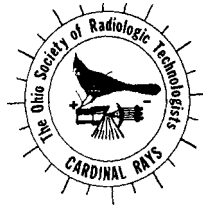


CARDINAL RAYS



Keegan's Comments

I just had an opportunity of a lifetime, as I spent two weeks travelling in Europe with my daughter! While visiting the Hard Rock Café store in London one day, I was wearing a radiography shirt. I approached a young girl for assistance, and when she saw my radiography shirt, she began to ask questions about where I was from and about my job. As it turned out, she was applying to a Radiation Therapy school in England, they have a long four-year waiting list.

This conversation prompted me to think about healthcare in England, which led to a web search for Radiography schools. During my search, I found they like to refer to us collectively as technicians (OUCH!). Once I digested that terminology, I also discovered they require a bachelor's degree. I found this line of thinking interesting, since nationally we have been debating the impact of an associate's degree, within the House of Delegates at the ASRT meeting for the last several years. Next, I did a job search and found out there are plenty of jobs for radiographers in London and Scotland. It may take 4-6 months to meet the requirements necessary to get your visa and proper credentials to work, but you may be able to work as a radiographer in England.

I realize the job market is slow right now, but I have been a radiographer for over twenty years and have seen this trend before, and it always gets better with time. Please keep in mind to just be diligent in your job search and something will become available soon. You may have

to look outside your local town but hopefully, not as far as England.

Sharon Keegan M.Ed, RT,(R)
OSRT President

A Time to CARE and Celebrate the CARE BILL

Technologists from across the country are preparing to celebrate National Radiologic Technology Week. This year, more than ever, there is another reason to unite all medical imaging professionals, the *CARE Bill*.

With all of the recent heated debates over health care reform, now is the best possible time to rally around the bill put forth by fellow technologists. Advocating medical imaging is one way to show support for the bill and this year it was the OSRT organization that propelled **Ohio** into the national spotlight earning the prestigious **ASRT National Grass-Roots Award**. A few of the notable activities conducted by OSRT members included writing letters to government officials and visiting the capital city of D.C. to gain support from their representatives (a 2-day advocacy event known as *R.T. in D.C.*).

It is important to note last year marked the tenth year the *CARE Bill* has been circulating in Congress and in December 2008 the 110th Congress adjourned without taking any further action on the bill. So whether you plan on simply writing your state representatives or attending R.T. in D.C., it is important to act now while the timing is right. Don't let your elected officials discuss health care reform without adoption of the *CARE Bill* and federal minimum standards for all medical imaging

professionals. Let's unite as technologists to make sure the 111th Congress listens to the medical community and acts to improve both patient care and health care costs, and, then let's celebrate!

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Kucinich, Dennis J., 10th
LaTourette, Steven C., 14th
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Schmidt, Jean, 2nd
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Sutton, Betty, 13th
Tiberi, Pat, 12th
Turner, Michael, Ohio, 3rd
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Meet the Board

Jan Gibson has served as past President and Chairman of the Board. She has been at Kent State University Salem Campus since 1995 and now serves as the Senior Program Director, overseeing programs in Radiologic Technology, CT, MRI, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Therapy.

Jan has seen radiology go through many advances and loves the challenge of keeping up with those changes. The favorite part of her job is in educating students about the art and science of radiology!

Ms. Gibson became a member of the OSRT, in 1977 and has served as a board member since 2002. She has served on the Quiz Bowl, Continuing Professional Education and Member Services Committees.

Jan also served OSRT as the Ohio Affiliate Delegate to the ASRT from 2003-2006 in Dallas, Las Vegas, Orlando and Denver. Jan believed it was a great honor to see the ASRT from the inside, and to be able to vote on important resolutions that affect all technologists and therapists. Jan was also honored to represent Ohio at the **"RT in DC"** event in 2005 while speaking to legislators about the **CARE Bill**.

Jan continued to learn more about serving the OSRT, while attending the ASRT Leadership Academy in 2006 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. One of the highlights of her career was being selected as OSRT **"Technologist of the Year"** in 2008.

She sees her involvement with the OSRT as a *win-win* situation since she gains knowledge about new events on the horizon in medical imaging, maintains friendships with colleagues, and networks within the state, all while proudly serving the technologists of Ohio.

Jan and her husband Steve have been married for 34 years and reside in Warren, along with cats Leo and Cleo. They have one daughter, Holly, who was married last year and resides with her husband in Louisiana.

New OSRT Executive Secretary

The Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists has recently hired, **Sheryl Bacon R.T. (R)** as the new executive secretary. Sheryl is currently a faculty member at Marion Technical College in Marion Ohio. She has served previously, as President of the OSRT, from 1993-1995. Sheryl will begin her new endeavor as Executive Secretary at our September Board Meeting. Please help me, *welcome, Sheryl Bacon !*

Note of Thanks

Just a note to say *"thanks"* to **Dave Whipple** for all of his years of service to the OSRT! I am sure his communications will be missed by all of us! **THANKS** again Dave for your years of dedication to the OSRT!
Leisa Arnold, MS, RT, (R) (M)
Chairman of the Board

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A Note from the Chairman

Once again it is time to begin thinking about promoting Radiologic Technology Week celebrated November 5-11th. Please start planning now to gain the acknowledgement and respect the professionals in your area deserves! Ideas are free in a promotion guide provided by the ASRT website; please take advantage of this opportunity to promote National Radiologic Radiology Week among your peers!

<https://www.asrt.org/content/EventsConferences/NRTW/NRTWLanding.aspx>

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