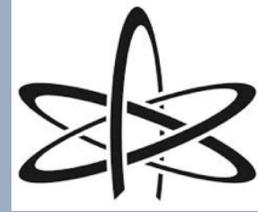


# CSRT

# Newsline



## Winter 2018

## Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists

Obituary

## Immeasurable Loss for the CSRT and for Our Profession.

The CSRT mourns the passing of **Josephine (Jo) Picone**, the longest serving, active member of our organization. She passed away on November 23, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 88. Jo was a dedicated lifelong member of the CSRT, as well as the New England Conference of Radiologic Technologists and the ASRT. She joined the CSRT in 1957 and participated in and chaired numerous committees including a role as editor of the Roentgen Ray Newsletter. She was a practicing radiologic technologist for 67 years and at the time of her death was the oldest active R.T. in the U.S. Jo co-chaired the Legislative Committee in the early days and was a tireless fighter for licensure at the Capitol for decades. The Radiation Safety Bill was finally signed into law in 1993 by Gov. Lowell P. Weicker. Jo did not stop there and continued her efforts at the national level representing the CSRT in Washington D.C. pursuing the passage of the C.A.R.E. Bill. These efforts led to her receiving the John Archer Outstanding Achievement Award in 1994 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996, the CSRT's highest honor. In 2015, this award was renamed the *Josephine M. Picone Lifetime Achievement Award*. Her total dedication to her profession was clear during our annual conference this October - 6 weeks before her death - which she attended and was honored to present this award to Bill Hennessy.

Jo lived by the words of baseball legend Jackie Robinson whom she admired - "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."



### **Josephine M. Picone, RT(R)(ARRT)**

Her spirit, love and dedication to her family and profession are a remarkable testament to these words and she will be sorely missed.

Jo is survived by her 4 loving children, a sister, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren to which she was totally dedicated. Our condolences go out to all of her family and friends.

Memorial contributions in Jo's name may be made to The St. Francis Foundation, 95 Woodland Street, 2nd Floor, ATTENTION: Donation Processing, Hartford, CT 06105 or The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

## President's Message

- Nora Uricchio

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes... moments so dear. How do you measure a year?* These words taken from the song *Seasons of Love* from the Broadway musical *Rent*. The beginning of a new year and the passing of an incredible role model in Jo Picone, make me reflect on the impact of our lives on each other and our patients. The good work that each of you do caring, nurturing and providing imaging exams or radiation treatments has a lasting impact on your patients and their families. This excellence was demonstrated by a life well lived by Jo Picone. Her passion was in the field of radiologic sciences. She worked tirelessly for years to advocate for her profession to ensure patient safety through her daily work as a radiographer or as an active member of the CSRT and ASRT. As the president of the CSRT, it is truly an honor and privilege to work with the extraordinary board members who have dedicated themselves to working in the profession and work tirelessly for the CSRT and ASRT.

I've heard it asked, "What does the CSRT do for me?"

**ADVOCACY:** First, it helps to protect your career. The CSRT works in conjunction with the ASRT to enhance and defend professional standards for medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals. The CSRT hires a lobbyist to ensure any legislation that is proposed does not impinge on our scope of practice. In this time of constant change between healthcare policies, laws, healthcare mergers, the demand for doing more with less and increasing productivity, the CSRT works to ensure that other healthcare professionals are not allowed to perform medical imaging or administer radiation treatments. This protects our patients by ensuring that qualified people are performing the procedures. The CSRT is working for you when our profession is threatened.

**FREE EDUCATION:** The CSRT also provides free, yes FREE CE lectures for all their members. These are held at various locations in the state at fun venues. This past year events were held at Firefly Hollow Brewing in Bristol, Two Roads Brewery in Stratford, University of Hartford, Manchester Community College (MCC) on Main. These are great opportunities not only to earn credit but also have fun, network and learn from colleagues.

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** This past year's annual conference held at Foxwoods provided very interesting and diverse lectures for all imaging and radiation therapy professionals. We have already begun planning this year's annual conference. If you have ideas, suggestions or would like to get involved please contact us.

**ASRT PROGRAMS:** The CSRT continues to participate in the Affiliate Financial Assistance and Development programs. These programs help financially support the state societies who meet the required criteria. The CSRT has been the recipient of this financial assistance from the ASRT, allowing us to provide our members strong advocacy and a top notch annual conference.

As we begin this new year, what will you do to extend or challenge yourself professionally? One way is to get involved with the CSRT? It's easy and rewarding:

1. **Join:** If you are not a member, join! There is strength in numbers. In this climate of constant change, it is vital that we stand strong together as radiologic science professionals.
2. **Attend a lecture:** If you have not, take some time to come and hear interesting speakers at our fun locations. These allow us to change our perspective and develop best practices, challenging us to become better professionals and improve service to our patients.
3. **Serve on a committee:** I know what you're thinking - I don't have time! At a minimum, you perhaps do have time to share your ideas and suggestions for topics and speakers for our lectures. Also share information with your colleagues.
4. **Serve as a board member:** I am in awe of the amazing people on the board. I am inspired by their dedication and professionalism. It encourages me to become a better professional to better serve those I teach. Join us!

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred moments in a year. How will you make a great impact on your profession? Protect our profession by standing together and join the CSRT today.*

-Nora Uricchio  
CSRT President, 2017-18

## Remember....

It's now possible to print your CSRT Membership card anytime – from your own computer!

Just log-in to CSRT.us and download your membership certificate from your personal dashboard.

*It's that easy!*

### CSRT Board of Directors: 2017-18

Senior Board Member:	Donna Crum ( <a href="mailto:donna.crum@midhosp.org">donna.crum@midhosp.org</a> )
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Interested in serving as a CSRT Board Member? Would you like to nominate yourself, or an interested colleague? Contact our Nominations Committee at:  
***SMorison@mcc.commnet.edu***

### The Student Commons

The CSRT is once again proud to sponsor this year's **College Bowl on Friday, April 13** on the campus of Middlesex Community College. This exciting event will feature student teams from across the state competing for "bragging rights!" The day's events will also feature a helpful lecture on the latest details and updates regarding ARRT credentialing, from our very own & renowned "**X-Ray Bob**" **Grossman**. This talk will be valuable to both students and experienced technologists, looking for an update on the many changes to our professional credentialing process. Admission to the CE lecture and College Bowl is **free** for current CSRT members.

\*Visit [www.csrt.us](http://www.csrt.us) - for more information.



***Come out and support your alma mater and all of our participating students!***

## Conference Wrap-Up

### ***The CSRT's Annual Conference at Foxwoods Resort Casino was a smashing success!***

On Saturday, October 14, 2017, the CSRT proudly presented its 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary Conference at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Mashantucket, Connecticut. More than one hundred technologists, educators, vendors and students were in attendance and enjoyed in a wide variety of innovative lectures across many of the hottest subjects in the radiologic sciences. The day began with a fascinating lecture titled, "Understanding Islam and Muslim Beliefs and Practices as Related to Patient Care" by M. Aida Mansoor, a certified Islamic chaplain. Other lectures included the latest on trends in breast surgery, percutaneous image-guided renal tumor ablation, body posture and workplace injury and radioactive seed localization in mammography - just to name a few! The CSRT was honored by the attendance of Dr. Melissa B. Jackowski, ASRT President-Elect who provided two excellent CE lectures on professional interviews and the publication process for radiologic science professionals.

The business meeting featured a vote for bylaws revisions and a "Year in Review" provided by outgoing President Dan DeMaio, outlining many of the CSRT's accomplishments over the 2016-2017 year. The Gail Pitkin Memorial Lecture Award was presented to Denise Yost, for the outstanding lecture of the 2017 Annual Conference. Attendees witnessed a very special moment as Jo Picone personally presented the Josephine M. Picone Lifetime Achievement Award to Professor William "Bill" Hennessy. The business meeting concluded with the nominations & elections of the 2017-2018 Board of Directors and introductory comments by incoming CSRT President, Nora Uricchio.

Thank you to all 2017 lecturers: Terry Savino, Michelle Romero, Dr. Debra Gervais, Melissa Jackowski, Denise Yost, Michelle Cox, Nicole Haffey, Dr. Kimberly Caprio, David Boissonault, Jason DaCruz, Dr. Valerie Staradub, Alyssa McKinnon, Daniel DeMaio and Karen Myrick.

Special thanks to our presenting sponsors: Prestige Medical Imaging, Alpha Imaging, Sectra and The Burwin Institute, along with the many other vendors and sponsors whose contributions and support helped make our annual conference such a success.

Stay tuned for more information on the 2018 Annual Conference - we hope to see you there!

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**The CSRT Annual Conference Committee is already planning for another fantastic event in the fall of 2018.**

**Have an idea about a possible venue for the conference? How about a great speaker for the event?**

**We'd love to hear your suggestions about we can make the conference even better!!**

## CSRT Awards

The CSRT Awards Committee is composed of 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 Diane Smith, Awards Committee Chair at [ds4animals@yahoo.com](mailto:ds4animals@yahoo.com) - 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.

### **Josephine M. Picone 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 the Josephine M. Picone 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.

Nominate your  
eligible & deserving  
colleague.....**TODAY!**



## Get Involved – Join a CSRT Committee

Joining one of our committees is a great way to become more involved in the CSRT and your profession. Committee work in the CSRT requires a minimal commitment of time and resources. Most of our work is completed via telephone and/or email correspondence. Face-to-face committee meetings are scheduled only on an as-needed basis. By volunteering your time and talents to a CSRT committee, you'll have an opportunity to directly participate in leadership of our profession at the state level. You will also experience a deep sense of satisfaction knowing that you are an integral part of the ongoing professional well-being of all radiologic technologists in Connecticut.

## GET INVOLVED!

Committee	Chair(s)
Annual Conference Planning	Colleen Miller
Bylaws	Diane Smith & Jim Riddick
Nominations	Susan Morison
Legislative	Diane Kosenko & Bill Hennessy
Awards/Historian	Diane Smith
Newsline	Daniel DeMaio
Media Relations/Website	Jay Derksen
Education/Student	Bob Grossman

**To learn more or to join a committee, email Nora Uricchio at [NUricchio@mcc.comnet.edu](mailto:NUricchio@mcc.comnet.edu)**

### Professional Update

In March of 2016, *The Joint Commission* proposed revisions to some of its standards that apply to the providers of diagnostic imaging services, specifically those who perform computed tomography (CT) exams. This change would have required technologists who perform CT's to achieve advanced-level CT certification by January 1, 2018. A few months later in July of 2016, *The Joint Commission* reported that they had received a large volume of customer concerns that the new requirement could negatively impact patient access to CT services. Therefore, *The Joint Commission* withdrew this proposed revision to their standards. Since then, many technologists across the country have expressed confusion about the need to achieve advanced-level CT certification to practice this modality.

To be clear: According to *The Joint Commission*, **technologists do not need to be certified in CT in order to perform these procedures.** Of course, *The Joint Commission* still requires CT technologists to have the appropriate state license, ARRT or NMTCB certification in radiography or nuclear medicine (respectively), and documented training in CT.

In recent months, states including North Carolina and our northern neighbor, Massachusetts have passed regulations that require certification in CT. **What are your thoughts?**

Do you think that technologists should be required to achieve certification in order to practice in an advanced modality such as CT?

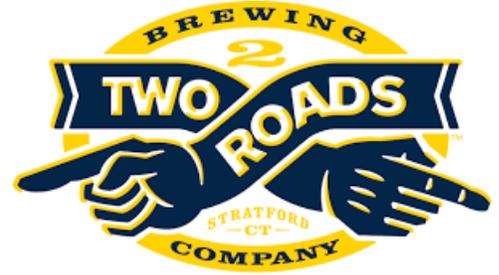
Is this something that should be addressed nationally or at the state level?

We'd love to hear your opinion! Submit your comments here: <http://member.csrt.us/contact-us/>



# CEU & Brews!

## CE Lecture at Two Roads Brewing Stratford, CT



The CSRT is proud to announce the next exciting lecture in our innovative *CEU & Brews* series:

### *Forensic Imaging in Connecticut*

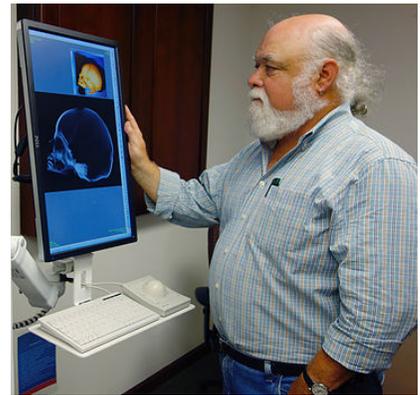
We're honored to have the distinguished

#### **Gerald J. Conlogue**

Professor Emeritus, Quinnipiac University  
provide a fascinating exploration into the world of  
forensics here in the state of Connecticut.

Join us at Two Roads Brewing in Stratford, CT on  
Sunday, January 28. The lecture begins sharply at 2:30 with  
onsite registration (if still available!) starting at 2:00 pm.

This CE event is FREE for CSRT members! Space is limited.  
Visit [www.csrt.us](http://www.csrt.us) for more information and to register online.



## CSRT Board Members.....In Press!



In case you missed it, be sure to check out the October/November 2017 issue of ASRT Scanner which featured three articles written by current CSRT board members! Vice-President Kori Stewart provided some fascinating insight into the world of artificial intelligence and its growing impact on informatics and healthcare in general. In her role as a member of the Region 9 Subcommittee of the ASRT Committee on R.T. Advocacy (CRTA), our treasurer, former president and life-member Diane Kosenko authored a passionate column describing the importance of the CRTA as an advocate for our profession. In the third column, current Board Chair, Dan DeMaio summarized the certification approval process, as part of his work with the ASRT Practice Standards Council (PSC).

ASRT Members can access all ASRT publications on their website:

<https://www.asrt.org/main/news-research/asrt-journals-magazines>

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**Upcoming Events**

**CEU & Brews! – Two Roads Brewery, Sunday, January 28, 2018**

Professor Emeritus Gerald J. Conlogue  
*Forensic Imaging in Connecticut* at 2:30 pm  
Brewery tours and tastings available!



**College Bowl – Middlesex Community College - Friday, April 13, 2018**

8:00 am - Come watch our radiography students battle for program bragging rights!  
Free CE lecture for members: *ARRT 101*  
Robert “X-Ray Bob” Grossman, Middlesex Community College



**Spring Conference - Saturday, April 21, 2018**

7:30 am, University of Hartford – 4 CE credits  
Co-Sponsored by the CSRT and UHART

**Annual CSRT Conference – Location/Date Pending!**



Visit [www.CSRT.us](http://www.CSRT.us) for more info on these and other upcoming events!