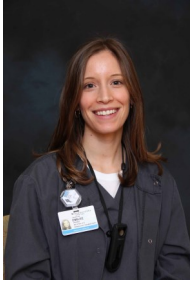




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Twelve years ago, I attended my very first OSRT meeting, and was installed as a student trustee. Little did I know that small step in my life was opening an endless opportunity of experiences in what I thought at the time was a specific profession with limited scope. After five years of being student liaison, five years of health policy chair, three years on annual meeting committee, seven years on the ERB, six years on the continuing education committee, four years on the board of directors, six years as an ASRT Delegate, two years of RT in DC, and 12 annual meetings later, I proudly write to you, installed as the president of this incredible organization.

The Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists brings together medical imaging and therapy students, technologists, and educators from across the state for networking, education, and provides individual professional development opportunities at the state and national levels. The OSRT offers security, knowing that there are many professionals statewide that you can call upon for professional mentoring, advice, and even job opportunities. The OSRT offers an experience—an experience of learning, leading, and volunteering. The OSRT offers you the opportunity to make your job more than a job- a professional career. As, Earl Nightingale once said, “the company owns your job, you own your career.” OSRT builds lifelong professional relationships, and friendships and supports individuals as they develop into professionals they didn't know they could be.

Being the voice for over 15,000 medical imaging and therapy professionals in the State of Ohio, the Society embraces patient safety and displays this through education and advocacy. The OSRT advocates for our profession within Ohio and nationally. We are closely watching legislation to keep our licensure for our profession stable, while promoting the advancement of our profession to be where it should be for technologists but more so for our patients. This year will be no different, but we are up against challenges that we must come together to conquer. *First, we must focus on increasing our membership. We will embark on membership initiatives, including going out into the educational programs and facilities in search of those individuals who seek professional engagement and want to invest in their patients, themselves and their profession. Our second focus will be increasing our advocacy efforts. We will host an advocacy day for members across the State to be able to discuss who we are and what we do with legislators, some of which do not know the importance of or even existence of the profession.*

My request for each one of you is that you will consider being involved; join the OSRT on its mission to present to non-members; attend our next advocacy day to share your own experience and what drives you as a Medical Imaging professional; *and finally be proud of your profession.*

The OSRT journey has meant a lot to me and I look forward to continuing the experience. I wouldn't be where I am today without this experience, this organization and the people that it is composed of. The dedication from the passionate individuals in this organization is amazing. My true inspiration comes from the mentors I have had, who have been a blessing. Thank you, to each one of you. Thank you to my OhioHealth co-workers and leaders for your support, and to the OSRT for believing in me, and giving me such an honorable opportunity as President of this Society. *I am excited, proud, and feel ambitious for the upcoming year, but we can't do it without all of you. Thank you!*

## Annual Meeting Summary

The 2017 77th Annual Meeting was a great success! It was held April 6-8th in Columbus, OH. This year, the OSRT had great speakers to offer CE opportunities for technologists, review sessions for students, and the OSRT offered its very first OSRT Leadership Academy at the Annual Meeting. A big round of applause goes out to our annual meeting co-chairs (from left to right): Julie Gill and Andrea Tschirner. Thanks for all of your hard work!



The OSRT would also like to recognize and thank the honored guests of the meeting (from left to right): Tricia Leggett, JRCERT Representative; Larry Maxwell (Max), PSRT President; and Ann Oberfell, ARRT Representative.

*In the competition venue, the winners are...*

Congratulations to **Samantha Hatfield** (Marion Technical College), the winner of *The Philip Ballinger Student Self-Assessment Award*.

The *Quiz Bowl Competition* held it's usual excitement! Congratulations to all participants!!! Special thanks to the Quiz Bowl Committee, co-chaired by **Ellen Johnson** and **Vickie Luster**.

The final two teams were **Columbus State Community College** and **Sinclair Community College**.

**1st Place: Columbus State Community College**

**2nd Place: Sinclair Community College**



(L-R) Jana Kidd-Filhart; Amanda Snyder; Cameron Harrison; Chelsea Egan; Jason Kiernan; Amy Perry (Advisor); Jennifer Berry; Lauren Rock; Samuel Glapert



(L-R) Sam Marsalla; Cortney Hack; Emily Overman; Danielle Allen; Prascilla Young; Angie Arnold (Advisor)

## ***Congratulations to all Student Scholarship Grant recipients!***

- W. Lee Shadle Grant: **Richard Merrill**, Central Ohio Technical College
- OSRTERF Student Honors Grant: **Julie Dejelo**, Cleveland Clinic Health System School of Diagnostic Imaging; **Keisha Cumba-Carrasquillo**, Kent State University-Ashtabula; **Stacy Fielding**, Central Ohio Technical College; **Madison Sessor**, Central Ohio Technical College; **SueJude Hamdan**, Kent State University-Ashtabula; **Elyse Harner**, Kent State University-Ashtabula; and **Melanie Holmes**, Cleveland Clinic Health System School of Diagnostic Imaging
- Audrey Horton Memorial Grant: **Ajay Barber**, Central Ohio Technical College
- Ohio State Radiological Society (OSRS) Student Grant: **Amy Ertas**, Cleveland Clinic Health System School of Diagnostic Imaging; **Tori Somerville**, Kent State University-Ashtabula

We would also like to recognize the new student interns for 2017 they are; **Rebecca Jones** (Aultman College), **Brandon Rapp** (The Ohio State University), and **Josef Steinbrunner** (Sinclair Community College).

The new student director is **Jess Bates** (Sinclair Community College). Incoming OSRT directors are; **Donna Endicott, Christine Gialousis, and Cindy Davis**. The incoming President-Elect is **Tiffany Roman** alongside **Emma Palmer** President.



(L-R) Tiffany Roman, President-elect; Emma Palmer, President; Lauren Huffman, Junior Chair; Terri Bruckner, Senior Chair



(L-R) Student Interns: Brandon Rapp; Rebecca Jones; Josef Steinbrunner; Jessica Bates, Student Director

## Congratulations to These AMAZING Technologists



**Gary Greathouse**

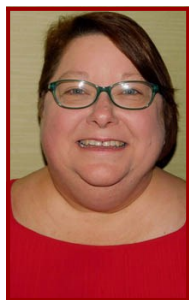
Technologist of the Year



**Larry (Max) Maxwell**

Penn-Hu-Mac-Par-Gill  
Lecturer

## LIFE MEMBER AWARDEES



**Julie Gill** has been a member of the OSRT since 1984 and has served on many committees as both a member and chairperson, giving tirelessly of her time. She has served the ASRT on the Board of Directors, from Secretary/Treasurer up through President and Chairman of the Board. And just this past week it was announced that Julie was elected to the AEIRS Board of Directors.



**Sheryl Bacon** has served the OSRT Board of Directors in many capacities, including past president, in 1993 and completing her board duties in 1997. In 2009 she began her role for OSRT as Executive Secretary. In this capacity, she consistently works hard at the never-ending task of assisting with keeping the OSRT Business Society and the OSRT Foundation running smoothly.

## OSRT Leadership Academy

This year the OSRT hosted its first Leadership Academy seeking participants to apply to the program in an effort to provide an opportunity to encourage members to seek out leadership roles. The OSRT has been developing this program as an initiative to help members that may want to become involved with the OSRT but are unsure of where to start and what the OSRT has to offer. The inaugural leadership program had a total of nine participants which included Sharita Bone, University of Cincinnati; Cindy Davis, The Christ Imaging Center Montgomery, Cincinnati; Nicole Douglas, Cleveland Clinic Beachwood Breast Center; Quest Folck, Riverside Methodist Hospital; Po-Hu, Ohio Health; Matthew Jarvis, Fortis College Radiology Technology; Stacey Melick, Ohio Department of Health; Kristin Seitz, Ohio Health; and Benjamin Stenger, University of Cincinnati. The Leadership Committee consisted of Julie Gill, Tricia Leggett, Gary Greathouse, and Leisa Arnold.

The Leadership Academy was offered during the OSRT Annual Meeting for a period of two days. The Academy introduced the group to a variety of topics ranging from the OSRT history and to an overall understanding of the function and opportunities within the organization. The participants earned CE and were given a certificate during a graduation held on Saturday.

A post assessment of the program has afforded the committee to determine the overall value of the positive outcomes of the Academy and evaluate any changes to the program. The OSRT intends to continue to offer the Leadership Academy on an annual basis. At this time The OSRT Leadership Academy Committee would like to thank the participants and also the OSRT for affording us this opportunity to pilot this project.



Dear Readers,

I just wanted to officially say good bye as editor of the Cardinal Rays Newsletter. I have been the editor since 2005 and have seen a number of positive changes throughout the years! When I began as editor it was from some prompting from Nina Kowalczyk and Denise Moore both of who were sure I could do the job. Initially, when I began as editor Cardinal Rays was printed in two separate "blue" paper editions; the technologist and student editions. Currently those issues are combined electronically and delivered via email and posted on our web site. Lizzy has been managing the editions over the last year with only my editorial help, so I am positive you will be in good hands. Thank you all for your support over the last 12 years and please contact Lizzy if you want to submit an article about your department or a technical advancement in your field. Remember, it takes all of you to make the newsletter interesting and a worthy read! Thank you again for allowing me this opportunity to serve the profession.

Leisa Arnold

**Thank you for all of your hard work, Leisa!**



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The 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the OSRT was held April 6 – 8, 2017 in Columbus, Ohio. There were several twists and turns in the planning of the event, but thanks to the hard work of many the meeting was a great success! There were many opportunities for attendees to earn continuing education credits, to network with fellow students and technologists, and to celebrate the profession of medical imaging.

This year's meeting featured several memorable events. The Quiz Bowl competition was especially exciting, with fourteen teams participating! The end of the tournament was nothing short of suspenseful, with Columbus State Community College coming out on top over the second place team from Sinclair Community College. At the Rose B. Fitz Memorial Luncheon, it was announced that Nancy Dome-Hatfield would be retiring from the OSRT Board after 43 continuous years of service. In her honor, OSRT named a meeting beverage break as the "Nancy Dome-Hatfield Beverage Break." Nancy leaves big shoes to fill, but we certainly thank her for all of her knowledge and hard work during her time of service. At the Francine Todd Memorial Honors Banquet guests of honor were recognized, and we saw the passing of the presidential torch as well as instatement of new Board members. It was a jam-packed evening, to say the least!

My name is Jessica Bates, student at Sinclair Community College, and I am honored to be coming to you for the first time as the Student Director of the OSRT for the 2017-2018 year! I recently completed my first year of the Radiologic Technology program. When I have time outside of studying I love to cook and also hit the river with my husband either in our canoe or our inner-tubes. Three more students were chosen to the Student Leadership team: Josef Steinbrunner, Becky Jones, and Brandon Rapp. Josef just finished his first year of the Radiologic Technology program at Sinclair Community College. He works as a cook at Southview Medical center and is teaching himself Korean! Becky is set to enter her third semester of the radiography program at Aultman College. Outside of her studies she enjoys outdoor activities with her husband and three kids. Brandon is entering his senior year at Ohio State University. He is from the Columbus area and is hoping to find a job in Columbus after completion of his program. As students we feel that it is important to be involved in an organization that is passionate about protecting the best interests of our profession. It is our job to be the voice of the OSRT to our fellow students to not only encourage new membership, but to promote membership retention following our entry into the workforce. Remember that today we are students, but we are also future technologists.

I would like to personally congratulate all of the Annual Meeting 2017 award winners, the first graduating class of the Leadership Academy, and the 2017 Quiz Bowl champions. I would also like to thank all of the speakers, presenters, and educators for their dedication to our continued education. Last I would like to thank all of the students and technologists that were in attendance this year. It is because of you that this meeting is possible. The OSRT is appreciative of every single one of you!

On behalf of the Student Leadership team, I would like to wish everyone the best of success over the following year. We encourage you to reach out with any questions or comments regarding volunteer service or membership, or any concerns you feel may need addressed by the OSRT. I am very much looking forward to serving the OSRT as Student Director, and I also look forward to hearing from fellow students across the state. There is so much to learn outside of our individual educational programs, and I hope that we can all grow together. Let us ALL make this year a great one!

*Jessica Bates, Student Director*

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The experienced and dedicated men and women that lead our organization work very hard to make sure that our jobs and our field remain untouched by government policy. This is not possible without a supportive membership, so please spread the word to your student, technologist, professional, and education colleagues. In addition, the OSRT provides you with some of the greatest networking resources, health policy information updates, opportunities to meet other professionals, continuing education and so much more! Visit it our website for more info!

### The Foundation Corner

Thank you to all our generous donors! The OSRTERF raised \$1074.00 at the Foundation Silent Auction at this year's Annual Meeting. You are awesome!!! Because of your continued generosity, we were able to provide \$3500 in grants and competition awards. Congratulations to all the recipients. Donors are listed on our website at <http://www.osrt.org/foundation/thank-you-donors>.

Alice Kreutzberg, B.A., R.T.(R) has been a valuable member of the OSRTERF Board of Directors and has contributed much to the organization. Alice decided it was necessary for her to step away from the Board at this time. We will miss her positive and cheerful attitude and her support of OSRTERF activities.

Debra Myers, Med.,R.T.(R) was nominated and unanimously elected to the OSRTERF Board of Directors at the 2017 OSRT Annual Meeting. Deb is the program director at Marion Technical College School of Radiography. We are looking forward to her ideas and contributions to the Foundation.

Sheryl Bacon  
Chairperson, OSRTERF



Thanks to you, our dedicated members, for your continued support!

Do you have a topic you would like to see included in the next edition? Send it in so others can hear your voice!

### OSRT VISION

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



### OSRT MISSION

The OSRT will advocate for medical imaging and radiologic science professionals by advancing professional practice to enhance the quality of patient care.

We would like the membership to notify us of any members who have passed away during the last year. Any information on the technologist would be appreciated.

Please send notice to [domrt62@yahoo.com](mailto:domrt62@yahoo.com).

Thanks in advance,

Deborah O'Mellan, R.T.

### A Note from the Editor

Hello readers!

After a successful annual meeting our new leadership is excited and ready for the upcoming months! Volunteers are always welcome, so reach out if you've been thinking about professional service.

All OSRT members are encouraged to submit an article to include, so if you are aware of something that is upcoming or interesting, forward it on to me, even if it is just a idea.

Thanks for reading! As always, I welcome feedback or suggestions for improvement.

Please feel free to contact me: [e\\_hemme@yahoo.com](mailto:e_hemme@yahoo.com).

Thanks!

Lizzy Hemme

Cardinal Rays Editor

