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A Message from the President

"It's Miller's Time"

Greetings, everyone. It is hard to believe that another season is just around the corner. Spring brings a new beginning with warmer temperatures, longer daylight, tree's budding with leaves, and tulips and daffodils in bloom. As we look back on the challenges of the past year, focus on the new beginnings of spring as encouragement for the remaining year.

The OSRT is looking for volunteers for various committees. President-Elect Gary Greathouse is in the process of setting up the committees that will be active during his Presidency. Please consider serving on a committee to enhance your professional service. More information on the committees can be found on the webpage at <u>OSRT Seeks Volunteers</u>

Make sure you take time to review the proposed changes to the OSRT Bylaws. Please contact the <u>Executive</u> <u>Office</u> by March 25 with any questions or comments. If you are an OSRT member and did not receive an e-mail with the proposed changes attached, contact the <u>Executive Office</u>. Voting by electronic ballot sent via e-mail will start March 29.

The 80th Annual Meeting will be held in a virtual format on April 9 & 10. Join us via Zoom to update your professional knowledge while earning continuing education credits.

As my Presidential term comes to a close, I want to say thank-you to those that have said "yes" to serving on a committee. Even though the committees could not meet face to face, every effort was made to continue moving forward with their charges through virtual meetings. This may be a convenient and productive way to meet in the future, however, I look forward to when we can meet face-to-face at an Annual Meeting. Hopefully, I will be the only one who will serve as President during a "virtual" year.

Judy M. Miller

OSRT President

Join us <u>"virtually"</u> for the 80th Annual Meeting

We are happy to announce that the 80th OSRT Annual Meeting is on and currently open for registration! It will be held virtually on Friday, April 9th and Saturday, April 10th 2021. Please register for the meeting **no later than April 1st, 2021** on www.osrt.org !!!

As you know, the 79th OSRT Annual Meeting, planned for April 2020, was cancelled due to the pandemic state mandate from the governor of Ohio. It is an understatement to say that this past year has been full of change and adjustments for us all, both personally and professionally. Program Directors and educators rose to the occasion and gracefully maintained their ability to provide excellent educational platforms for their students and programs remained successful, despite the limitations. Technologists faced a most challenging time in health care, donned their PPE and cared for their patients in the midst of this global pandemic never seen previously with professionalism and strength. We are proud of the work of educators, technologists and students under the medical imaging umbrella, and hope that you all see your contributions and flexibility are valued and appreciated, especially since it is not over. We are all in this together, although not always in the same boat, we are in the same ocean.

In terms of the 2021 OSRT Annual Meeting, although some of the annual events such as the Quiz Bowl, the Philip Ballinger Assessment Student Self-Assessment Exam and OSRT Foundation contests are postponed this year, we are still offering the Educators Forum, the OSRT Business Session, and a wide variety of continuing education topics given by presenters from Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. All scheduled presentations are eligible for category A and have also been submitted to ARRT for approval as CQR CE.

Friday sessions are dedicated to technologists, educators, and students and will begin with OSRT President Judy Miller introducing the Ray Berg Memorial Lecture. See page 3 for more information on topics presented.

After these presentations, we will hold the Educators Open Forum on the topic of JRC Standards, discussion led by Tricia Leggett, DHEd, RT (R) (QM), FASRT. This is always a wonderful opportunity for the educators to collaborate and share experiences, ideas, and thoughts with each other and provides a forum for networking and open discussion.

Saturday sessions will be devoted to <u>ARRT's Continuing Qualifications Requirements</u> and are also great review sessions for students as they prepare for the ARRT certification exam. Saturday will begin with the introduction of the Millie Broadhurst Memorial Lecture. See page 3 for more information on topics presented.

We invite you to get more involved in your profession and in the OSRT! Watch the OSRT website, *Cardinal Rays* and our social media pages for more details on volunteering, presenting, etc.

We look forward to "seeing" everyone virtually in April!

Terri Bruckner, Andrea Tschirner, Allison Stokes

2021 Annual Meeting Chairs

For technologists, educators and students! **CQR & ARRT** exam focused **FRIDAY's Agenda SATURDAY's Agenda** - "Are you an 'Ardent Enthusiast' or - Teaching Technologists Digital Just a Sideshow Freak" Imaging - Cardiac Imaging: CT Angio of -Communication Challenges and the **Coronary Artieries** Effects on Healthcare - Radiologic Sciences in Guyana: - Pharma What? How Does All of this **Developing a Quality Assurance** Work? Program - Radiation Effects on the Human Body - Impacts of Interprofessional - Gender Responsiveness, Diversity, Education and inclusivity in a healthcare setting - Brachytherapy Treatment of Age Related Macular Degeneration: Historical Overview and Current Trends - Have You Ever Been in These Shoes? For MORE INFORMATION about this years' Annual Meeting including guest speakers and registration... The OSRT encourages all technologists to attend the virtual OSRT Business Session; also to be held VISIT OUF midday on Saturday. During the Business Session, you'll learn more about the OSRT, its advocacy activities, be present to see your elected OSRT officers as they are installed, and learn who has earned honors and/or achievements. www.osrt.org

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Hello Everyone,

Cardinal Rays Bi-Monthly Student Issue March/April 2021 Volume 9 Issue 9

Wow! I can't believe we are a week into March already. Like many of you out there I am filled with many emotions during this month. Looking back it's been one year since the world was taken aback by the pandemic. Many of our daily routines and procedures have shifted into a "new normal". And while it's important to recognize and reflect on the past year in order to learn and grow, I want to take some time to look forward at the future.

First, the 80th OSRT Annual Meeting is just a month away! This April 9th & 10th many technologists, students, and educators alike will be meeting virtually to present and discuss relevant and important information relating to the career we all know and love! The online registration form is open until April 1st. This is a great opportunity to network with some amazing professionals, all while getting to participate in quality educational sessions. Please refer to the following link to get all the details, and please reach out if you have questions! I hope to see some of you there! <u>https://www.osrt.org/annual-meeting/2021-annual-meeting</u>

Next, we are just a few weeks away from ending another great semester. That is so crazy to say! I feel like I was just writing my previous Cardinal Rays article and wishing you all luck as we walked into the new semester. Time sure does fly fast! To all the 2021 graduates I want to congratulate you! In only a few short weeks you'll be taking your finals and getting ready to sit for the ARRT board. I am confident that you all will receive the score you want and will be in the work field in no time. And to all the students out there I want to applaud you on your resiliency and strength through such a trying time. X-ray school isn't easy, and it doesn't get any easier through a pandemic. Nevertheless, the hard work and steadfastness you all portrayed is amazing and sets a great example to the students in the future.

Lastly, I want to say thank you. As I not only move towards the end of a semester, I also move towards the end of a very rewarding career as your OSRT Student Director. This has been such an amazing experience and has given me opportunities and memories that I will treasure for a lifetime. I want to thank all the amazing board members out there for being such a great support system for me as I learn and grow with this professional organization. I also want to thank all the students out there for letting me be a voice for you.

I am excited and hopeful for the future.

As always, if you have any questions about the topics mentioned above or want additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out. Take care and stay safe!

Olivia House

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The Foundation Corner

On behalf of the entire Foundation Board of Directors – HAPPY SPRING! I am always amazed by how a little sunshine can provide a beautiful sense of feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. Looking forward to temperatures continuing to rise and flowers blooming!

In preparation for this years' virtual Annual Meeting (AM), the Foundation directors have met and reviewed grants for this year. THANK YOU to all students and technologists who applied for grants this year. We have selected winners and will be communicating that with applicants very soon.

As always, we are grateful to those who have donated this year and years past and will be continuing our fundraising efforts, requesting donations during the AM. I encourage you to watch your email closely around the first week of April for specific details on how to join the "Foundation donation nation"! <u>Also, don't forget to donate through our amazon smile program.</u>

We look forward to "seeing" you at the Annual Meeting this year! Take care!

amazonsmile

Whitney Reese OSRTERF Chairperson

Currently seeking new Foundation Directors

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Membership,

We hope you have enjoyed the issues of Cardinal Rays we have published for the last 2 years. Whitney and I have had a lot of fun composing and compiling the newsletters. Whitney is responsible for the innovative format we have been using. I love the graphics she includes! We have tried to include more photos to illustrate our stories and it is clear that you have appreciated seeing yourselves and others in print!

I think we have introduced some new ideas and hope you have enjoyed reading them as much as we have enjoyed researching and writing them. I especially like the series we did on technologists working through the Covid crisis. I thought our contributors were insightful, honest and very thoughtful. I also like the "Down Memory Lane" trips we have taken – from highlights of past meetings to how it was for editors of the early publications. Another highlight are the articles spotlighting individual student programs that are going above and beyond normal expectations by providing meaningful service to their communities. We hope we have also kept you up-to-date about current discoveries and legislative activities.

This is our last issue as co-editors of the Cardinal Rays. As I stated, we have both enjoyed this assignment. However, we are both involved in the OSRTER Foundation and feel we need to give extra time to that duty to assure the continuance of a strong Foundation. On the personal side, I will be volunteering at a free medical clinic in Delaware County and I don't know yet what that may involve. As for Whitney, she is continuing to teach at COTC and her home life will absolutely be getting a lot busier in the near future!

Thank you for your support and encouragement these last three years!

Sheryl & Whitney

Cardinal Rays Co-editors



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