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The MSRT has a rich history, our challenge is to insure that we continue that tradition and provide service to our members in the future. As we begin our 83rd year I am amazed by the progress in our profession and our Society and am energized to continue the tremendous work of my predecessors who have led us to where we are today. Those who have guided the MSRT along this road have done so in a responsive and measured way. To both past and present MSRT officers, and committees members, I appreciate the extraordinary people I've had the opportunity to serve with over the years and thank each of you for your commitment to our Society and to our profession.

The MSRT today represents more than 1000 members and enjoys the support of many local sponsors, and exhibitors. We know that engaging our members through meaningful volunteer leadership opportunities is critical for our growth. In 2012, the Board began working closely with the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and adopted an ambitious strategic agenda to be the essential resource for all technologists in Massachusetts. While we have accomplished much toward achieving this goal, there is still more to be done. The Board and I have committed to develop a strategic plan this year that will lead us into the future and revisit, and refine those plan goals to ensure that we remain true to our vision and mission.

I believe the essence of what we do at the MSRT is fostering an environment that enhances our members' professional knowledge and enriches their personal development. Without hesitation, I can say that I am a better radiology professional because of my active involvement in the MSRT throughout the years and I have cultivated an invaluable network of professionals, and friends, on whom I can rely. I invite each of you to become actively involved in our organization today – from attending educational seminars and the Annual Conference to joining a committee. The investment of your time and talents will realize many rewards.

As your President, I commit to provide the leadership necessary to advance our mission, to listen and respond to your needs as members and to work closely with the MSRT Board and committee chairs to achieve our objectives. As always, I encourage your feedback as a valued member of MSRT. I invite you to contact us (info@msrt-ma.org). We are open to your comments and committed to responding to your needs. Thank you for the honor of serving as the 2013-2014 President of the MSRT. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year to make your MSRT membership experience a valuable one.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

By Liz Veducchio, Quinsigamond Community College

I am a second year Radiologic Technologist student, about to graduate from Quinsigamond Community College. I have enjoyed my time in the program so much. I can't believe how fast these two years have flown by! The program is very demanding and time consuming one but is well worth the time and effort! I have learnt and grown so much as a person, made life long friends, and seen so much more than I could've ever imagined along my journey.

Clinical was my favorite part about the program. I was very privileged to be placed in two larger hospitals. In my second year I was placed at a level one trauma center. The critical thinking skills I have gained in this past year amaze me. I have learned to "think outside of the box" so that I even see myself doing this at home. Not all patients are ambulatory patients. Nobody looks forward going to a hospital, especially in our setting when a lot of times a patient is truly immobile due to one or more fractures. The critical thinking skill allows us to obtain at least two images ninety degrees from each other.

It is important to keep your patient in the least amount of pain as possible, and the injured body part as stable as possible, so you don't make their situation any worse. A personal scenario I have encountered is one of a younger male patient who came in with knee pain. The patient walked in with his knee in a lateral position, along with it being immobile. As a student studying to be a technologist I had to obtain my 3 different radiographs, based on my image protocol. Those three views were an AP, Lateral, and Patella (sunrise) view. I began with the lateral view, since that was the natural position of his leg entering the center. Then I obtained the AP view by performing a "cross-table lateral." Due to the position of his leg, it allowed to get the AP view.

When it came to the patella(sunrise) view I was completely stumped. After critical thinking and discussion with technologists, it was figured out that I could angle the tube to the patella, almost obtaining a "cross-table" view. Being able to obtain this view was great in part to his patella being fractured. This image confirmed the fracture, which

the other two images hadn't shown. This case really opened my eyes to seeing the importance of critical thinking when deciding in how to obtain an image. Patient care skills are also a big role in our field. V Along with critical thinking, patient care skills also play a big role in our field. There are times patients just need to talk to someone. No one enjoys being sick or injured. It's important to always have a smile on your face, no matter what is going on in your life outside of clinical.

It is a true statement that a smile is contagious! All in all I am so grateful for all the help and information I have gained from all of the technologist, teachers, and even patients I have worked with! I never expected to have such an awesome experience in the Radiologic Technology program. I would recommend this field to anyone thinking about it! I can't wait to see what the next few years have in store for me!

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

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MSRT 2013-2014 Charity Selection

The MSRT Board of Directors has once again selected “Homes For Our Troops” as the MSRT Charity for the upcoming membership 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

Right now there are two major fundraisers coming up:

August 4th – 10th Annual Texas Roadhouse Bike Run to benefit HFOT

www.homesforourtroops.org/bikerun

Being held in NH, RI, ME, NJ, & SC. We also raffle off a 2013 Harley-Davidson FLHX Street Glide that day! Tickets can be purchased at the link above

September 10th – 3rd Annual HFOT Golf Classic

www.homesforourtroops.org/golfclassic

Held at Spring Valley Country Club in Sharon, MA.

We still have foursomes and Gold Sponsorships available!

Please Support Those Who Honor Us!



2013 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

This year's Annual Conference was a great success. We decided to have it at the Westford Regency again, the same place as last year, because it proved to be a good choice with the convenient location, spacious layout and delicious food. We also kept the same days of the week as last year due to receiving good feedback and attendance during the middle of the week time frame. Our Innovations theme allowed for many different lecture topics to be tied into it easily, thus providing in attendees the option of experiencing a variety of material. This year we offered 3 Mammography credits on Tuesday evening. The feedback was positive and we would like to continue offering this option in the future. We also had a large number of volunteers assisting throughout the whole conference which was a huge help. The Buzz Bowl was a highlight of the conference as usual, especially for the students. We had 9 teams compete for the bragging rights of being the 2013 Buzz Bowl Champion. Stamford School of Radiology won this year's title but not without a good fight from Quinsigamond Community College who came in 2nd and Lawrence Memorial/REGIS who came in 3rd. Congratulations Stamford!

DJ Lou entertained the crowd and had everyone from current students to recent graduates to technologists to Instructors and Conference Committee Members getting their groove on the dance floor. It was a great time to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. The conference is not only a great place to get CE's and learn more about our profession, but also to get reacquainted with those former classmates and coworkers. How time flies....the 2013 conference is already over, but the planning for the 2014 conference has already begun. We hope that you are looking forward to it as much as we are. Thank you for a successful conference and we hope to see everyone again next year!

Kate Labrecque, RT (R), Conference Co-Chair

We would like to give a Special Thanks to Kerri Covey & Kate Labrecque for an amazing job on organizing the conference. This was their first conference & have done a great job. We would also like to thank the Conference Committee (Patricia Willett & Carole Wallace) for being invaluable to the organization of this event. Kerri has agreed to return as Co-Coordinator of our 2014 Annual Conference with Eric McAdam who did a fantastic job as State Delegate last year. We thank them for their continued support and dedication!



David LeClair presents Chris Mitchell of Homes for our Troops with a \$1,000 donation check from our membership. The remainder of the donations collected since the conference will be sent June 30th. Thank you for your generosity!

Membership Renewals

Renewals for the upcoming 2013-2014 membership year will be mailed out on June 30th.



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 info@msrt-ma.org or by phone (781)422-3913.

2013 MSRT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



David LeClair presents Debra Ralls with the Florence Wakefield Award



David Sack is caught red handed by former MSRT President Marie Oliver



Lisa Fanning delivers her Outgoing President Speech.



XRI raffles off a bike to a lucky attendee



David LeClair and Mary Creesy present the Scholarship Awards

RAFFLE WINNERS

ASRT Membership
Rinkesh Patel

ASRT CE Coupons
David Killian & Marianne Greene

Anatomy Flash Cards
Sam Fader of XRI was the winner but graciously donated back to the society & pulled Allison Duphily of Massasoit Community College

\$50 Giftcards
Tim Reardon & Said Belkouch

MSRT Membership
Elise Johnson

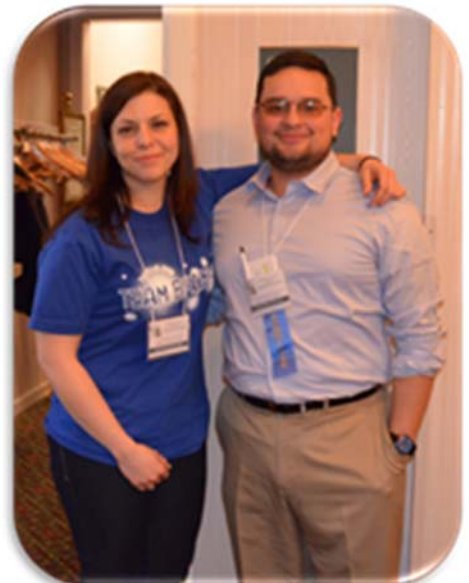
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David LeClair with ASRT President Donna Long and MSRT Past President Michael DeVecchio



Karl Ellison gives his Treasurer's Report



Victoria Glassman & Chris Mercurio



Debra Ralls & Carol Wallace



Kate Labrecque, Kerriane Covey & Pat Willett

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BUZZ BOWL 2013

Stamford Hospital School of Radiology



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 & Women's 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 2013 Buzz Bowl challenge was Stamford Health School of Radiology! Way to go?! The second place team was Quinsigamond Community College with Lawrence Memorial/REGIS 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 and Tim Wilkinson. Additionally thank you to volunteers for their assistance during the competition. It was our first year as Buzz Bowl Coordinators and we look forward to preparing the 2014 Competition..

Diana Connolly, Cacey Cafua & Lori Lorick
2013 Buzz Bowl Coordinators

Quinsigamond Community College



Lawrence Memorial/REGIS



The MSRT would like to bring to your attention the outstanding support received from the students enrolled at both Massasoit Community College & Quinsigamond Community College.

The students at MCC got together and raised \$500 on their own to donate to Homes for Our Troops on behalf of the MSRT.

QCC students heard about this wonderful act at our February Board Meeting and got together to raise \$600 to donate.

These students serve as a wonderful example of what our future can be.

NEWS & ALERTS



Hadley Cheverie of Massasoit Community College was selected for the 2013 Student Leadership Development Program. Each of the selected students earned a trip to attend the ASRT Educational Symposium and ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting, June 13–16, 2013, in Albuquerque, N.M.

For a full list of students selected, please visit <http://www.asrt.org/events-and-conferences/student-leadership-development-program/selected-students>

Congratulations on your achievement!

2013 ASRT House of Delegates Meeting Albuquerque, New Mexico

The ASRT held their Annual Governance House of Delegates Meeting, June 13th-15th. 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 was represented by our Delegates Patricia Willett, President and David LeClair, Governance Chair. Nancy Sutcliffe, our State Delegate, served once again as an alternate so Massachusetts is represented in case a Delegate is unable to serve. Please look for meeting updates in our Fall Exposure.

A Letter From The Editor

Hello my fellow MSRT members,

My name is Corina DiPalma. I am your MSRT newsletter editor for "The Exposure." This past year I have struggled gaining articles for the newsletter. I would appreciate any suggestions given to me. If you know of anybody, including yourself, who would like to write and submit an article please let me know. I can be contacted via e-mail at cdipalma.dr@gmail.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Corina



Kathy Tabor McEwan

It is with much sadness we report the sudden passing of Kathy Tabor McEwan. Kathy was a Past President of the MSRT from 1997-1998, was very supportive of the society and has made numerous contributions to the success of the MSRT. In addition to her Presidency, she was very active in the RT in DC program, represented Massachusetts in the ASRT House of Delegates on many occasions and was a speaker at many of our recent Conferences. She was successfully employed for many years at MGH and more recently relocated to Boca Raton Hospital.



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.

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Schedule: Monday - Friday



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Skills and Experience: Skills and experience typically acquired through one year of experience from a vascular testing training program or certification course, such as an internship or practicum. Demonstrates strong interpersonal, organizational, and decision-making skills. Proven ability to work independently and take initiative.

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Requirements: Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred), ARRT (R) or (N), state of MA, Radiology Technologist/Nuclear Medicine and Basic Life Support Certification. Ideal candidates will have 5-8 years of relevant experience, including a minimum of 1-3 years of supervisory/management experience.



NEW ENGLAND BAPTIST*
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Congratulations Team MSRT! Seven selfless individuals participated in the Northshore Cancer Walk on behalf of the MSRT. Special Thanks to Christopher Mercurio (Vice President) & Victoria Glassman (Member At Large) for organizing our team. Claire Sim, Bridget Hoye, Michele Umbro, Nicole Teczar & Meghan Richard laced up their sneakers & raised \$1,070.00. Please stay tuned for future walks/runs. Please contact the MSRT Office if you would like to Join In or click the link below if you would like to donate. Thank you Team MSRT!

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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.

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