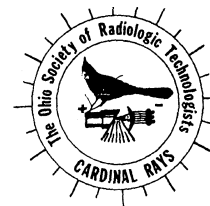




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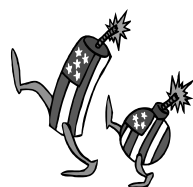
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Foundation Corner

The OSRT Education and Research Foundation gave away over \$3000 in grants and awards at the April 2012 Annual Meeting. With your support, we can give away even more next year! Please consider donating to the OSRT Education and Research Foundation to support students in need and promote research in our field. To make a tax deductible donation go to

<http://osrt.org/osrtfoundation>

Thank you for your support of Ohio technologists!

Jackie Turk, OSRTERF Chairman

ASRT Annual Meeting Update  
by Linda Rizzo, BS, RT(R)

I just returned from the ASRT meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 27-July 1. The meeting was informational, motivational and inspirational! There were several OSRT members who presented on a variety of topics at the ASRT Educational Symposium. Those presenting were Nina Kowalczyk, Rhonda Strunk, Jonathan Mazal, Jay Ball and Tricia Leggett. Some very exciting news is the ASRT is partnering with RAD AID International. There are life-changing opportunities for technologists who participate in this philanthropic outreach program.

Ohio represented 11 of the 150 delegates seated in 2012 House of Delegates. Ohio Delegates attending were Ryan Smith, Elaine Markon, Dava Smith, Nina Kowalczyk, Jan Gibson, Tracy Herrmann, Linnea Hopewell, Tricia Leggett, Heather Moore, Lauren Huffman and myself. We were very proud of Terra Lunsford, Tri-C Cuyahoga Community College Radiography Student who was accepted into the ASRT Student Leadership Development Program. Jackie Turk, Jonathan Mazal and I completed the ASRT's Leadership Academy Program. This course is a six-week online program, free of charge for ASRT members. You must apply and be accepted into the program.

Speaking of leaders, I was thrilled to

see our own Julie Gill inducted as the ASRT President-elect! Hopefully, there will be a big Ohio contingent next year to see her begin her presidential term.

Keynote speaker, Philip MacDonald from Siemen Healthcare gave us insight into how the new Accountability Care Act will affect imaging professionals. One of the major points I took away from his lecture was there will be an increase in the number of imaging procedures ordered.

You can find other meeting highlights on the ASRT web page. They also offer community page for you to connect with your peers from within your profession across the nation.

Have you heard that the CARE Bill has been introduced in the senate? **Senate Bill 3338**, the Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence (CARE) in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill was introduced by Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., and Senator Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, on June 26. Please contact our senators Sherrod Brown and Robert Portman and ask for their support. I also cannot leave this topic without mentioning that the House Bill, HR 2104 has over 125 co-

sponsors to date. I urge all of you to contact your representative if he or she has not signed on as a co-sponsor.

Prior to the meeting I had the opportunity to watch the Subcommittee on Health Hearing entitled "Examining the Appropriateness of Standards of Medical Imaging Technologists" via webcast on Friday June 8. Sal Martino, ASRT CEO, provided testimony along with others in support of HR 2104 (CARE Bill). There were several questions asked during the hearing. One question addressed the training of airport personnel and whether the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 could be expanded to include the CARE Bill. You can view the hearing by visiting the ASRT's website.

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**ASRT Annual Meeting Update**  
by Linda Rizzo, BS, RT (R) (continued)

I also recommend that you watch for updates concerning the ARRT concerning the new education requirements. Beginning **January 1, 2016**, candidates for post-primary certification will also be required to complete 16 hours of structured education related to the content specifications for that exam. The education must meet the same standards as CE activities in that it must be either RCEEM approved or university awarded. Structured educational activities that are only state-approved will not satisfy the requirements.

In closing I would like to say that as president I hope to keep an open form of communication with the members and our organization. Please contact me or any OSRT Board Member with any questions or concerns you have and stay tuned for more exciting news in the next Cardinal Rays edition.

**The ASRT Annual House of Delegates Meeting Ohio Representatives**



Pictured from left to right back row: Tricia Leggett, Jan Gibson, Nina Kowalczyk, Julie Gill, Heather Moore, Ryan Smith, Dava Edwards Smith, Lauren Huffman.

Pictured from left to right front row: Linda Rizzo, Linnea Hopewell, Tracy Herrmann, Elaine Markon.

## CARE Bill Introduced in the U.S. Senate

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The American Society of Radiologic Technologists announced today that the Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill, S. 3338, was introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Mike Enzi, R-Wyoming., and Senator. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

The CARE bill would ensure that basic minimum education and certification standards are established as part of the Medicare program for all medical imaging and radiation therapy personnel.

“This is a big step for the CARE bill, which would save the government money and ultimately improve the quality of patient care,” said ASRT President Dawn McNeil, M.S.M., R.T.(R)(M), RDMS, RVT, CRA. “We are encouraged that Sens. Enzi and Harkin introduced the CARE bill, and we hope both the House and Senate will take action on the bill this congressional session.”

Currently, basic educational standards for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals are voluntary and inconsistent in many states, allowing some individuals to perform radiologic procedures without any formal education. Six states, along with the District of Columbia, are without any regulations regarding the qualifications of personnel performing medical imaging examinations.

In June 2011, the House CARE bill, H.R. 2104, was introduced by Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., and now has more than 125 bipartisan cosponsors.

“ASRT members have worked tirelessly to educate their congressmen about the importance of education and certification standards in medical imaging and radiation therapy,” said Christine J. Lung, CAE, ASRT’s vice president of government relations and public policy. “The long-term efforts of so many dedicated radiologic technologists will finally pay off when the CARE bill legislation is enacted.”

For more information about the CARE bill, visit [www.asrt.org/CARE](http://www.asrt.org/CARE).

