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MASSACHUSETTS SOCIETY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Some of you may know me as Nancy Julin, others as Nancy Amiro and still others as Nancy Garcia. Regardless of my various name changes through the years from marriage to divorce to re-marriage, etc.. (well you get the picture) I am still the same person as I've always been and for this upcoming year 2016-2017 I am your MSRT president. I am certainly not a newcomer to the MSRT as I have served as Educational Councilor and Educational Coordinator off and on since 1793 (oops I meant 1993 it just feels like it has been since 1793).



Through my years with the MSRT I count myself lucky and privileged for having had the opportunity to work with a great number of interesting, dedicated MSRT past presidents, board members, educational councilors and various other MSRT members including: Florence Wakefield, Joanne Lobik, Cheryl Loring, Linda Anderson, Kerri Brennan, Victoria Glassman, Pat Saisi, Jim Lampka, Michael DelVecchio, Debra Ralls, Sandy Ostresh, Peter Vassallo, Linda LeFave, Carol Wallace, John Landry, Jane Ereksen, Dave LeClair, Tim Betz, Kathy Tabor McEwan, Bob Mortensen, Dave LeClair, Marianne Spatola, Kevin Reynolds, Maureen Seluta, Marie Oliver, Debra Ricciardelli, Ty Martin, Darren Sack, Lisa Fanning, and Pat Willett to name just a few, or perhaps I should be saying to name a lot. If I left anyone's name off this list and I have hurt your feelings I apologize. I did not omit you on purpose or because I didn't consider you important but realistically I can't possibly include everyone I have ever met or worked with in the MSRT through my long career, or this would go on for pages. (Remember I'm old!)

I am especially thankful that I have a great board to work with this year. You'll note some of these names should be familiar. This is because they have served on the MSRT Board more than once in their professional lives. Other folks are new and we are delighted to welcome them to this year's board. This year's board includes: Jane Ereksen as President Elect, Rick Tetrault as Secretary, Karen Farris as Vice President, Karl Ellison as Treasurer, Darren Sack as Chairman of the Board, Victoria Glassman as Educational Coordinator, Elaine McHugh as Member-At-Large, and the State Delegates of: Chris Mercurio, Michele Cody, Renee Puryear, Pat Willett and David LeClair.

In addition to these board members that are numerous other folks who continue to dedicate their time to the MSRT including: Carol Wallace, the Chair of the Quarter Century Club, Michael DelVecchio, the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Dave LeClair, the Co-Chair of the Governance Committee and the MSRT Historian. Pat Willett the Co-Chair of the Governance Committee. Chris Mercurio and Jane Ereksen are also members of the Governance committee as well. I'm starting to see a pattern here of folks wearing multiple hats!

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We have some additional new folks stepping into new roles with the MSRT that we are expecting great things from this year including Michele Cody and Kayla Yameen who have stepped forward to be this year's MSRT's Conference Co-Chairpersons with the assistance of Pat Willett and one of last year's co-chairs, Megan Marshall guiding them in their new role.

We are all excited about Emily Knox taking on the role of the Chair of the Social Media/Marketing Committee and along with the help of Victoria Glassman, Chris Mercurio and Pat Willett will be doing some great things to help promote all the MSRT does. We look forward to some possible new videos in the near future for our website.

We have some folks returning as Buzz Bowl Coordinators for the 2016-2017 and to the committee as well: Cacey Cafua, Lisa Lorick, Kelly Reynolds, Brenna Lapsley, Jane Erekson, Elaine McHugh, Lynne Pellicchia, and Pat Willett. Thank you all for taking on this task as the Buzz Bowl is one of the biggest draws to the MSRT conference and what so many of the students and educators look forward to each year. This group has already held a conference call to discuss some of the upcoming plans for this year's Buzz Bowl. You will all be happy to hear they are working on updating the existing questions to correspond with the ARRT content categories and they plan to create 20 new games. A monumental undertaking! Kudos to all involved with this endeavor.

Finally the glue that holds us all together is our Operations Administrator Mary-Anne O'Donovan. Without Mary Anne we would be lost and I am depending her to help keep me on track this year along with the guidance of the many former MSRT presidents on this year's board and various committees.

What I have learned from all of these folks was that no matter how busy they were with their jobs or family, they found a way to give back to their profession by dedicating some of their time to their professional society.

I am following in their footsteps and I hope that I serve you as your president this year as well as they did in the past.

We have already begun our planning of the annual MSRT conference, and our half day seminars as well. We plan to offer eight (8) free continuing education credits to our membership at these half day seminars as we did last year, as long as this year's budget allows this. Be sure to check on our website for future updates.

If any of you have ideas and suggestions of how the MSRT can serve you better please let me know or contact the MSRT office.

Sincerely  
Nancy Julin, M.Ed, R.T.(R)  
MSRT President

## *Thank you!*

There was a great response to our recent "call to action" to express opposition to proposed Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) legislation, S.1207 and H.1996, H.1889. The final formal legislative sessions have closed and no action was taken on these bills *thanks to many of you who responded*. That being said, this is not necessarily the end yet. The bills remain in the Ways and Means Committee and the legislature remains in "informal session" until end of year. These bills could still move forward but only with unanimous consent of the legislators. We're not expecting that to happen, but the MSRT will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed. *Should these bills pass, the particular concern to the MSRT is that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) would be allowed to order, perform, supervise and interpret imaging studies and radiation therapy.*



# Just what is Advocacy?

Submitted By: Patricia Willett, BS RT(R)(CT)(ARRT)  
MSRT State Delegate/ Governance Co-Chair  
ASRT Committee on R.T. Advocacy Region 9 Sub-Committee Member  
ASRT Radiography Curriculum Revision Workgroup

You have heard that advocacy is a major benefit of MSRT member but what does that really mean?

**Definition:** (ad·vo·ca·cy) noun; the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal : "Advocacy" *Google.com, July 2016*

**Synonyms:** support for, backing of, promotion of, championing of; argument for, push for; informal boosterism of, encouragement, backing, sponsorship, promotion, activism, opposition

I think a simpler way to describe it is standing up for something you believe in or care about. Any one can do it. I'll bet you do it every day, for yourself, for your children or for a specific cause in your community. It just means that you identify something you care about, a desire, a need or a goal and you stand up for yourself, and do everything that you can to accomplish it.

In 1931 a small group of individuals with common interests and goals joined together to establish the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists. Since that day, The MSRT has been advocating on behalf of all technologists and our profession. Our common goal is described within the mission statement "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".

Massachusetts has been recognized as a leader in this country since the advocacy efforts undertaken over a fifteen year time period resulted in the establishment of strong radiologic technologist licensing regulations in 1989. It was not an easy achievement, but persistence paid off and we have a small group of dedicated technologists and the MSRT to thank for it. But nothing stays the same for long. Change is inevitable and necessary, healthcare has certainly changed a lot since 1989. Today, we are faced with the need for updated regulations that reflect the technology we utilize and current practice in medical imaging and radiation therapy. We are also continually challenged with issues related to encroachment of other individuals on our scope of practice.

I have been an MSRT member since my student days and have contributed by serving on the MSRT board in many capacities. It is only in the past few years though, that I have actively participated in the MSRT advocacy efforts. I have learned a great deal by doing so. I have been influenced by those who led the way before me that I have had the privilege to know and played a major role in the enactment of Massachusetts RT licensing, David Sack, Jim Lampka, and Judy Burnett to name just a few. I am now serving as Co-Chair of the MSRT Governance Committee. I share this role with David LeClair who has been leading the MSRT advocacy efforts for many years. We are fortunate to be joined in these advocacy efforts by a great group of dedicated Radiologic Technologists.

You see, this is not a singular task. It is all hands on deck. There is no single job that we do that you could describe as difficult, but the work is relentless. We network, yes there's that word again. We try to get to know as many people as we can within our own profession, in important offices of our state government offices like Department of Public Health (DPH) and our own legislators. We communicate with them via email and telephone regularly and monitor key websites for updates on the status of pending legislation. We write letters and occasionally visit legislators or attend and present testimony at legislative hearings. We educate others on topics related to our profession. We communicate with the MSRT members.

There is a lot of red tape involved in our state government and there is no predictable time frame for when things will occur. In some instances the process stalls and accomplishing a specific task seems to take forever. The updated licensing regulations are a good example of that. We have been working on that, along with the RCP for several years and we are still waiting! At other times, things happen so quickly we hardly have time to react. These are the stressful times and typically when we are sending out to you a "call to action". One of the keys to a good grassroots advocacy program is the ability to rally the troops in these instances. Letter writing and phone call campaigns work because there really is strength in numbers. It's easy, its quick and it is important to do.

I do this because I care. I care about our patients, about you, my friends and colleagues, myself and my job and my students who are the future of this profession. The medical imaging profession has been very good to me for many years and this is a small way that I can give back.

Sadly, MSRT membership has seen a steady decline in recent years. There are more than 7000 licensed radiologic technologists in Massachusetts but less than 10% of them are MSRT members. Many more maintain membership in the ASRT, I suspect because they have the resources to provide you with easy access to continuing education credits. But professional society membership is about so much more than that. The MSRT needs you and your support. If we are going to be successful in our efforts to protect our profession we need to increase our membership rolls.

I believe that you care too. You need to advocate for yourself. I challenge each of you to talk to your colleagues and recruit at least one new MSRT member each month during the current membership year. I also challenge you to get involved. Write a letter, make a phone call, come to a meeting and join a committee or run for office. Each of you needs to decide how much you are willing or able to do, but if you care about your job and our profession you need to do something.



# 2016 ASRT House of Delegated Meeting Report

June 23-26, 2016 Las Vegas, NV

Submitted By: David LeClair, BS RT(R) - 2016 HOD Alternate Delegate

The American Society of Radiologic Technology's Annual Governance Conference and House of Delegates meeting was held this year in Las Vegas NV on June 23-26. Seven Technologists and two Students represented Massachusetts during this year's conference. The meeting began June 23rd, a day filled with outstanding lectures in several different areas of the radiology profession.

The first session of the House of Delegates was called to order by the Speaker of the House Michael Odgren, BS, RPA, RT(R)(CT) on June 24, 2016 at 7:30 AM with 158 of a potential 168 Credentialed Delegates seated, consisting of 99 Affiliate Delegates and 59 Chapter Delegates. Nancy Julin M.Ed., RT(R) and Darren Sack BS RT(R) represented Massachusetts as Affiliate Delegates with Pat Willett BS RT(R)(CT) and David LeClair BS RT(R) as Alternate Delegates. Also from Massachusetts were Michael DelVecchio BS RT(R) who participated as a member of the "Sargent at Arms" team chosen by the ASRT, Michele Cody, BS, RT(RM) and Roland LaRoche, MBA, RT(R) who participated in the ASRT Technologist Leadership Academy. The annual "Parade of Flags" was included in the opening ceremony where Kayla Yameen and Nicole Napolitano, two outstanding students representing Massachusetts as part of the "Student Leadership Development Program" marched in the House carrying our State flag. The meeting followed the usual House of Delegates agenda with introductions, orientation, adoption of the credentials report and the standing rules, announcements, nominations for Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House and the presentation of the proposed By-Law Amendments.

Updates from the ASRT and ARRT were followed by the Affiliate Open Forum, moderated by the ASRT's CEO Dr. Sal Martino. It was designed for discussion among all affiliate leaders and members alike to share what works in their states. Highlighted during this meeting were affiliate leaders from Nevada, Missouri and North Dakota. It was interesting to hear how each of these States carry on business quite different from each other.

## Highlights were:

**Nevada:** Has three chapters in different parts of the State. They had over 50% of their members attend their annual meeting. The affiliate is small right now, but they are building it up slowly. Through advocacy they are focused and going in the right direction.

**Missouri:** Their main goal is Licensure. They are teaching students how to advocate for their profession and spending a lot of time trying to make connections with them to see if any family members are technologist or knows on in their family circle. By making it a personal issue with the legislators, they tend to understand better.

**North Dakota:** A success story with Licensure in this State. They were determined and never gave up. They created a united and empowered team to work together.

Saturday the 25th was a day for more discussion on the proposed amendments to the by-laws, 12 Main Motions and the Chapter meetings. At most Chapter meetings they discussed the issues on terminology with certain by-laws for clarification and presented proviso.

On Sunday June 26, 2016 the Second Business Meeting of the House of Delegates was called to order at 8:00 am. There were 158 Delegates seated in the House accompanied by a students from the affiliates.

The House of Delegates addressed more than 55 motions and took action on a number of significant issues, most notably were: Practice Standards for Mammography Sonography and Quality Management were reviewed and approved.

The issue that spurred the most debate was a proposed language change to bylaws and position statements from "American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or equivalent" to "certification agencies recognized by the ASRT." A statement on how certification agencies recognized by the ASRT would be defined and determined was added.

One new position statement that was adopted may have a significant impact on practice: "all digital radiographic images of diagnostic quality acquired upon the order of a licensed independent practitioner for use in diagnosis or guidance be submitted for interpretation, documented and/or archived as part of the patient's medical image and radiation dose record"

Please refer to the ASRT website for details of all the adopted amendments voted on by members of the 2016 House of Delegates.

Michael Odgren, B.S., R.P.A., R.T.(R)(CT) was re-elected as the new Speaker of the House for 2017 and Beth Weber, M.P.H., R.T.(R), RDMN, CRA, FASRT was re-elected as the new Vice-Speaker of the House for 2017. Both ran unopposed.

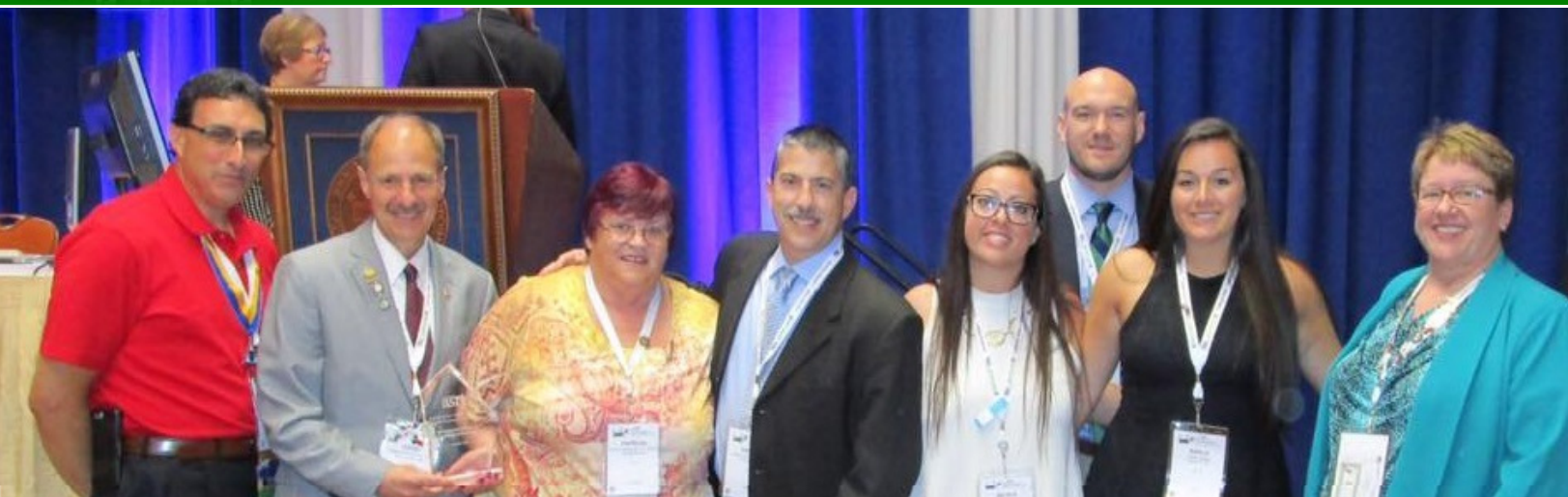
It was with great pride that the MSRT donated \$1,370 to Homes for Our Troops with funds collected from our membership. Thank you for your generosity!



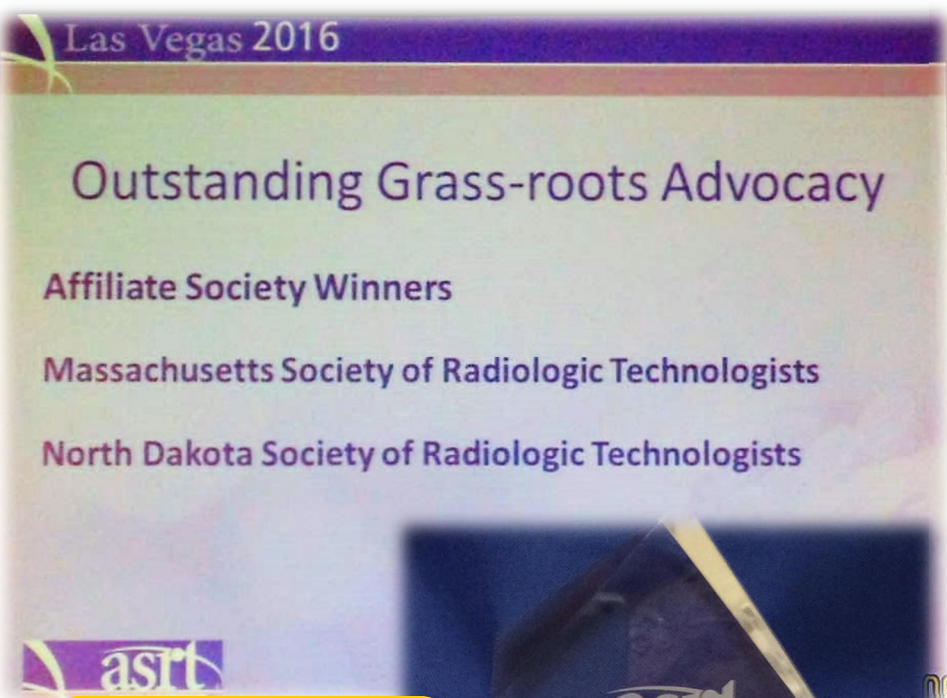




# 2016 ASRT House of Delegates Meeting Student Leadership Development Program



From Left: Michael DelVecchio, David LeClair, Patricia Willett, Darren Sack, Nicole Napolitano, Roland LaRoche, Kayla Yameen & Nancy Julin



*Student Leadership Development Program Reps for Massachusetts Kayla Yameen & Nicole Napolitano above*

*The MSRT was selected to receive the 2016 ASRT Outstanding Grass-Roots Advocacy Award*



*Michel Cody, State Delegate, poses with the MSRT Outstanding Grass-roots Advocacy Award to the left*







# Governance Report ★ July 2016

Submitted by: Patricia Willett & David LeClair  
Governance Co-Chairs

The MSRT continually advocates for all Massachusetts technologists and a lot has been happening in Massachusetts during the past 3 months! We make every effort to monitor and respond to critical issues promptly. Please remember that we are volunteers members of the MSRT board. The MSRT does not have the financial resources to support hiring professional lobbyists to speak for us. It is imperative that **you** stay informed and respond quickly to our "Calls for Action". **We all need to work together to accomplish our goal of advocating for our profession and our patients.**

The Radiation Control Program (RCP) reports that the updates based upon testimony presented to the Department of Public Health (DPH) hearing on revisions to the 105 CMR 125, Radiologic Technologist Licensing regulations have been made and are awaiting scheduling on the Public Health Council PHC agenda. The next PHC meeting is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> and we hope to have good news for you soon regarding these long awaited revisions soon.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> we became aware that the DPH had issued an Advisory Ruling (AR) related to Nurse Practitioners performing fluoroscopy. The Advisory Ruling does not require examination or licensing. Under current regulations, 105 CMR 405 (K) (9) NP's may operate fluoroscopy equipment only when acting as the first assistant in Cardiac Cath labs under the direct supervision of a qualified physician. **AR 0201** was very broadly interpreted by the Board of Registration in Nursing (BORN) to allow fluoroscopy to be performed by NP's without certification or licensing, not only in Cardiac Cath labs but in other areas as well. On April 27<sup>th</sup> MSRT representatives met with staff in the office of DPH Commissioner Bharel's office to discuss our opposition to AR 0201. Their verbal response during the meeting was favorable, indicating that they would suggest revision and clarification to include at least the same standards currently applied to PA's in 105 CMR 405 (K) (9). As of this writing we are waiting for follow-up. <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/dhpl/nursing/nursing-practice/advisory-rulings/first-assistant-in-cardiac-catheterization.html>

Currently in the Massachusetts legislature there are four bills, **S.1207, S.1163, H.1889 and H.1996**, related to the scope of practice of Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Anesthetists. The language in these bills is very concerning and raises issues regarding the open ended authority that would be granted to Advance Practice Nurses. The legislative deadline for action on these bills was July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The MSRT has been collaborating with the ASRT and the Massachusetts Radiologic Society (MRS) and is actively lobbying against passage of these bills. We will keep you informed on any action.

## On the National Level: H.R.4614 - Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act of 2016

This bill will recognize registered radiologist assistants and certified radiology practitioner assistants, collectively known as radiologist assistants, as non-physical providers of health care services by Medicare. H.R. 4614 authorizes physician reimbursement paid to the facility or supervising radiologist through the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for services performed by radiologist assistants in the states that have laws establishing RA guidelines. The bill currently has 35 cosponsors but none from Massachusetts! Please contact your representatives and ask them to sign on as a co-sponsor of this important legislations.

## Veterans Affairs Regulatory Proposal

The MSRT and ASRT oppose the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs regulatory proposal that will allow certified nurse practitioners to perform, supervise and interpret laboratory and imaging studies when providing care for the nation's veterans. The deadline for comments on this proposal was July 25<sup>th</sup>. Be assured that if this regulation is approved there will be a significant impact on the ability of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to succeed in their efforts to encroach on radiology here in Massachusetts as well. Be sure to watch for updates and future calls to action.



## New Hampshire



Senate Bill 330 that that creates licensure standards for radiographers, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists, magnetic resonance technologists, radiologist assistants, limited x-ray machine operators and sonographers was signed into law on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The related regulations scheduled to take effect in January 2017 are currently being established by the NH Department of Radiological Health.

For more information, please visit:  
<http://member.msrt-ma.org/advocacy/>

# “Stepping Outside the Box: Being a Pediatric Technologist”

Submitted By: Cacey Cafua, RT(R)



Working in Pediatrics puts Radiologic Technologists into situations where you must adapt quickly to provide the highest quality care to our patients. The trained skills of a technologist are continually challenged and perfected. A pediatric technologist must get on the same level as their patient in order to comfort and console them, to provide a calm environment. Stepping outside of your comfort zone to understand your patient is the key to acquiring your diagnostic exam and ensuring your patient has the best possible experience.

No matter what the circumstances you may be faced with, you must always have to keep a clear open mind. Working with children can be challenging but the goal of acquiring good images should always be your priority. Working with children can sometimes lead to stressful situations: keeping calm will help you and your patients through the exam.

Getting down to eye level with your patient to answer questions and concerns is the best way to open a positive line of communication. Being attentive to your patients gives them a sense of comfort and enables them to listen and respond positively to your approach. Speaking in terms they understand or incorporating familiar, relatable objects are tools you can use to gain a child's trust. Comparing the X-ray tube to “mommy's camera” or lead shielding to that of a super hero's cape is both fun and helpful when explaining the exam. Working with pediatric patients is very different from working with adults. Take the extra time to become familiar with your patient and open that line of communication and trust.

Distractions tools can be an effective way of helping your patients through their exam. Bubbles, stress balls, a DVD player with a familiar movie, sound makers, or a parent's cell phone are all good distraction tools to have readily available. Having the patient's parent or care taker present and including them throughout the exam can make a great difference to the outcome of the exam. Children respond well to a familiar face, having something or someone familiar in the room will comfort them in a way you may not be able. There will be cases where the parent is anxious or the patient is just too upset to be calm. If you're fortunate enough to have a child life specialist, they can be both helpful to the children and the family members. When a child life specialist is present they give you the opportunity to focus on obtaining your images as efficiently as possible.

There are many ways to prepare yourself for a pediatric fluoroscopy exam to ensure that you are ready for almost any situation. The patient's current condition or their maturity level factors into every exam and cannot be predetermined. Organization and preparation for your upcoming exam can alleviate some of the stress for your patients. Keeping supplies stocked and readily available also helps the exam go smoothly and efficiently. Technologist should constantly think outside the box to ensure they are mentally and physically ready for any situation. The technologist's calm presence and confident demeanor can go a long way to keep everyone involved at ease.

Radiologic Technologists specializing in pediatrics come to learn no two cases are the same, so being ready for any situation is a great step towards success. Having the ability to speak and effectively communicate with your patient at a level that they can understand is the key to being great at your craft! Sometimes you may need to get a little silly: have fun with bubbles or sing a song, is all in a day's work. Do what it takes to ensure your patients and care takers have a great experience. Utilizing your learned skills as well as your life lessons can go a long way in this position.



# MSRT Events

## MSRT ½ Day Seminars

For the second year in a row, the MSRT has been able to secure participation in the ASRT Affiliate Financial Program. As a result of this program during the 2016-2017 membership year the MSRT will offer the two FREE ½ day seminars listed below to MSRT members who pre-register.

**September 10, 2016**

Good Samaritan Medical Center  
Brockton, MA

**February 4, 2017**

Northern Essex Community College  
Haverhill, MA

*The seminar below will offered at a reduced rate for MSRT members.*

**Mammography Seminar**

**November 5, 2016**

Lahey Hospital & Medical Center  
Burlington, MA



TO REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS



*Join us at LeLacheur Park for  
MSRT Friends & Family Day*

### Lowell Spinners vs Brooklyn Cyclones

Sunday August 21, 2016 5:05 PM

*A limited number of tickets are available ~ Reserve your seats now*



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### **Thanks for our Seminar Sponsors:**

*Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center for providing the meeting space & breakfast, Middlesex Community College for donating meeting space & Lahey Medical Center Peabody for sponsoring breakfast at our 1/2 Day Seminars during the 2015-2016 Membership Year. Special thanks to XRIT for donating a door prize. Their continued support of our society is greatly appreciated*

**Steward**



**Lahey Medical Center**  
Peabody

## Call for Speakers



We are looking for qualified speakers and experienced professionals to present at the 2017 ½ Day Seminar on February 4th in Haverhill, MA and the 2017 Annual Conference on April 13th & 14th in Leominster, MA . If you are interested in being a speaker, or would like to recommend someone as a speaker, we invite you to contact us at [info@msrt-ma.org](mailto:info@msrt-ma.org) or submit a proposal now. Presentations should represent one of the following areas related to Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy:

- Cultural competence/diversity or ethical and legal issues
- Emerging technologies and protocols for clinical efficiency and improved accuracy
- Patient care, safety, immobilization methods and patient positioning techniques
- Radiation Safety Scope of practice and ethics Improving communication with colleagues and patients, workplace concerns including the affordable care act, documentation, budgeting, staffing, etc.
- Education methodologies, scientific research and case studies
- Controversial topics that affect our patients and their health

Presentations are 50 minutes in length. The content must be vendor neutral or, if a vendor's products or services are mentioned, there must be a comparison to the industry standard or other competitors' products in the activity. All proposals will be evaluated on the degree to which the presentation impacts the audience and/or reflects one or more of the above listed content areas. Proposal submission participants will be notified via email no later than September 30, 2016 regarding acceptance of their proposal for the annual conference. Submission of a proposal does not guarantee acceptance.

Proposals must include the following:

- Title and two-three sentence description of your presentation
- Brief outline of your presentation
- 3-5 objectives or learning outcomes for your presentation
- Resume or curriculum vitae with name, institution, address, phone number, and email. Include a list of previous presentations.
- Equipment/audiovisual requirements for your presentation

Email all proposals in Microsoft Word compatible format to [info@msrt-ma.org](mailto:info@msrt-ma.org) with "MSRT Speaker Proposal" in the subject line.



We would like to give a Special Thanks to Michelle Bond & Megan Marshall for an amazing conference! They both did an fantastic job again this year although Michelle was eight months pregnant & Megan just dropped her son off at boot camp. We appreciate their dedication to the society & it's members. Michele Cody (State Delegate) & Kayla Yameen (Massachusetts representative at the 2016 ASRT Student Leadership Development Program) have volunteered to serve as our 2017 Conference Co-Chairs so we looking forward to working with them.

Special Thanks to Tyler Martin, Past President of the MSRT for volunteering once again to handle our A/V needs at the conference. His continued support is greatly appreciated!




**NECC won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the  
"Show Your School Spirit"  
T-shirt Contest**



### Membership Renewals & Membership Cards

Check your mailbox for your 2016-2017 membership renewal statement. You can renew online using PayPal by logging into your web account & click Renew Subscription OR you can mail your renewal statement to the MSRT Office.



## *The MSRT welcomes it's newest members*

### *Miles Gordon*

Born on 5/13/16 Weight: 6 lbs, 13 oz. Length: 21"

Welcomed By: Matt & Michelle Kilroy



Michelle was our 2015/2016 Conference Co-Chair & Matt designed the cover for the 2015 Annual Conference

### *Colton David*

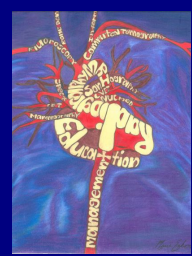
Born on 4/14/16 Weight: 7 lbs, 11 oz. Length: 20"

Welcomed By: David & Kerri Brennan as well as with big brothers Parker & Brody



Kerri has served as one of our Educational Councillors for many years as well as served on the Executive Board





# 2016 MSRT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

## “Pathways to Excellence in Medical Imaging”



From Left: Patricia Willett, David LeClair (State Delegates), Michael Odgren, Nancy Julin (President) & Darren Sack (Chairman of the Board)

Michael Odgren , ASRT Speaker of the House/Keynote Speaker & Quinsigamond Community College Alumni



From Left: Linda LeFave, Michael Odgren & Colleen Kirley

Micheal DelVecchio, Scholarship Chair & Past President with Carol Wallace, QCC Chair & Past President



Pat Willett delivers her Oliver E. Merrill Lecture



# 2016 MSRT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS



Darren Sack delivers his Outgoing President's Speech



Richard Tetrault is inducted as Secretary



MICHAEL ODGREN



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Elaine McHugh is inducted as Member At Large



Karen Farris is inducted as Vice President



Jane Erekson is inducted as President Elect



Nancy Julin is inducted as President of the MSRT



Chris Mercurio & Michele Cody are installed as State Delegates







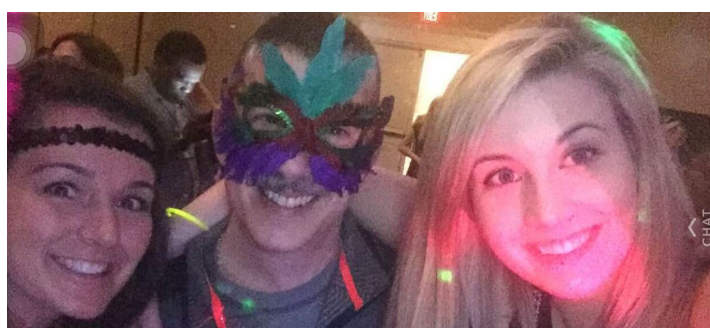
# "Mardi Gras" Dance







# "Mardi Gras" Dance





# 2016 MSRT CONFERENCE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

*David  
LeClair  
(Past  
Oliver E.  
Merrill  
Lecturer)  
with  
Patricia  
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*Above left to right:  
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*Victoria DeSimone is awarded  
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# BUZZ BOWL 2016

Submitted By: Brenna Lapsley, RT(R)  
2016 Buzz Bowl Coordinator

## 1st Place - Brigham & Womens Hospital



## 2nd Place - Springfield Technical Community College



## 3rd Place - Northern Essex Community College



I would like to thank all of the students and coaches for another successful year with the Buzz Bowl! It was my first year as a Buzz Bowl Coordinator and I learned how much hard work and dedication goes into making it a valuable and positive experience. The teams were all very strong and it was a close competition for the top three spots.

The nine competing teams:

- *Brigham and Woman's Hospital*
- *Bunker hill Community College*
- *Quinsigamond Community College*
- *Lawrence Memorial/ Regis College*
- *Massasoit Community College*
- *Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Science*
- *Middlesex Community College*
- *Northern Essex Community College*
- *Springfield Technical Community College*

The top three teams:

- 1) *Brigham and Woman's Hospital*
- 2) *Springfield Community College*
- 3) *Northern Essex Community College*

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to help organize and prepare for the Buzz Bowl. A special thanks to Jane Erikson, Elaine McHugh, Lynn Pellecchia and Tim Wilkinson for all of your help. I also want to thank all of the volunteers specifically Michelle Speranza and Colleen Ricketts for all of their time and effort. Lastly, thank you to Cacey Cafua and Lisa Lorick for helping to keep us on track.

The MSRT always goes above and beyond to make Buzz Bowl a positive and educational experience for all of the students and coaches. Without the help of volunteers and our fellow MSRT board members the Buzz Bowl games would not be possible.

Congratulations to everyone who participated from all of us on the Buzz Bowl Committee. We look forward to the 2017 Buzz Bowl competition!



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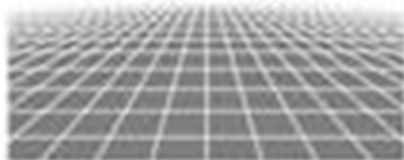
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