I have retired as Buzz Bowl Coordinator but am happy to announce Derek Carver has agreed to be the Buzz Bowl Coordinator for the 2013 Competition.

Linda M. Doucette, BS, RT(R)
2012 Buzz Bowl Coordinator

NEWS & ALERTS



The following Massachusetts students were selected from more than 170 submissions for the 2012 Student Leadership Development Program Essay Competition. Each of the selected students earned a trip to attend the ASRT Educational Symposium and ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting:

Jessica Gardner, RT(R)(ARRT) ~ Recent Graduate of Northern Essex Community College
Christopher Mercurio, BSRT(R)(ARRT) ~ Recent Graduate of MCPHS

Congratulations on your achievement!

2012 ASRT House of Delegates Meeting Las Vegas, Nevada

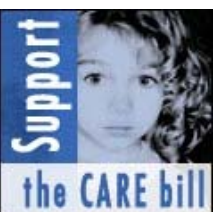
The ASRT will hold their Annual Governance House of Delegates meeting, June 29th-July 1st. The ASRT House of Delegates meets annually to debate and vote on motions and proposed changes to the ASRT Bylaws and to adopt clinical practice and educational standards. During the meeting, delegates' primary duties are to represent the radiologic science profession and their affiliates or chapters and take action on issues that affect professional practice.

The MSRT will be represented by our Governance Chair ~ David LeClair and our Vice-President ~ Patricia Willett with our State Delegate ~ Nancy Sutcliffe serving as an alternate. Please look for meeting updates in our Fall Exposure.

ASRT HONORS



The ASRT established the honorary Fellow category in 1956 to recognize members who have made outstanding contributions to the profession and to ASRT. Fellows have volunteered in leadership positions at the national and local levels, written articles for publication, presented at professional meetings and helped advance the radiologic science profession. DelVecchio has a long history of involvement with the ASRT. He joined the Society in 1986 and has served in every nationally elected officer position on the ASRT Board of Directors, as well as on many committees. He also spent eight years serving in a variety of capacities for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and was the regional director for the International Society of Radiographers & Radiological Technologists board of managers from 2002-2004. DelVecchio is the Technical Director for BWH Radiology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Michael is also a Past President of the MSRT.



The ASRT has made it easy to Take Action. Simply click the Support The CARE Bill icon on our homepage, enter your zip code, contact information & a form email will be sent to your Congressman.



Job Openings



**Harvard Vanguard
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PACS Systems Analyst III

Division: Information Technology

Location: Needham 2, MA

Job Type: Full Time

Schedule: Monday - Friday @ 8:30 - 5:00

The PACS Analysts primary responsibilities are to provide project management assistance, technical support and operational services in the implementation and maintenance of the Picture Archiving and Communication System. The PACS Analyst will provide day-to-day work-flow analysis and design as well as take a lead role in identifying opportunities for the improvement and maximization of existing functionality of current system(s) and operational workflows. Working in conjunction with the PACS Administrator, the PACS Analyst will perform the following functions and activities:

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- User management
- Network management
- Quality control and performance monitoring
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At least 5+ years of progressively more responsible experience in complex system administration and analysis. Have had experience in system configuration, upgrades, designing business processes, testing methodologies, and user training.

Knowledge and understanding of systems operations within the Radiology discipline, information flows, and sound practices to ensure credibility of the system. Excellent interpersonal skills to interact effectively with all levels of personnel in discussions and explanations of complex systems. Strong communications skills, including effective oral presentation skills and excellent writing skills. Able to effectively work in a team environment. Proficiency with other business related software applications (i.e., MS Word, MS Project, Access, Excel, etc.)

If you are interested in these or other positions we have open, please apply online to www.harvardvanguard.org/jobs or you can email Brenda_Thompson@vmed.org with your inquiry.

PACS Systems Analyst III link <http://sh.webhire.com/servlet/av/jd?ai=655&jj=2602521&sn=1>

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The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) is a not for profit organization dedicated to the professional growth and development in the Radiologic Sciences. The Society is committed to the advancement of radiologic technology by promoting high ethical standards, improving the quality of patient care, maintaining the standards of education, and providing quality continuing professional development opportunities for all medical imaging and therapy professionals. Our mission shall not be restricted by any consideration of nationality, race, color, sex or creed.

The MSRT office
will be closed
June 30th-July 7th
&
September 1st-8th
Have A Safe & Happy
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