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From the President...



Greetings! The 2012 conference was another great success! I would like to extend an enthusiastic “thank you” to the many people who work very hard throughout the year to organize and run the conference, and to everyone who attends. It’s a great way to meet people, network and learn. So if you haven’t been in a while, plan to come to the Lodge of Four Seasons in Osage Beach, Missouri, April 17-20, 2013. The theme is “Be at the Top of Your Game.” We are all professionals who excel in patient care, radiation protection and customer service. Come and help us celebrate our field!

We have made some changes—we have been listening to you! We understand that money is tight and are trying to find ways to trim the cost of the conference. Starting in 2013, we will have a special rate for those who are only able to attend on Saturday. In addition, we are moving to a new location in 2014 to help lower the cost of rooms and registration. We also have changes coming in the future that should make it easier for you and your coworker, friends, students, etc., to come to the conference. The goal is to increase our MSRT membership and conference participation so that our voice is loud and heard in regards to licensure in Missouri.

In addition to gearing up for the 2013 conference, we are excited about a new event we will be celebrating annually: Radiation Safety Awareness Day. This special day will be March 27, Wilhelm Roentgen’s birthday. We are planning to meet in Jefferson City on that day to promote radiation safety awareness, so look for more information to come. If you have not visited our Facebook page or website, please take the time to do so. They are both great ways to stay in touch and find out what is happening in Missouri and with the MSRT.

I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Kristi Littleton

From the Student Intern...



I have been very pleased with the experiences and opportunities that I've encountered during my time as the student intern. I am grateful that I was able to attend the ASRT Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada over the summer. It was here that I gained insight as to how the ASRT plays an important role in the field of radiologic technology. I was also proud to witness our very own Norman Hente receive the honor of ASRT Life Member from ASRT President Dawn McNeil. Attending the MSRT Board of Directors meetings has also provided me with a greater understanding of the hard work and dedication that plays an important role in keeping this society going. The MSRT truly exists for the betterment of the individual radiologic technologist and the profession itself.

As student intern, I have traveled to radiologic technology programs across the state and am proud to say that I've encountered students who are enthusiastic about the careers they are pursuing. Emphasizing the importance of passing the CARE Bill and the need for radiation safety for our patients has excited this generation of future technologists. They are eager to contact their local representatives via telephone, email or letter. By informing my fellow future technologists of all the networking, learning and "once in a lifetime" opportunities I've experienced, I hope to encourage more involvement and activity with the MSRT.

Finally, with the help and encouragement of fellow board members, I presented a lecture at MSRT's District 1 conference this year. I spoke on the importance of excellent customer service in the health care field. This was an unforgettable experience and has enabled me to expand on my public speaking skills enormously. I am extremely thankful for the opportunities bestowed upon me and plan to take advantage of every aspect during my term as MSRT Student Intern.

Sincerely,

Casey Scott

Norm Hente honored with ASRT Lifetime Membership

In June of this year, Missouri's own Norman Hente, MS, RT (R), FASRT, was elevated to Life Member by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). This honor recognizes individuals for their exceptional service and dedication to the ASRT and the radiological sciences profession. But Norman is no stranger to this type of recognition; he has been granted many accolades since starting his career in 1960.

His peers might describe Norman as confident, persistent and innovative. These attributes are why the Fourth District of St. Louis awarded him Life Membership in 1985 and the MSRT did the same the following year. In 1987 he became an ASRT Fellow and in 1989 was granted Mallinckrodt's Outstanding Technologist Award of Excellence.

Norman has always valued participation in professional organizations, made evident by the contributions he has made to the ASRT and MSRT. He has served on the ASRT Board of Directors and House of Delegates. For the MSRT, Norm has been President and Vice President, chaired numerous committees and is a past editor of *The Radiographer*. He was also the MSRT conference chair for 7 years. His appetite for knowledge-sharing, self-development and learning helped him earn over 20 awards in district, state and national scientific competitions.

Norman worked at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology in St. Louis from 1966-1998. It was here that he found an interest in special procedures and learned to do angiograms and pneumoencephalograms on the job. Medical photography was another area Norm worked in, reproducing radiographs for classrooms, seminars and textbooks. He also figured out how to manipulate images for improved diagnoses much the way computer software does today, but before it was available.

In 1984, Norman earned his bachelor's degree from



Norman Hente (right) with friend, Michael Ward, Ph.D., RT (R), FASRT. Both gentlemen are ASRT & MSRT Life Members, ASRT Fellows and MSRT Past Presidents.

Western Michigan University and his master's degree in business and management from National Louis University in 1996. He retired the first time in 1998, but found himself wanting to get back into patient care. So he worked per diem from 2000-2007. He currently focuses on his own business, Bar Nor Services, with his wife, Barbara Hente, BA, RT (N), CNMT, FASRT. Together they provide education and professional radiology services to area businesses. Norman is currently an affiliate delegate for the ASRT and the MSRT's webmaster.

Don't be late, save the date!

January 15, 2013 – *Deadline for MSRT Student Intern Applications (special deadline to coincide with the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program)*

February 14, 2013 – *Deadlines for:*

Essay Competition

Exhibit Competition

Student Scholarship Competition

Technologist Scholarship Competition

Student Bowl Competition

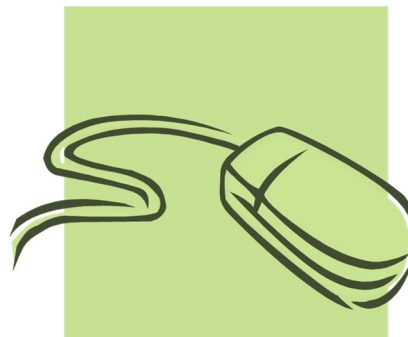
March 3-5, 2013 – *ASRT's 15th annual RT in DC (online registration opens December 12 at www.asrt.org/RTinDC)*

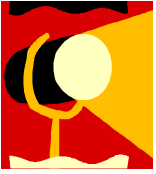
March 27, 2013 – *Radiation Awareness Day, Jefferson City, MO (more information to come)*

April 17-20, 2013 – *81st Annual MSRT Conference: "Be at the Top of Your Game!"*



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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 Melissa Hart, MHA, RT (R) (M), a mammographer at Boone Hospital's Harris Breast Center in Columbia, MO.

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

A: I started with the MSRT when I was a student, back in 2002. I began as their first student intern, which led me to other opportunities on the board of directors. I've served as the student intern co-chair, student activities chair, Secretary and Vice President. I've also been the editor of the Radiographer since 2007.



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

A: I've had so many opportunities it's hard to pick just one! In 2003, as the student intern, I went to Washington D.C. with my fellow MSRT friends for RT in DC. And in 2009 I was accepted to the ASRT's Leadership Academy in Albuquerque, NM. Both were amazing learning opportunities, great for networking with others in the profession and fun travel experiences. I also really enjoyed my time as student activities chair, helping plan student activities for our annual conference.

Q: What can others expect to get out of volunteering for the MSRT?

A: A real sense of involvement in their profession! Volunteering for the MSRT is such a great way to grow professionally and truly give back to the radiological sciences profession. It's amazing to look at what everyone accomplishes throughout the year on the MSRT, especially the caliber of annual conference we provide. Also expect to make some great friends!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

Interested in *enhancing* your career? Want to *give back* to your profession? **Consider volunteering on the MSRT Board of Directors!** We have many committees and positions waiting for you! We are looking for volunteers for 2013-2014. **Contact Kelley.Mcdonald@mosrt.org.**

Cindy Daniels, MS, RT (R), FASRT, recognized for professional achievement



On Friday, October 5, the University of Missouri – Columbia School of Health Professions (SHP) honored Cindy Daniels with the 2012 Alumni Achievement Award for her outstanding professional achievements. On this evening, Ms. Daniels hosted a Conversation Series event at SHP aimed at engaging faculty and students in dialogue regarding what professionalism is all about.

Ms. Daniels is Past President of the MSRT and ASRT and MSRT Life Member. She is currently the Director of Continuing Registration for the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

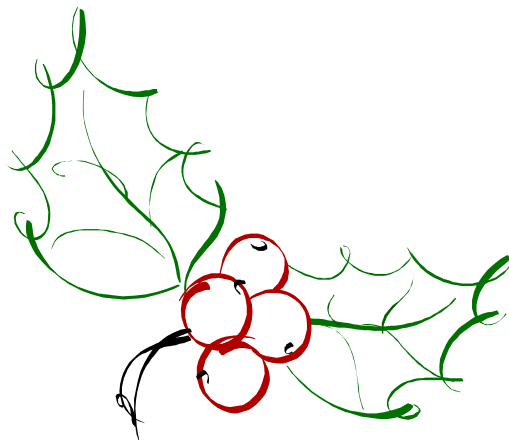
HISTORICAL TIDBITS... from MSRT Historian Martin Henson, RT (R)

- The MSRT was organized in 1931, 36 years after the "discovery" of x-rays.
- Frank Senechal was the first President.
- There have been 68 presidents since 1931. Some served multiple-year terms or more than once at different times.
- There have been 10 Henry Y. Cashion Student Interns since the program began in 2003. One has held the office of MSRT President – Eric Rogers – in 2005.
- Since the honor's beginning in 1946, there have been 46 members elevated to Life status – from Frances Clark in 1946 to Kristi Littleton in 2011. Of the 46 Life members, 21 are still alive.

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*Happy Holidays from
the MSRT Board of Directors!*



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