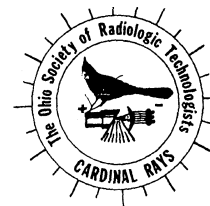




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## “Annual Meeting Update”

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the OSRT was held April 18<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>nd</sup> in Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting was a huge success with a total of 526 attendees, representing Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, Illinois, Pennsylvania Indiana, & Connecticut in attendance! This year’s annual meeting held a surprise for all of us when the power went out the night before the start of the annual meeting! A few hours later when the lights came back on, we were back to work preparing to offer various educational sessions for students and technologists. We started the annual meeting by offering a JRCERT accreditation Workshop, followed by an AIERS Educators Workshop, both meetings were well attended and appreciated by our members. A big round of applause also to our annual meeting co-chairs, Jan Gibson and Tricia Leggett for a great meeting!

And the winners are...In the competition venue, members submitted essays, posters, and of course, participated in the infamous “Quiz Bowl Session”. Please keep in mind all of those that participated are winners!

This year the winners of the **Mary E. Atkins** awards in the student **essay** competition were, second place winner **Amy Wellin**, for the essay entitled, “**Risk of Breast Cancer in Hodgkins Lymphoma Patients Treated with Radiation.**” Amy is a student at The Ohio State University. Third Place was awarded to **Leslie Mayes**, for the essay entitled, “**Study of Animal-Assisted Therapy to Decrease Patient Anxiety in the Pre-MRI Setting.**” Leslie is a student at Columbus State Community College.

In the student **poster** competition the winners of research category are listed below. The First Place Research poster award is named in honor of **David G. Shields**, R.T., of Cleveland. This year’s **David G. Shields First Place** poster in the Research category is awarded to **Jaime Hartley** for the poster entitled, “**Hysterosalpinogram Confirmation for Es-sure Permanent Birth Control Placement and Occlusion.**” Second Place in the Research poster cate-

gory is awarded to **Nina Kowalczyk** for the poster entitled, “**A Systematic Review of the Best Practices in Creating a Critical Thinking Educational Environment in the Health Sciences.**”

In 1983, the OSRT Board of Trustees voted to honor **Sara J. Bauers, R.T.** by naming a Poster category after her. This year’s winners in the Clinical Applications Poster Category are **Linda Jackson** and **Joseph Petcovic**, second place, for their poster entitled, “**Virtual Colonoscopy.**” Third Place was awarded to **Ashless Knollman** for the poster entitled, “**Radiation: An overdose that lasts a lifetime.**”

Another highlight of the Annual Meeting was the **Quiz Bowl Competition**. The first quiz bowl was held in 1975 and has always been a meeting favorite! The co chairs for 2012 were **Julie Gill** and **Terri Bruckner** with the following committee members serving: **Ellen Johnson, Dorie Ford, Jen Rosen, Bryn Smathers and Tracy Boggs.**

The final rounds were intense to the end between the teams from **Zane State College and Kent State University Salem**, with the team from **Zane State College winning!** Advisors from Kent state included **Jan Gibson** along with team members: **Alison Blanchard, Joe Petcovic, Linda Jackson, Evan Hill.**

Advisors from Zane State College included **Laruen Huffman** and **Tricia Leggett**. Winning team members from Zane State included: **Sarah Crum, Chad Foster, Lloyd Gray, Lisa Kirk, Kayla Morris, Kelsey Rauch, Joshua Roquemore, and Victoria Scheffer.** Congratulations to all of the teams!

This year the recipient of the **Philip Ballinger Student Self-Assessment Award** was **Lori Mayfield**, Kent State University, Ashtabula.

### Grant Recipients

The OSRT Student Honors Grants were presented to **Joseph Petcovic** attending Kent State University, Salem and **Laurie Evans** attending the Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging.

The **George J. Matesich** recipient is **Emily Rihel**, attending The Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging.; The **Lee Shadle Grant** winner is **Francis Fruner**, attending The Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging.



The **Ohio State Radiological Society Student Grant** was awarded to **Rick Juan** from the Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging. The **Ohio State Radiological Society Technologist Grant** was awarded to **Quentin Moore**.

The **Philip Ballinger Ohio State University School of Radiologic Technology** student grant was awarded to **Rebecca Tieche**.

Congratulations to all Student and Technologist Scholarship Grant recipients. Also thanks to **Gloria Albrecht and Gary Greathouse** of the Honors and Awards Committee co chairs.

Dignitaries attending the 2012 Annual Meeting were **Leslie Winters** of the JRCERT, **Julie Gill** President Elect of the ASRT, and **Tracy Herrmann** Director at Large of AEIRS.

And last but not least our congratulations to the **Tech of the Year** and also our **Penn-Hu-Mac-Par** lecturer., **Jay Ball**. Jay’s lecture was entitled, “JAY, or Just Ask Yourself.” Jay has served the OSRT in many capacities over the years with his most recent position as financial manager. This year we are honored to have Jay represent the OSRT in both areas of recognition for a job well done!

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### OSRT Annual Meeting Dublin, Ohio April 4-7, 2013

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#### OSRT’s Student Intern Program

The **OSRT’s Student Intern Program** began in 2005 with an inaugural group of eight student interns from across the state. This program allows students to gain insight and to provide valuable input on health policy issues, educational issues, and organizational operations that effect radiologic science students and professionals throughout Ohio.

This year we would also like to recognize our outgoing and incoming interns. *Outgoing interns are* **Jessica Ladd** - The Ohio State University, **Lori Mayfield**-Kent State Ashtabula, **Katie Ditz**-Columbus State Community College. Along with the outgoing student director, **Paul Davis**.

The incoming Student director and interns are; **Tara Gross** -Aultman College (Tara will also be serving on the Foundation Board), **Beth DeFauw** - The Ohio State University **Ambarish Patel** - Columbus State Community College. **Lisa Caryer** from The Cleveland Clinic School of Diagnostic Imaging has been named the 2012 Student Director of the OSRT.

The co-chairs of the Honors & Awards Committees, Gloria Albrecht & Gary Greathouse, would like to personally thank the members of the Honors & Awards committee and the Editorial Review Board for all of their hard work in helping to select the recipients of the essay, grant, and poster competitions. This hardworking group of judges included Julie Gill, Debbie O’Mellan, Julianna Bailey, Mary Napier, Andrea Cornuelle, Katie Ditz, Cristina Kidd, Rhonda Strunk, Linnea Hopewell, Emma Palmer, Trudi Parks, and Barb Fertig.

Also the members of the Quiz Bowl committee coordinated an excellent educational competition. Coordinating all of the many rounds of questions and slides is an enormous undertaking that was done in a profession, efficient and most of all FUN manner by Julie Gill and Terri Bruckner with their QB team of Tracey Boggs, Dorie Ford, Ellen Johnson, Jen Rosen. And thanks also to the program faculty who volunteered as QB judges, moderators, and sergeant-at-arms.

Special thanks go to the Sinclair University faculty for writing and administering the Student Self-Assessment to a total of 239 students. These wonderful test writers include: Angie Arnold, Vicki Luster, John Stachler, Pam Callahan, Denise Moore, and Ann Swartz.

## R.T. in D.C. Advocacy Event 2012

Linda Rizzo, BS, RT(R)

On March 25 approximately 125 imaging professionals from across the United States arrived in Washington DC to gain legislator support for HB 2104 (CARE Bill) and HR 3032. This event is held annually and is sponsored by the ASRT. Representing the OSRT were Linda Rizzo, Leisa Arnold, Julie Gill, and Jessica Ladd (student intern). Also attending from Ohio were Phil Ballinger, Jonathan Mazal, Jason Lee and Jeffrey Smith.

In-service education sessions were provided on the latest CARE Bill information to include: How to Lobby Session, Radiologist Physician Extenders' Update, Industry Update and Affiliates & Advocacy. RTs from Ohio made contact with all Ohio Representative and Senator Offices. The responses to these visits were positive. No one stated non-support of the Bill even though some representatives are reluctant to sign-on as co-sponsors. There was similar feedback from all states represented.

The Care Bill is a nationwide effort to ensure that imaging professionals have the appropriate education to effectively and safely operate imaging equipment. Approximately 300 million medical imaging procedures are performed annual in the United States. It is frightening to think that some states have no regulation or licensure requirements. The CARE Bill will lower healthcare costs through reduced repeated exams and decreased numbers of high cost procedures. Typically, a sonogram or radiographic procedure is the initial diagnostic protocol and when performed correctly may eliminate the need for a more costly imaging studies such as CT and MRI.

Once enacted, CARE Bill legislation is projected to reduce the amount of radiation a patient receives. A well-educated technologist has the appropriate knowledge and competencies that leads to effective use of lowered exposure values to reduce patient dose. Informed imaging practitioners appreciate the need and know how to adjust exposure factors for varied patient conditions. There is currently no stated opposition to the CARE Bill. This legislation is a win-win situation for everyone.



HB 2104 is currently gaining co-sponsors, a total twenty-nine have been added across the country since the RT in DC event in March with an overall total of 111!. This is excellent news for imaging professionals! Ohio currently has nine of the eighteen signed on. Fifty-per-cent is something to be proud of, but can we do better. In the last congress we had fourteen representatives sign on as co-sponsors.

The Bill is currently in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. A bill needs co-sponsors to move out of committee to come before the House for a vote. Bob Latta, Representative from District 5 is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He was a co-sponsor in the last congress, but has not signed on in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress to date. Remaining Ohio Representatives who have not signed on are; Steve Chabot, District 1, Jean Schmidt, District 2, Jim Jordan, District 4, Steve Austria, District 7, John Boehner, District 8, Dennis Kucinich, District 10, Betty Sutton, District 13, James Renacci, District 16. I would like to see us make a big push now by contacting Congress, before the election is in full swing. If you are unsure what district you reside, there is a map on the ASRT website, go to [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org), click on the legislative tab on the left side of the page. Under Grass-roots Advocacy, go to select congress; there are many helpful hints in this area for this initiative. Please cc or forward any e-mails that you send to me at [rizzo9302@roadrunner.com](mailto:rizzo9302@roadrunner.com).

Ohio received the ASRT Advocacy Award in 2008 for their outstanding grass-roots efforts. I am hoping to nominate the OSRT in 2013. With this initiative, not only are we helping the patients across the country, we have an opportunity to receive this prestigious award. Please visit the ASRT site or contact your Representative directly with the contact list provided in this issue and *go team Ohio!*

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### Heather's Hot Topics

Dear OSRT Members,

*I want to take this moment to thank all of you for your support over the past year while I was President. The members of the Board and all committee members worked very hard to propel this organization in a forward motion. It is really quite impressive to witness how smoothly the organization runs with just the hard work of volunteers and two paid staff! I can tell you that other state organizations are envious of the productivity and dedication of the OSRT members! It really is a testament to the hard work and meticulous planning of those who came before me with their insistence of very high standards in the OSRT bylaws and procedure manuals.*

*I am very pleased with the direction the organization has taken over the past 12 months to consciously become more environmentally responsible while continuing to be fiscally responsible. By moving the Student Cardinal Rays online, creating an online Annual Meeting registration and payment system and implementing online elections, we were able to save on both paper and printing costs. Thank you to all of the Board members, committee members and staff that made this transition possible. You really are the best!!*

Sincerely, Heather Moore, Chairman of the OSRT Board