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- My Experience at the SLDP
- Scholarship recipient update



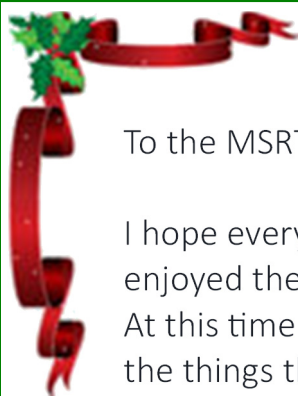
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President's Message



To the MSRT Members,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed their time with family and friends.

At this time of year many of us reflect on all of the things that we are thankful for. I would like to expand on that thought and express my

many thanks to the dedicated MSRT board members who have helped make a number of MSRT and other related events so successful.

A special thanks to two of our MSRT Executive Board Members, Rick Tetrault, Secretary and Renee Puryear, State Delegate, for organizing a very successful free educational seminar at the Steward Good Samaritan Hospital on September 10th. We had a total of 38 attendees, including both technologists and students, at this event and we received very positive feedback regarding the lectures and the venue site. Additionally, we were able to collect \$150.00 that day for the charity, Homes for Our Troops (HFOT) that the MSRT has supported for a number of years.

On October 20, 2016 the MSRT tried to organize a paint night at the Muse Paint Bar in Lynnfield, MA as a way for the MSRT members to meet and get to know the MSRT Executive Board members a little better but unfortunately we lacked a sufficient number of registrations to hold this event. I would like to extend my thanks to Michele Cody for working hard to organize this event. This paint night event sounded like it would be a lot of fun and would have allowed MSRT members to not only get to know their Executive Board members a little better but would have provided folks with the opportunity to drink a little wine (if they wanted to) and try their hand at painting a possible work of art and have some fun and relaxation.

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President's Message

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Since both the MSRT Spinner's Game night scheduled this summer and the Muse Paint Bar event were very poorly attended the MSRT has decided to forgo trying to schedule any more of these types of "meet and greet" events this year. If members have suggestions for other ways for the board members to connect with the MSRT membership or other events you would be interested in having the MSRT try to organize please send an e-mail to info@msrt.org with your ideas.

Dave LeClair and Pat Willett, the Co-Chairs of MSRT Governance Committee and four Northern Essex Community College (NECC) Radiologic Technology students: Brittany Scarpello Emmaline Rheault, Taylor Carelli, Kim Corsaro, spent their Saturday, November 19, 2016 volunteering their time at a Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) event in Freetown, MA. Britany's boyfriend Joe, a former veteran himself, and Pat's sister Lois also volunteered their time at this event. After a few hours of hard work, by a number of volunteers, including those who represented the MSRT and NECC, the landscaping for the home for Army veteran Sergeant Christopher Gomes and his family was completed. Sergeant Gomes and his family are scheduled to move into their new home in time for this Christmas. What a great present!

On November 5, 2016 we held another very successful educational seminar at Lahey Clinic & Medical Center in Burlington, MA. This seminar had a focus on Mammography and 46 MSRT members were able to obtain four (4) Mammography continuing education (CE) credits for a reduced rate of \$30.00. The mammography lecturers were very interesting and the speakers were great. Thank you to Jane Erekson, President Elect and Elaine McHugh, Member at Large for organizing this event. Attendees had the opportunity to test their knowledge of the material being presented in one of the lectures in a fun and anonymous way through the use of clicker technology. By the buzz of excitement in the room everyone seemed to enjoy this aspect of the lecture. Again, the feedback we received on the venue and the speakers was all very positive. A special thanks to all of the Lahey speakers who donated their time for this event and waived the honorariums we typically provide speakers. Additionally the radiologists also chipped in to provide drinks and snacks during the break time which was an unexpected bonus to all those in attendance. We were able to collect another \$90.00 that day towards our charity, HFOT with an additional \$50.00 check donated for that charity. Carol Wallace, the MSRT Quarter Century Club (QCC) President raffled off two framed ASRT mammography images and the \$75.00 collected from this raffle is used to help support the QCC Scholarship fund. For those of you who sent donations towards the QCC scholarships during Radiologic Technology Week thank you for your generosity.

The next **free** MSRT Educational Seminar is scheduled for **February 4, 2017** at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, MA. MSRT members will have the opportunity to earn four (4) CE credits, one which will be in Radiation Protection. Please check the MSRT website for additional information. Carol Wallace, will again be raffling off a framed ASRT image at this seminar and the funds collected will help support the Quarter Century Club (QCC) scholarship fund.

I am very thankful for all of the hard work and dedication of all of the MSRT board members to date and I am looking forward to the Holiday Season, as I'm sure you are as well.

2016 ASRT SLDP UPDATE

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES



From Left: Kayla Yameen with Nicole Napolitano, student representatives from Mass

My experience with the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program was nothing short of amazing. It was the opportunity of a lifetime to be able to meet so many new people, and many of those whom I can say with excitement are new friends and colleagues. I am a firm believer that knowledge is power, and having the

opportunity to be exposed to so many different lecture topics and people who are from all areas of the Radiology field is very empowering, especially to a young graduate like myself. It really gave me a chance to mingle with a variety of different people which provided a great opportunity to talk about different techniques or experiences with technologists new and old. By attending the different lectures that were offered, I was able to expand my knowledge and open my eyes to different things going on in other branches of the medical field.

To see how much goes into the ASRT, the outstanding support from the technologists who were present, and how the Society represents and benefits us as students and technologists got me very excited. It is extremely reassuring to know that you have a great support system like the ASRT behind you to always be on the lookout of the better interest of your profession. It inspired me to become a bigger part of my State Society, the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists, as the annual conference and social media co-chair. The ASRT SLDP has benefited me for the better. It has inspired me to keep reaching for my goals and to always keep striving to be the best radiologic technologist I can be. I am forever grateful for this experience and the lifelong lessons I have learned and will carry with me through my career.

Respectfully submitted,
Kayla Yameen, RT(R)
MSRT Conference Co-Chair
MSRT Social Media Committee



*Tayla with Michael DelVecchio
MSRT Scholarship Chair*

It is not everyday that you receive news that helps to change your life. This past March I received news from the MSRT that would make the path I was on drastically change its course for the better.

For many years I have known that I am destined to work with cancer patients as a radiation therapist. This rewarding career path is one of many modalities that can be looked into upon graduating from the radiology program that I was lucky enough to attend at a community college that offered financial aid. With graduation nearing the corner for me last year, I knew I had to step towards continuing my education with radiation therapy.

One major setback I encountered was the cost of tuition. I applied for the MSRT scholarship knowing there were many qualified and motivated candidates. I almost held off and waited to save up money to afford the costs of the program. However, I knew that the key to success is to make goals toward bettering your future, and work on them each day anyway that you can. To my luck and perseverance I received news that I was awarded a generous scholarship to go back to school, and I was speechless. I was elated that I could begin the step toward my education and career right away, instead of waiting to save money.

Today I am three weeks into the radiation therapy program at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA and I couldn't be happier. Each day I wake up and look forward to school knowing I am getting a great education, bettering myself, and heading towards a career where I can really help patients each day. To the MSRT scholarship foundation I am forever grateful.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tayla Brodin, RT(R)
2016 Florence Wakefield Scholarship Recipient

MSRT Events

Please visit www.msrt-ma.org

MSRT ½ Day Seminar

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 offered two FREE ½ day seminars to its members who pre-registered.

The last of these free seminars is listed below

February 4, 2017

**Northern Essex
Community College
Haverhill, MA**

**Please click the slider
to reserve your seat
now**



TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

Homes For Our Troops Volunteer Day for Sergeant Christopher Gomes

Dave LeClair & Pat Willett along with 4 (NECC) RT students: Brittany Scarpello, Emmaline Rheault, Taylor Carelli, Kim Corsaro along with Britany's boyfriend Joe, a former veteran himself, and Pat's sister Lois served as volunteer landscapers on 11/19/16.



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Scholarships



Attention Students & Technologists furthering their education:

The MSRT along with the Quarter Century Club and the 2016 graduating class of Northern Essex Community College are offering 5 scholarships at our 2017 Annual Conference.

To find out more information, please visit the Education section of our website:

<http://member.msrt-ma.org/continuing-education/scholarships/>

We are hosting the Scientific Exhibit/Paper Contest at our 86th Annual Conference. Submit your application today!

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Special thanks to **Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center** or sponsoring the continental breakfast & venue at our 9/10/16 seminar

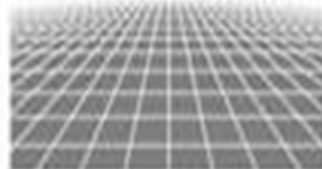


**Lahey Hospital
& Medical Center**



**Lahey Medical Center
Peabody**

Special thanks to Lahey Hospital & Medical Center along with Lahey Medical Center Peabody for sponsoring the lectures at our Mammography Seminar on 11/5/2016 seminar.



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systems Inc.**

Special Thanks to Medical Imaging Systems (MIS) for sponsoring the continental breakfast at our 2/4/17 seminar

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The MSRT is committed to equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in all programs and activities and complies with all State and Federal Non-Discriminatory Guidelines.. This includes but is not limited to opportunities or benefits on the basis of age, sex, color, race, creed, national origin, religious persuasion, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military status, political belief or disability.



HOLD THE DATE!

**2017 MSRT 86TH
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**
April 13-14, 2017

Buzz Bowl 2017
April 12-14, 2017
DoubleTree Leominster
99 Erdman Way, Leominster

Share your ideas, network, meet old friends & make the MSRT stronger than ever so we can ensure the future success of technologists in Massachusetts!