I am a radiologic sciences professional!

- Donna Crum, CSRT President & ASRT Delegate

Where does a radiologic sciences professional go to talk with their peers about things that only they know? They go to a radiologic sciences meeting. On June 23-26, 2016 hundreds of medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals met in Las Vegas, Nevada to network, learn and make decisions that will influence how radiologic science practitioners across the United States perform their jobs. The resounding theme of the meeting expressed by the ASRT Board of Directors and CEO Sal Martino was “I AM A RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES PROFESSIONAL”. As a radiographer and delegate from the state of Connecticut, I attended the ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting representing the interests of the radiographers in Connecticut. We may be a small state, but we were definitely represented by some pretty amazing imaging and therapy professionals. Diane Kosenko, RT (R)(CT) from Bristol is the current Treasurer of the CSRT, she is also the Chair of the ASRT Committee on Advocacy in Radiologic Technology and Region 9 Leader. Kori Stewart, RT (R)(CT) from East Haven, the current Secretary of the CSRT, provided an educational presentation “Biomedical Informatics and Imaging Systems in Radiology: Applications, Integrations and Evolution.” Daniel DeMaio, RT (R)(CT) from West Simsbury, current President-elect of the CSRT and the Chair of the ASRT Practice Standards Committee, provided an educational presentation “Shielding in CT: An Update for 2016.” There were three students representing Connecticut in the ASRT Student Leadership Academy: Blenda Church, a Radiation Therapy student at Manchester Community College, Elizabeth Ragozzino and Rachelle Borges, both radiography students at University of Hartford.

There were light hearted moments during the annual pin exchange and during breaks in the exhibit hall, but there were also many serious moments during open forums, ASRT, ARRT, and JRCERT Updates, Honors Event, and of course the Installation of Officers followed by the President’s Reception. There were chapter meetings to attend where various areas of interest specific to our imaging and therapy disciplines were discussed. Of course, there was the House of Delegates where the ASRT By-Laws were reviewed, amended and
voted on. There was discussion, debate and decisions made in an efficient organized manner.

The United States House of Representatives and Senate could take a lesson from the ASRT House of Delegates on how to work together for the good of the whole and not one side or the other. With leaders like Speaker Mike Ogden and Vice-Speaker Beth Weber leading the House of Delegates and Kay Crews, the ASRT parliamentarian, many things were accomplished. Please refer to the latest edition of the ASRT Scanner to see all of the work that was accomplished.

So, as I stated in the beginning, “Where does a radiologic sciences professional go to talk with their peers about things that only they know? They go to a meeting!” The Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technology Meeting is coming up October 1, 2016. This year, we’re very excited to host this fantastic annual event in a new location: Manchester Community College. Centrally located and convenient for all, the beautiful campus is the perfect place for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals to network, learn state-of-the-art information and help make decisions that will affect how you, a fellow radiologic sciences professional will be performing your job in our state. There will be 7 continuing education credits available for our attendees, as well as a short business meeting. I hope to see you in Manchester!

Submitted by: Donna J. Crum, MS, RT (R)(CT) – CSRT President, 2015-2016

For information about next year’s ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance & House of delegates meeting in Orlando, FL, scheduled for June 22-25, 2017, visit: www.ASRT.org

**Membership Update**

With the many great enhancements to our website – [www.CSRT.us](http://www.CSRT.us) - it is now possible to become a member of the CSRT at any time online, for a full-year (365 days), at the low cost of only $30.

Many of our long-standing members routinely renew their CSRT membership by attending our annual conference each fall. If you came to the 2015 conference, your $130 fee included your event registration ($100) and your 2015/16 CSRT membership – which is set to expire at midnight on September 30, 2016.

Beginning this year, registration for the annual conference no longer automatically includes CSRT membership. We have “unbundled” conference registration and annual membership, to make it easier for Connecticut imaging and radiation therapy professionals to join the CSRT - and receive a full year of benefits – at any time!

**To renew your CSRT annual membership, please visit our powerful new website at [www.CSRT.us](http://www.CSRT.us).**

Renew today and continue your support of the radiologic sciences in the state of Connecticut!
We’re pleased to report that Connecticut was once again well represented in this year’s ASRT Student Leadership Development Program. During the June House of Delegates meeting in Las Vegas, NV, Blenda Church of Manchester Community College’s Radiation Therapy program and two students from the University of Hartford Radiography program – Rachelle Borges and Elizabeth Ragozzino participated in this fantastic program. These three students were awarded an all-expenses-paid trip to Las Vegas, where they participated in four jam-packed days of leadership exercises and lectures about the ASRT and our profession. They also enjoyed a ringside seat to all of the HOD action during the two exciting business meetings.

The student experience began with an eye-opening day of educational lectures. One highlight was a presentation titled, “Magically Improving the Pediatric Medical Experience.” Liz Ragozzino commented, “This was by far the most interesting lecture that I attended. The speaker talked about incorporating “magical” aspects to the pediatric crowd during their exams. He mainly focused on awarding prizes to children and introduced the idea of decorating the equipment so it’s not so scary for the children. Having themed exam rooms would not only relax children during their exams, but also keep them entertained. I loved this and would hope that all pediatric based facilities would implement this idea.”

The ASRT Student Leadership Development program is a great way for the future of our profession – our students – to learn more about the governance of the radiologic sciences profession. Upon returning home from Las Vegas, Blenda commented, “I would highly recommend the program. ASRT membership is important in so many ways for new and existing professionals. Getting to see the behind the scenes look at the work that happens was great. ASRT may be a way to track CEUs, but they are also an important advocate for our careers.” We agree, Blenda! Just like the CSRT does for radiologic science professionals here in Connecticut! Thanks to recent efforts by our Board to engage students in our society, our students are learning the value of CSRT and ASRT membership. “I would like to spread the word about CSRT and how everyone can benefit from membership. I would love to get more RTTs involved so that future students can see the therapists represented at a state level”. – Blenda Church, SLDP Student, June 2016.

Congratulations to this year’s CSRT College Bowl winner:

**Middlesex Community College**

The event was held in Middletown on April 1, 2016. Five radiography programs competed for this year’s title.

Stay tuned for details about next year’s event!

Consider running for a Board position! This is a great way to take an active role in your profession! Elections for President-elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be held during the business meeting of this year’s Annual Conference on October 1. **You can do it – join us!!**
The 74th Annual Conference of the CSRT is coming – this year in a NEW LOCATION – Manchester Community College! We have a very exciting line-up of speakers this year, with topics ranging from stroke recovery to imaging the transgender patient. Ever wonder what it would be like to work as a radiographer on an NFL sideline? Our keynote speaker, Mr. Anthony Anderson will provide us an inside look at this exciting work!

New lower cost – we’ve reduced conference registration costs for members! For only $80 (before September 23) attendees receive a full day of exciting and informative CE lectures, catered continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments, the opportunity to network with imaging professionals and a chance to catch-up with old friends!

A brochure describing the day’s events that includes a registration form will be arriving to member’s homes soon. Of course, we encourage you to register online at www.CSRT.us. We hope to see you there!

CSRT is the organization in Connecticut that represents the Radiologic Technologist Professionals in the state. Our mission is to provide state of the art education, communication, and legislative representation for our society; while creating public awareness of our integrity, professionalism, and humanitarianism. The purposes of the Society is to advance the science of radiologic technology, to assist in establishing and maintaining high standards of education and training, to elevate the quality of patient care, and to improve the welfare and socio-economic of radiologic technologists. These purposes shall not be restricted by any consideration of nationality, race, color, sex or creed.

Founded in 1938, the organization has been the instrument for our professionals to share ideas and interests, and network with colleagues, and participate in ongoing educational accreditation.

Please help spread the word about your state society – the CSRT! Post this issue of Newsline in your workplace break room or technologist work area.

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Curtis Awards

The CSRT Awards Committee is composed of 5 dedicated individuals who are either life members or past presidents, each having more than 10 years of active membership to the CSRT. Each year, the Committee considers nominees for the John Archer and Life Member Awards. The Committee wishes to remind all members of the CSRT that nominations for these special awards are always welcomed. Please review the criteria below and contact CSRT President Donna Crum at donna.crum@midhosp.org if you know of someone deserving and eligible for this important recognition.

John Archer Award
This award was established in 1990 in honor of John Archer who died suddenly. He was an outstanding member of the CSRT who served as president and was very instrumental in the pursuit of licensure legislation in the state.

This award is presented to an exemplary CSRT member in recognition of outstanding service and commitment to the Society. This worthy individual must be a CSRT member for at least ten years, having actively participated as a standing committee chairperson, and having served on the Executive Board. In addition, the candidate must have also produced a significant impact on the profession of Radiologic Technology, exhibited positive goals, upheld the ideals of the Society, and attained a level of respect and confidence from members of the profession.

Criteria for John Archer Award:
1. CSRT member who has contributed outstanding service to the Society for at least 10 years.
2. Recipient must demonstrate active participation as a member of a standing committee, served as a committee chairman, and held office in the Society, with such efforts producing a positive impact on the Society.
3. Recipient must present himself/herself as a professional by carrying forth the goals and ideals of the Society throughout their actions and their work environment.
4. Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Committee five (5) months prior to the Annual Conference for consideration in that year.
5. The Awards Committee will review nominated candidates and submit a recommendation to the Executive Board for approval.
6. Only one John Archer Award will be given annually.
7. At the discretion of the Executive Board, this award may or may not be given annually.

Life Member Award
Over the years, the Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologist has had some exemplary members who have laid down a solid foundation for the Society to build upon. For many years of their professional lives, these members were hard-working, never-tiring leaders who moved the Society forward. They have lifted our Society, giving it strength and dignity. This award honors these individuals. Life members shall not pay dues and will have all privileges and obligations of society members.

Criteria for Life Member Achievement Award:
1. This award is given to an active member of the society who has performed outstanding continuous service to the society for at least twenty (20) years.
2. This individual has demonstrated active participation having served as a chairman of a standing committee, held office, and produced a positive impact on the society.
3. Candidate's name will be submitted to the Awards Committee. Confidentially, the Awards Committee will evaluate the individual's record of service using a point system.
4. The nominated candidate may be asked to submit a society resume.
5. If necessary, letters from four (4) Executive Board or past presidents from the candidate's era may be used to verify and document the candidate's activities, benefits and accomplishments related to the continuing improvement of the CSRT.
6. Life member candidate will be voted upon by the Executive Board, following the recommendation of the Awards Committee.
7. Life member candidate must have a 3/4 vote of the Executive Board to be approved.
8. Only one Life Member Award will be given annually.
9. At the discretion of the Executive Board, this award may or may not be given annually.

The CSRT Annual Conference is just weeks away. Nominate your eligible & deserving colleague....TODAY!

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Bylaws Committee

Our Bylaws Committee wishes to propose a revision to the membership registration process. Our new website provides us with the ability to implement a “rolling membership” process, whereby an individual may register for CSRT membership at any point in the year. Once registered, the membership is effective for 365 calendar days. Members will receive automated e-mail reminders to renew their annual membership. Please review the proposal below and forward any comments to the CSRT Board through the “Contact Us” link on our website (www.csrt.us). The complete Bylaws of the CSRT may also be found on our website for your reference. The proposal will be voted on during the business meeting of this year’s Annual Conference on October 1 at Manchester Community College.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP FEES

The dues for members shall be of such amounts as are required by the CSRT. Dues for all members, established by the Board of Directors, require adoption by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members voting at a CSRT business meeting.

A. Application/membership fees shall be established by the Board of Directors.
B. Notice of a proposed dues increase shall be given to the membership thirty (30) days in advance.
C. The annual dues for all members shall be due and payable in advance by October 1.
D. Membership dues will be effective for 12 months from date of application or membership renewal.
E. Any person who is in arrears after 90 days shall be deleted from membership.

Rationale:

1. Rolling membership will provide incentive to join at any time and get a full year’s benefit.
2. Will increase membership.
3. Will improve efficiency of the membership process.

http://member.csrt.us/contact-us/

Upcoming Events

Annual CSRT Conference – Manchester Community College
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016

The Board is currently planning additional CE lectures for the Fall & Winter at exciting Connecticut venues. Contact us if you have a great idea for a CE event!

Visit our website, www.CSRT.us for the latest info upcoming events!