



# Cardinal Rays

**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

Following orders from the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) prohibiting mass gatherings of 100 or more people, the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists (OSRT) has **canceled our 2020 Annual Meeting** scheduled in early April. The majority of our meeting attendees are from colleges and universities that now have travel bans for large audience events and meetings. With past attendance at our meeting reaching over 500 attendees from multiple states and regions, this cancellation is most unfortunate. The health and safety of our members and the patients that we care for is our top priority in the midst of the ever-changing environment related to COVID-19.

Be sure to read the THANK YOU letter sent by our webmaster, Denise Moore, to our 2020 Annual Meeting Co-Chairs.

This can be found on page 2.

## Note from the 2020 Annual Meeting Co-Chairs

Christine and Terri would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the 2020 Annual Meeting committee members for all their hard work this past year as we went through the planning process for the OSRT Annual Meeting. The Committee worked very hard to provide a quality educational meeting and it is disappointing that the meeting was not able to take place. We would also like to invite our members to thank the following individuals who served on the AM Committee:

Tricia Upton, Andrea Tschirner, Julie Gill, Connie Pabst, Allison Stokes, Abby Murphy, Arian Detrick, Ali Carter, Kendra Lancia, Nicole Douglas, Sheryl Bacon, Po Hu, Denise Moore, Jay Ball and Lauren Huffman.

In addition, we would like to thank Matthew Pettys and the University of Cincinnati Blue Ash Radiography Program for their preparation of the 2020 Philip W. Ballinger Self-Assessment Exam, the OSRT Board of Directors, and the countless others who have assisted our committee.

Each of you have been valuable as we prepared for this meeting and we want you all to know how much we appreciate you!! Our profession is so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals! We are all looking forward to making the 2021 Annual Meeting bigger and better than ever!

With gratitude,  
*Terri Bruckner and Christine Gialousis*  
2020 OSRT Annual Meeting Co-Chairs

## Julie's Jingles



The renewal of all things spring is just around the corner and it is my favorite season! As an educator, it means that second year students take to the healthcare workforce as professional technologists, and first year students begin to refine their practice as they become second year students. I am renewed when I can learn from colleagues. I love learning from other technologists and health care professionals! Their expertise and experience are often my best teacher.

Spring also brings warmer temperatures (let's hope!) and more hours of daylight. We get to ditch our winter coats, hats, and gloves and start anticipating when we can wear shorts, t-shirts, and sandals! Longer days are associated with the spring equinox and daylight savings time, and research has indicated that longer daylight hours results in less mental stress for many of us. I love the return of birds singing outside my bedroom window in the morning and all the baby animals that frolic about in the spring make me smile. When we are less stressed and smile, we also provide better care for our patients. Who wants patient care from a technologist that might not be at their best? In addition to our best technological care, patients also deserve our best interactive care. I call this combination "caring care." As technologists, when we are at our best, we provide caring care!

This spring, I encourage you to spend more time outside with the colorful flower blossoms, green tree leaves, and dry air. The sun and humidity-free fragrant air reminds us of the value of annual renewal and rejuvenation. Opening the windows, leaving the dogs outside, and sitting on the patio are all things that I look forward to and can't wait to do again. It helps me to be at my best and stay energized. We all need to be rejuvenated and refreshed and this is our time to be renewed!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie". The signature is cursive and fluid.

OSRT President

We have often talked about the special friendships that result from membership and volunteering for the OSRT. The note below is just one of many examples of how much we care for each other.

*Terri [Bruckner] and Christine [Gialousis] [2020 Annual Meeting Co-chairs]:*

*I am so sad for you guys. I know how very disappointing this is for you after working so very hard. Organizing a meeting is a very demanding job. I know how much emotion gets invested in this work. As I sit here writing this email, I have tears in my eyes. It is a sad day for OSRT and especially for your hard-working committee! Thank you for your hard work and dedicated service. Hopefully, your efforts will be useful sometime in the near future.*

*Thank you!  
Sincerely,  
Denise Moore  
Webmaster, OSRT*

## WHO'S WHO IN THE OSRT?

### Meet...Allison Stokes & Andy Shappell – New OSRT Directors

Greetings OSRT members!

My name is **Allison D. Stokes** and I am a newly appointed Director-at-Large within the OSRT. I entered the profession in 2007 after completing The Ohio State University's Radiography Program. I worked at Nationwide Children's Hospital for 7 years immediately following graduation. I held multiple positions and worked many different shifts that ultimately taught me valuable lessons in both radiography and healthcare. I absolutely loved working with the patients and staff members! Handing out stickers and getting hugs from kiddos were some of the best parts of my job!

I entered into the world of higher education at OSU in 2014. It is so much fun to pass on my knowledge and expertise to future technologists! I never realized how much teaching I really did as a technologist before I obtained this position. All technologists teach while they are working - to patients, family members, physicians, and students!

When I am not in the classroom, I enjoy cooking in the kitchen with my husband, Geoff, and my 3-year old daughter, Nora. We are also avid Buckeye fans (see picture) and love to play outside. Some of the best times of my day involve singing songs with my family – we are really into the Frozen II soundtrack right now! It is always important for me to devote time to my family!

I am truly grateful for this opportunity and I look forward to representing the OSRT and the profession in the years to come!



**Andy Shappell** at Buckskin Pass at 10,500 ft. near the Maroon Bells in Colorado.

I am currently the Program Coordinator of Radiographic Imaging at Rhodes State College in Lima, Ohio where I have been a full-time employee since 1990. I graduated from the Radiologic Technology program at Lima Technical College (now Rhodes State) in 1980 where my program director was Judy Rayburn and Lin Hopewell was an instructor. I worked at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima doing CT and radiography until 1984 when I left there to begin my studies at The Ohio State University. I completed my B.S. in 1986 with Phil Ballinger and Nina Kowalczyk as favorite faculty. I worked at Mt. Carmel and The Ohio State University Medical Center while finishing coursework at OSU working with many long standing OSRT members including Julie Gill, Leann Fisher-Gaiser, Beth Changet and many others. I have worked in MRI since 1986 and still work PRN to this day. I completed a Masters in Educational Administration from Bowling Green State University in 2003. I have been a member of both ASRT and OSRT since 1979 and believe it is important for all RTs to be involved in the direction our profession is taking through professional memberships. I have three grown children and seven grandchildren. I have been an avid bicyclist including cycling 100 miles in NYC and the entire Florida Keys. I love the mountains and have done several memorable backpacking trips in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana.

**We invite you to take a trip down memory lane**

We hope browsing through these photos conveys a sense of the Annual Meeting. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while maybe you will feel a little nostalgic for past times.

On November 12-13, 1938, forty-eight x-ray technicians met in Lima, Ohio and signed an Affiliation Charter of the American Society of X-ray Technicians. These signatures officially formed the Ohio Society of X-ray Technicians, now formally recognized as the Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists (OSRT). That same year, the first Annual Meeting of the OSXT was held. Since then, elections of officers and board members have been held at each annual meeting. Beginning at its inception, annual meetings have been held by OSRT every year with the exception of the war years of 1943, 1944, and 1945.



THANK YOU to our OSRT Historian, **Angie Arnold**, who dug through the boxes of pictures from previous meetings and found these gems to share.



**1984**  
Cardinal Rays Editors  
Linnea Hopewell & Dennis Spragg

**1987**  
Annual Meeting "Sock Hop"



**1988**  
Annual Meeting  
Attendees



**1999**  
Board of Trustees

**2003**  
Student Self-  
Assessment Exam

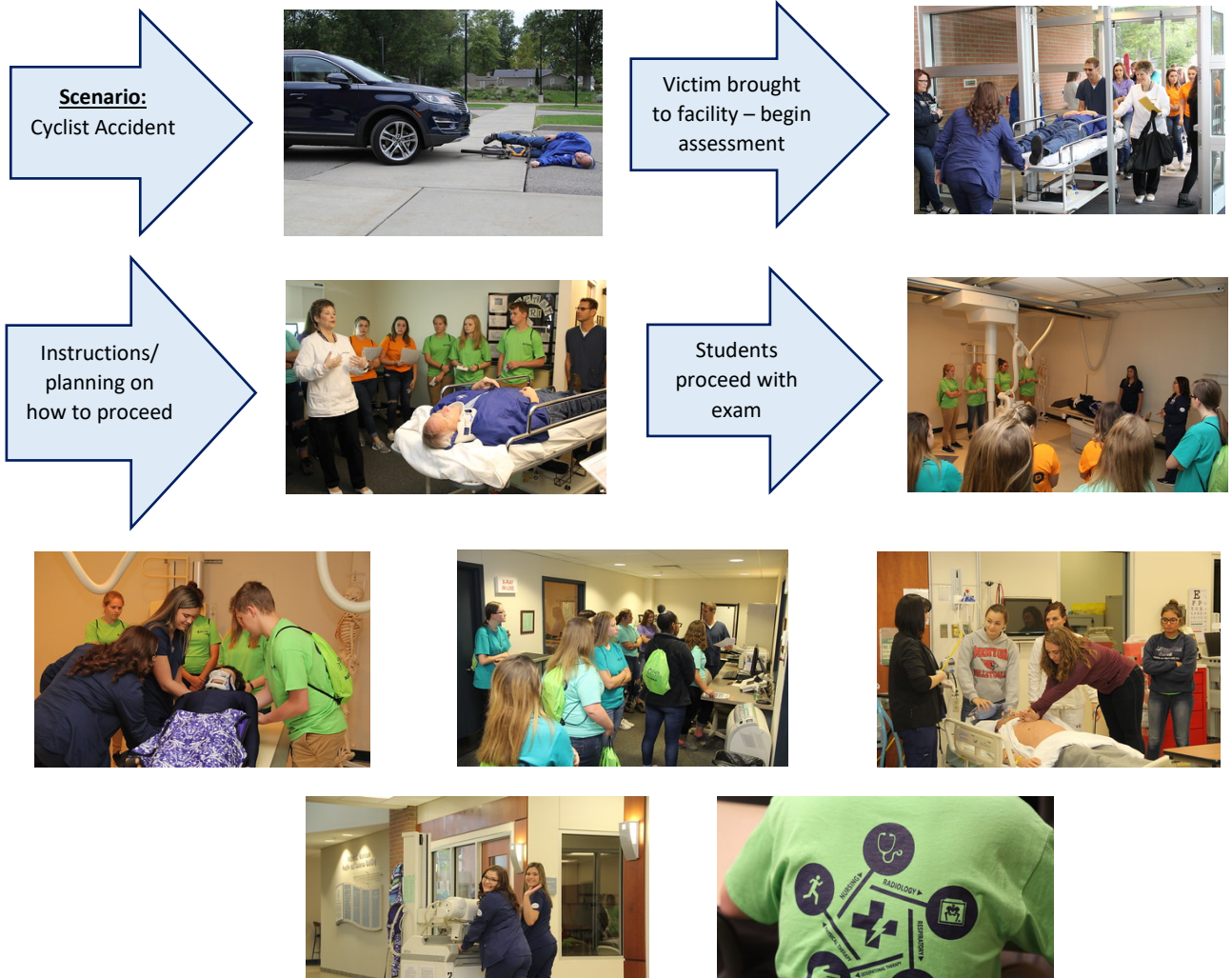


**2005**  
FIRST OSRT Student  
Intern Group

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT 1

### KENT STATE UNIVERSITY ASHTABULA RADIOLOGY STUDENTS

This past year, the radiology students at Kent State Ashtabula participated in an Interdisciplinary campus activity called Flash University Medical Center. High school students throughout the various school districts register to attend a one-day hands-on experience highlighting the healthcare-related fields. These high school students learn how to assess and treat a patient following an accident. The radiology students are active participants demonstrating their skills in patient assessment, as well as treatment and instruction in performing the radiographic examinations. With assistance from the participants, the radiology students show how to problem solve and work together as a team to diagnose and treat the patient.



Throughout the day, high school students learn the value of teamwork and how all disciplines work together for a successful outcome for the patient.

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT 2

### MARION TECHNICAL COLLEGE

The Medical Imaging Program Students at Marion Technical College (MTC) have the option to participate in many different types of service learning projects on MTC’s campus and in the downtown Marion area.

Downtown Marion, Inc. is an organization committed to the revitalization of the downtown area as a central hub of the community, restoring our city to its former state of functionality, accessibility and profitability. Many Downtown Marion fundraising events are held throughout the year to support this revitalization project. Our students have helped or participated in many of these events such as Miles for Marion 5k, Loft Tours, and the Christmas Parade. This fall we are planning on assisting with a downtown beautification project.

The Medical Imaging Program Students also participate in on-campus activities. Examples are multi-program (multidisciplinary) disaster drills, the high school Health Career Navigator program, and Chamber Business After Hours event. Students gained valuable communication and team building skills. During the high school Navigator and Business After Hours event, students are given the opportunity to showcase their programs and lab areas. Community stakeholders and potential students engage in lab demonstrations. This experience provides a better understanding of career options available at Marion Technical College.

We are so proud of our MTC Students and Alumni. They are changing the future of our community and beyond. It’s such a gift to be a part of that change.



**!STUDENT! !STUDENT! !STUDENT! !STUDENT! !STUDENT! !STUDENT!**

Hi Everyone!

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Thank you for your patience and understanding during this concerning and confusing time. It saddens me that we had to cancel the Annual Meeting this year, but I look forward to seeing everyone next year! Be sure to follow the OSRT on social media to receive important updates.

My time as student director is quickly coming to an end. I am so thankful for being given this opportunity! I truly couldn't have asked for a better experience. I want to thank the board members for everything they have taught me over the past year and for sharing their knowledge and experiences with myself and my fellow student leaders. I can't wait to see what comes as I continue my involvement with the OSRT.

The next edition of the Cardinal Ray's student section will be written by our **new student director, Olivia House!** Olivia is currently a junior at The Ohio State University in their Radiography program. She is from Delaware, Ohio. After graduation, Olivia plans to work clinically but has been considering continuing her education and obtaining her master's! She currently works two very different jobs as a radiographer assistant and a peak time teller at a bank. When she's not studying, you can find her at the nearest chipotle- yum! Olivia also loves music and likes to find time to see local concerts. She has two dogs - one being a full Jack Russell named Jack and a Jack-a-Poo (Jack Russell Poodle mix) named Milo. Olivia says, "I am so excited to be the upcoming student director for this amazing organization! I cannot wait for what it has in store for me!"

I'm excited to see what amazing things Olivia does as our new student Director! As always, if you have any questions about the Student Leadership Program or how to get involved, please reach out!

Abigail Murphy, CNMT

Student Director

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*Thank You!*



Please join us in thanking Miss Abigail Murphy for her time serving as our student director this year. The OSRT truly values our students and their commitment to the profession. Good luck in your future endeavors as you start the next step in your journey to becoming a Radiologic Technologist!



## The Foundation Corner

The OSRT Education and Research Foundation awards an average of \$4000 per year in grant monies and competition prizes at the OSRT Annual Meeting. The Foundation is funded entirely by donations and the proceeds of a silent auction held each year at the Annual Meeting.

Even though the Annual Meeting has been cancelled, the Foundation will still be awarding Educational grants. As has been stated in the past, the biggest money maker of the ERF is the silent auction, held at the Annual Meeting. Because of the cancellation of the meeting, we will sorely miss funds raised by the auction.

**Please help the OSRTERF either by making a financial donation online or mail a check to the OSRT Executive Office at 325 Lake Vista Dr., Zanesville Ohio 43701.**

If you were a grant, poster or essay applicant, you will be contacted as soon as possible with more information regarding your application. Thank you for your patience.



**OSRT VISION:** The OSRT will be the voice of Ohio medical imaging and radiologic science professionals.

**OSRT MISSION:** The OSRT advocates for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice to enhance the quality of patient care.

## Letter from the Editors

We are all very saddened by the cancellation of the Annual Meeting. No having the Annual Meeting has many consequences for the OSRT and its membership. Of course, we will miss gathering and catching up with friends. We will miss the opportunity to learn and fulfill our CE requirements. We will miss gathering as professionals and conducting the business of the Society.

The most dire consequence of the cancellation is the loss of funds generated by the Annual Meeting. Most of the operating budget of the OSRT is funded by profit from the meeting. **Is there something we, the membership, can do to offset the deficit? Anyone have any ideas? If so, please send them to the Executive Office at [osrt@osrt.org](mailto:osrt@osrt.org).**

Hope you have been enjoying the Cardinal Rays!

*Sheryl & Whitney*

Cardinal Rays Co-Editors



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