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**Biloxi, MS**  
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**Cleveland, OH**  
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## Districts Report

**District II** - Will be having a Sept. 17th morning conference at Dean East Clinic. Elections for officers will be held.

**District V** - Preparing for 2006 Conference. Committies have been set and speakers being obtained. Any help from the District on getting speakers would be a great help. - Contact Linda Krause

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The initial RTR when used with proper names in this journal, refer to individuals certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

# FROM YOUR EDITOR

*Please read this issue cover to cover as there is much important information contained in it.*

There will not be a whole lot of pictures in the next two journals, as some of you know I could not attend the 2005 conference do to Gallbladder surgery. I am doing fine now, even back to golfing.

I hope you are all having a great summer, enjoying vacations and those outside activities such as fishing and golf. The weather has been hot and dry but all in all it has been a great season.

**MARK YOU CALENDERS FOR THE 2006 CONFERENCE APRIL 30 THRU MAY 2ND.**

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO SUBMITTED FOR THE DEC. ISSUE IS NOVEMBER 9TH. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ADHERE TO THIS DATE.**

Thank you

Linda Krause, R.T.R.,RDMS. FWSRT

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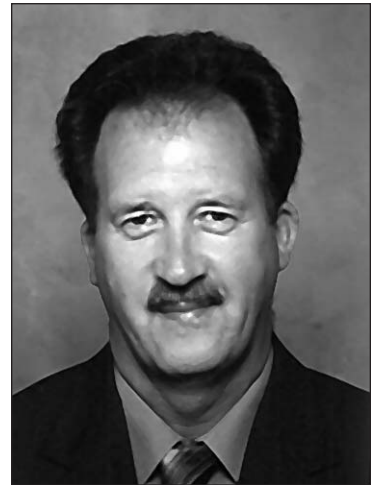
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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Gary Gobert, R.T.(R)**



Greetings to all WSRT members, students and friends

Let me introduce myself for those who do not know me. My name is Gary Gobert RT(R). I am the Radiology Supervisor for the Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center located in Crandon, WI. I received my radiology training at North Central Technical College in Wausau, WI. As I start my year as president of the WSRT I had the opportunity to attend the ASRT/AERS Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida as an affiliate delegate. What a great experience. I got to meet a lot of fellow technologists and sit on the House of Representatives. I would encourage anyone to attend this if possible. It sounds like the ASRT will be changing things around and separating the annual conference from the meeting of the House of Delegates. The ASRT is claiming they are losing money with having it together. They say they lost \$100,000.00 last year and expected to lose \$150,000.00 from this year's conference. The House of Delegates had some other ideas but who knows what the ASRT will do.

The WSRT annual conference that was held at the Kalahari resort in Wisconsin Dells again appeared to be well attended. With the joint venture of the WSRT Annual Conference and the Student Symposium, I am hoping for greater attendance in the coming years.

The summer is going by fast. It has been hot and dry up here in Northeastern Wisconsin. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

At this time I would like to welcome Kelly Grant as the newly elected President-Elect of the WSRT. I would also like to thank Craig Satori for getting involved and bringing back District III. I also realize how difficult it is keeping the Districts alive especially in the northern part of the state. As we all step up into new positions we still have a lot of work to do. Please contact your legislators to support the Care Bill and fellow technologists.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

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The WSRT web site is packed with all sorts of vital information for you, the medical imaging professional. So, check it out - often, as the site continues to evolve!

Have suggestions for items to add? Please sent those ideas to the web master.

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Plans are underway for the second con-joined conference of WSRT and WAERT to be held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Many educational programs will be presented including a program for administrators, and an all day Sunday line up of programs in different sub-specialties. Start to make plans to attend this great conference!! Remember the dates April 30, May 1-2, 2006, and spread the word to your co-workers and managers. Hope to see you there!!!

*More information will be available in the next Illuminator.*

# Wisconsin Society of Radiologic Technologists

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**Student** members are enrolled in an educational program recognized by an acceptable accrediting body.

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Chapter selection helps the WSRT identify possible members who would be qualified to represent the WSRT at the annual ASRT House of Delegates in their respective chapters.

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Inactive	\$25	
Supporting/ASRT*	\$25	
Supporting	\$30	
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Student Active/ASRT*	\$10	\$15
Student	\$15	\$25

### Chapter Selection

Primary (Please select 1)	Secondary (Optional)
_____	_____ Bone Densitometry
_____	_____ CIT
_____	_____ Computed Tomography
_____	_____ Dosimetry
_____	_____ Education
_____	_____ Magnetic Resonance
_____	_____ Mammography
_____	_____ Management
_____	_____ Military
_____	_____ Nuclear Medicine
_____	_____ Radiation Therapy
_____	_____ Radiology
_____	_____ Sonography

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(Please check all appropriate offerings)

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*(Joined between January 22, 2004 and July 15, 2005)*

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Aldahshan, Kais Z	Erkander, Amber L	Ladwig, Michelle	Rasmussen, Amy S
Allen, Lynn D	Erkmanis,Dzintra	Lang, Carly B	Ratajewski, Sara J
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Beishe, Sara E	Fera, Julie A	Lehr-Marchant, Lois A	Rhodes, Marianne
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Bemis, Barbara L	Fleming, Cynthia J	Lengh, Arianne	Roesch, Kayla L
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Bohnen, Dawn M	Frohna, Kim M	Lichtie, Ainsley A	Salazar, Sonia P
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Dietz, Judy A	Janocik, Andrew P	Passante, Joseph M	Truckenbrod, Marlys j
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## **59 Years**

Larson, Willard

## **52 years**

Bauer, Richard

## **40 Years**

Ahlswede, Eileen

Jeffers, Nancy M

Reiter, Karen C

## **35 Years**

Beyer, Gary R

Christopher, Kathleen

Loka, Sue Anne M

Muchka, Sandra

Raasch, Bernadette

Torosian, Pamela

## **30 Years**

Bloomquist, Ron

Griswold, Randy

Tvedten, Karen

## **25 Years**

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Balint, Suzanne M

Colano, Linda S

Derksen, Jane

Mejaki, Karen

Roskos, Susan

Ryan, Thomas

Stubbe, Kay Ann

Vieth, Debra

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Espinosa, Jean D

Heeg, Ruth

Jellings, Elaine

Koller, Anne

Mc Cabe, Kristin

Molleson, Raymond

Rhodes, Cheryl

Schenck, Jacquelin

## **15 Years**

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Daniels, Kimberly

Felhofer, Mary

Gehin, Mary

Hendricks, Monica

Karman, Shirley

Rasmusson, Patti Jean

Switalski, Karen

Weise, Jody

Wetzel, Kathy

## **10 Years**

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Bartelt, Todd

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Blachowiak, Margaret

Brossard, Patricia M

De Wan, Mary

Dressler, Sharon

Eggert, Darcie

Fischer, Mary Kay

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Hawley, Melody

Hayden, Betty

Herrmann, Jolee

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Hook, James

Jankowski, Lori

Justus, Colleen A

Kjelstad, Deborah

Kralik, Joylyn

Krueger, Sharon

Kuehn, Linda

Lamers, Dawn

Lang, Amy

Le Sage, Sandra

Lee, Mary Ann

Mc Mahon, Rebecca

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Myers, Julie

Myszewski, Margaret

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Overmoyer, David E

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Philipps, Debra

Platts, Jayne R

Porteus, Barbara

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Ratfelders, Steven J

Rehn, Sheri

Rose, Mary Joan

Rothe, Bradley

Shotwell-Vander Hoof, Wendy

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Snyder, Susan

Soward-Gatford, Toni

Swan, Clarice

Theisen, William

Thomson, Patricia A

Voelker, Nancy

Wall, Jodi

Walsh, Lynn

Weiss, Cathy

Wenger, Nancy A

West, Nancy A

Westimayer, Patricia

White, Paulette

Wimmeler, Karen

Ziegler, Judith

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Cherney Carolyn A

Demarais, Linda

Edwards, Rosanne

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Killberg, Megan E

Lagasse, Bonnie J

Lanoué, Blaze A

Merlet, Jennifer

Miller, Mary Jo

Osterberg, Christine

Rennicke, Michelle

Riedel, Shari

Short, Diane

Snider Karen

Tilley Michelle M

Van Erden, Cheri

Week, Cecelia "Dolly"

Zebrowski, Carolyn D

# CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD WSRT ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 2005

We have all heard it many times before; making the right choices and changing the way we do things can be difficult. During the past four years this board of directors has had to make difficult choices and change the way we conduct and view the business of our society. Yet, making the right choices for the future has been made a little easier with the individuals who serve on the WSRT Board. As I look back over the past several years I feel we have moved forward as a professional society. I believe this was accomplished because of the dedicated, talented professional's in its membership and those serving its members. I am honored and proud to work with those professional's who have a clear vision of the future of our society. We the WSRT are financially sound, our state and federal legislators know who we are, by means of the World Wide Web, the public and other professionals know who we are, the membership is stable, we continue our venture of offering members continuing educational credits, we've come together at this conference uniting with our students. How great it is to be a radiologic technologists. We should be proud to be members of the WSRT!

As I leave my position on the board, I feel it necessary to make my recommendations to you the members and to the Board of Directors.

All of us must focus on our student members. Value them; embrace their curiosity as young professionals. Mentor and teach them the value of our profession and professional organization. As per our By-Laws, students have the privilege of voting at districts meetings, consider them as candidates for offices such as secretary or treasurer, or create a position for a student liaison to serve on the board. They need to actively participate in the direction of our society.

Please continue to support this joint conference journey. It is so very important to use this avenue and opportunity to bring all Radiologic Sciences together for a single annual conference. This common meeting can be learning, networking and recruiting experience for all. My vision is to make this annual conference a Midwest Multi Modality regional conference. A regional conference everyone will look forward to attending in the Midwest. The board has the vision and talent to make it happen. This can be done with the appointment of a diligent annual conference chairperson, establishing an effective district committee, and developing an interesting program with excellent speakers.

Our By-laws have not been reviewed and updated since 1999. It is time to review them. Consider having the District's Representative also serve as the District President in a combined role. This would allow for one individual to be responsible for consistent communication and representation between the District and State level. It may make it easier to identify active participants who may be interested in serving at the state level.

As I look back after having served the WSRT as member delegate, president-elect, president, and now chairman of the board it is difficult to acknowledge that this will be my last message to you. The opportunity to actively participate in our society at the highest decision making levels was both a stimulating and inspiring experience, one that I will always remember and cherish. Changes and decisions that we have made, although difficult, have translated into accomplishments that have positively impacted our society at the district, state and national levels. Continue to support one another and the Board by letting your ideas be heard. If you are not in a position to volunteer for an elected office please continue to be a loyal member. So that together we can continue to stimulate the successful growth of the WSRT.

I am grateful for your past support, interest and encouragement. Serving on the Board of Directors was one of the most challenging and rewarding choices I have made in my professional career. I thank you for this special privilege. Thank you also to the many individuals who have inspired and guided me throughout this journey. I will miss the camaraderie, friendships, and involvement at both the state and national level. But most of all I will miss the potential to do good things and make a difference in and for our profession. So my friends, I wish the best to all of you in your professional and personal lives. If we remember the true purpose of our profession, our patient and their quality of care we will continue to do great things.

Thank you!

Mary Felhofer, R.T.(R) (M) (CT)



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
**2005 WSRT ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**Sheryl Smith, R.T.(R)(M)**

A few years ago I was asked by Mary Felhofer to accept the nomination for President-Elect of WSRT. After much deliberation, I agreed to this, keeping in mind that would be a four year commitment. Now halfway through those years, I find that the time has gone too fast, and I hate to see it end. So much is happening and I want to continue to be a part of the group that is making it happen.

The hot item continues to be the CARE Bill. In March the bill was introduced for the fourth time, this time Mississippi's Chip Pickering. Hopefully, the fourth time will be the winner. As of May 1, there were 54 co-sponsors but more are needed. Wisconsin currently has 3 co-sponsors, Reps. Ryan, Baldwin, and Kind, the rest need to join in, so that is why it is important for all of us to email or send letters to our congressmen asking them to support this bill. Allowing unregistered persons to take x-rays not only endangers our patients but it also endangers our jobs as technologists because employers are saving money by hiring these people and paying them less than a registered technologist would want.

The future of ASRT is changing drastically over the next few years. At the 2004 ASRT Conference it was decided to re-structure the house of delegates by dropping the number of delegates a state can have in the house. Regions will be eliminated and new areas will be formed, so there will be less chapter delegates from each sub-specialty. Also, starting in 2008, the ASRT Conference will be divided into two meetings, the House of Delegates will meet in Albuquerque in June, and the educational session will take place late summer. The reason for this is because of the loss of money in the past several years.

Which brings me to our own state organization. For some reason our membership is declining. What can we do? The WSRT Board is looking for ways to increase membership and to retain membership. We welcome any suggestions from our members, and from non-members. Any person having ideas, please get in touch with any board member, all names are listed on the web site. The web site has a lot of information for all technologists, so please use it as a resource. The future of this organization rests in the hands of every technologist, so get your hands involved.

A recent commercial for Nissan had these words in it "Stay as you are and you won't make a difference." So make a difference, get involved as I did, and see what you can do within your professional organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Smith

# **WSRT MEMBER DELEGATE REPORT**

## **May 2005**

First of all I would like to thank you, the members of the WSRT, for giving me the opportunity to serve as your affiliate delegate.

This spring I attended the Region IV meeting in Minnesota. At this meeting we heard reports from the Commissions on Administration, Education and Professional Practice and reviewed the resolutions going before the House of Delegates in June. There were 3 resolutions from the Commission on Administration: Resolution 1.01A, which is being supported by Region IV, is a \$10 increase in ASRT membership dues. The Commission on Education had only two resolutions and Region IV did not support either one. The Commission on Professional Practice had 17 resolutions. Region IV is supporting 14 of those resolutions. I will be at this meeting all weekend and would welcome the memberships input as to how they would like to vote on all of the resolutions. Please feel free to stop me and give me your thoughts. I will present the Educational Resolutions to WEART for their input.

In June I will attend the ASRT annual conference in Orlando, Fl. I will plan to attend all three reference committee meetings and all of the Region IV meetings. As the region concept fades away the affiliates have agreed to continue to meet and discuss the resolutions as always. The new name of the meeting will be SWIM'N, which is just an acronym for the states that make up region IV. In the future we will invite other affiliates to go SWIM'N.

A complete report from the ASRT Annual Conference as reported by Region IV will be published in the Illuminator.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lura Sanson



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT  
WSRT ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MAY 2005  
Sandra Lemiesz Helinski MBA RT(R), QM, MR**

This year's legislative efforts of the WSRT centered around continuing to garner support for the Consumer Assurance of Radiologic Excellence (CARE) and RadCARE bills. These bills, of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate respectively, would establish federal minimum educational and credentialing standards for persons who plan and deliver radiation therapy and perform all types of diagnostic procedures except medical ultrasound. The CARE Bill, #HR1426 was introduced by Rep. Chip Pickering on March 17th, 2005. It was the fourth time that the CARE Bill has been reintroduced to the House. The RadCARE bill was first introduced to the Senate in June of 2003, and we are currently awaiting its reintroduction. Rep. Chip Pickering of Mississippi is the vice chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, through which most of the nation's health care legislation passes, along with finance, telecommunications and energy legislation. He is also the House assistant majority whip and may carry the clout needed to drive the CARE bill. He believes that "This policy will benefit the health care industry by reducing costs and by preventing potential liability through the use of unlicensed technologists. Those savings will be passed on to patients, as well as the government which reimburses through Medicare and Medicaid." Representatives Paul Ryan, Tammy Baldwin, and Ron Kind of Congressional Districts 1-3 respectively have already re-signed on as co-sponsors to this bill. As of May 4 there were 54 cosponsors of the CARE bill—nearly half the amount we had attained in the last Congressional session.

The WSRT sent Connie Geier and me, Sandra Helinski to represent Wisconsin in the RT in DC program, April 10-12 in Washington, DC. Completing the Wisconsin delegation were Kathy Wicker and Daniel Steinhoff of the Radiation Therapists of Wisconsin, and their student member, Eliza Lightholder. Lyn Mehlberg of the Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologist Section was also with us, an experienced Capitol Hill lobbyist for her field. She has taken part in the formulation of the regulations with the Alliance for Quality Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy that will be presented to the Department of Health and Human Services when the Care Bills are passed. We were updated on the progress of the legislation, trained in lobbying tactics pertinent to the concerns of this Congress, and met with all 8 representatives' offices and those of our 2 Senators, Kohl and Feingold. Arranging these appointments takes numerous phone calls, letters, and faxes and continuous follow-up. We began our meetings on Monday afternoon with Senator Feingold and Representative Tom Petri, receiving the usual challenges to our issue with the state vs. federal rights issue. Our enthusiasm was dashed by these two offices, but we persisted with emphasizing that the federal government which funds Medicare and Medicaid has a vested interest in the quality of services that it pays for. On the way back, we experienced some of the drama of our Capital City. We were witnesses to the search of the Capitol grounds and the D.C. Chief of Police's press conference after the SWAT team apprehended the man with the strange suitcases on the Capitol lawn, and detonated the possible bombs. Monday evening involved a dinner business session with additional training and question and answer period. Our delegation met to select who would lead each meeting, assigning those who had any personal connection to each Congressional District where possible. These would be the persons to follow up after the program with each legislator and write the thank-you letters.

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On Tuesday morning we set off to meet with the remaining 8 legislators. (Attached is a list of our appointments). It was a more positive experience, starting our meeting with the office of Mark Green. We also met with the staff of Representatives Ryan, Kind, Obey, Baldwin, and Moore and Senator Kohl. We used valuable information learned the days before to support our cause. For instance, the CARE bill was given a “zero-score” by the Central Budget Office (CBO). This was a powerful piece of information as it means that enacting the legislation would not financially impact the federal government, a very positive aspect. Also the MedPAC—the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission issued a report on Medicare on March 1 advising Congress to address the “overuse, underuse, and misuse of imaging services.” On March 17, the House Ways and Means Committee subcommittee on health conducted a hearing to address a MedPAC recommendation that Congress set standards for those who perform or interpret diagnostic imaging examinations. We used both of these tools to help to subvert the usual hesitation of federal legislators to legislate what they feel are state matters.

On that note, one of the highlights of the program was meeting with Congressman F. James Sensenbrenner himself. We had one of the ASRT lobbyists, Dave Goch accompany us on this visit as we knew from past visits he would be difficult to convince. We emphasized in his continual argument of state vs. federal, as we did in all visits, that there IS a federal law on the record already—the Consumer Patient Radiation Health and Safety Act of 1981 that advised states to establish minimum educational and credentialing standards. However, the law had no enforcement mechanism, and Wisconsin has never complied. He challenged us wondering why we haven’t worked with the state. We answered that we did have an extensive effort in the 1980’s that cost the WSRT thousands of dollars, countless man hours in Madison (by Greg Spicer and the late Harry Torosian). The licensure bill that was up for a vote died on the floor as our champion of the bill, one of our state legislators that became one of his federal colleagues, did not show for the vote. He wondered why we had not gone back to the state since then. I explained that as a volunteer professional organization, that it was not possible to raise the money year after year with no guarantee of passage. I did explain that the WSRT was involved in 2001 with the Wisconsin Dept of Health and Family Services (DHFS) attending hearings that preceded the update of the Radiation Safety Code. Now CT scanners and radiation therapists in Wisconsin must be ARRT registered technologists, although not in their specialty. The “gotcha!” moment came when Dave Goch, knowledgeable in the voting records of Sensenbrenner, mentioned that he in fact voted for a federal law regulating medical imaging—the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992. He asked why he did not support quality imaging standards for the rest of medical imaging. Sensenbrenner’s reply was “You’ve got a point there.” Sensenbrenner then stated that if we could get a letter of support of the CARE legislation from the state, he would consider supporting it. Old collegial ties entered in as he revealed that he and Governor Doyle were colleagues at Stanford. Our delegation met after our appointments and agreed to try to set up a dialogue with the Governor’s office. A new strategy was born.

I contacted Mark Bunge of the Wisconsin DHFS as he has advised the WSRT on regulatory matters. He has expressed in the past that the state would be in favor of the passage of the CARE bills as it would provide an impetus and enforcement mechanism for radiologic safety and quality concerns. He however stated that a letter of support from his department would not be likely, as he feels it may add additional responsibilities on the state with no federal funding. Cutbacks on the state level are another factor. He advised us, in line with our strategy set after our meeting with Rep. Sensenbrenner that contacting the Governor’s office would be a better choice for a letter of support. In addition, he advised us to contact the state medical society and The Wisconsin Health Care Association and ask them for their support. We have to be cognizant that resistance has risen to the regulation of medical imagers in

light of larger HMO's placing x-ray equipment in satellite offices. Many would be against the mandate to hire registered technologists. Coming from Mr. Bunge, this is of great concern. Our RT in DC delegates will be discussing on how to follow up on these remarks, and with the Governor's office.

It goes without saying that it would be easy to become discouraged about the length of time the CARE legislation is taking to pass. Only 100-200 bills introduced yearly ever come up for consideration as laws, and the CARE bill is already the 1426th bill to be introduced. However, we are continually reminded that persistence will pay off. New "ammunition" from the MedPACS report and Central Budget Office "zero" classification are only impetus for its success. We as members of the WSRT should decide whether we would be in favor of funding another lobbying effort on the state level—it would take significant resources in funding and time of those dedicated to the cause. If not, it is even more incumbent upon all of us as registered radiologic technologists to write our legislators, and keep writing and calling. Our request to get a State Fair booth and the word to the public in that venue was never honored so we must talk about the CARE legislation to all that we know—only qualified, educated personnel should be allowed to examine and treat patients—nothing less. Connie and I have done interviews with local groups and publications, but we cannot do it all for everyone. Please make the CARE bills a personal priority as we have. We would be happy to help provide anyone with any information to assist in this mission.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the WSRT on the legislative committee here in Wisconsin and in Washington D.C. It is an honor to be part of the governmental process and represent our important profession as the gateway to diagnosis.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lemiesz Helinski MBA, RT(R), QM, MR

**RT in DC 2005**



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be pre-paid before they will be mailed out)

# WSRT/WAERT Essay Rules

1. **Eligibility:** All second-year students attending the WSRT/WAERT educational symposium & radiologic technologists attending the Annual Conference.

2. Prizes:	Student Competition	Technologist Competition
	First Place \$250	First Place \$350
	Second Place \$175	Second Place \$250
	Third Place \$125	Third Place \$175

All students/technologists who submit an essay will receive a certificate of merit in recognition for their efforts. Prizes will be awarded during the symposium.

3. **Manuscripts:** All manuscripts must be original and submitted by one author. The manuscript must have a clearly identifiable thesis statement. A thesis statement is a single sentence that formulates both your topic (central idea) and your point of view toward it. Content and conclusion should substantiate the thesis. The topic chosen shall show relevance to radiologic technology/radiology. A complete bibliography should be included and reflect the most current research available. References and bibliography should adhere to the current edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. This can be found at any library or bookstore.

- Essays must be typewritten on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper, double-spaced, with wide margins and be 6-10 pages in length.
- Any graphic illustrations, charts or diagrams used must be clearly labeled. No reference to a specific clinical site should be visible on any visuals used in the presentation.
- Manuscripts submitted to the essay chairperson will not be returned to the author. Four copies of the essay manuscript and illustrations (*three with no identification*) must be submitted to the Essay Chairperson no later than the postmarking deadline as indicated on the application in order to be eligible for an award. Copies of slides or radiographs to be used do not have to be submitted.

4. **Deadline:** Essay application must be submitted to the essay chairperson by the postmarking deadline indicated on the application. All manuscripts must be submitted by the manuscript postmarking deadline on the application in order to be eligible for an award.

5. **Guarantee:** Each author submitting a manuscript will be required to agree in writing that she/he will present the paper orally at the symposium if it is selected for presentation.

6. **Judging:** A current listing of all eligible judges will be maintained by the WAERT. Three judges selected from the list by the essay chairperson will judge the essays on Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the essay rating scale. This will be done prior to the symposium in accordance with the judging instruction. The essay chairperson shall appoint three other judges to evaluate the presentation of the essay at the symposium using "Essay Rating Scale - Presentation". The judges shall work independently and form their own opinions. . In the event of a tie for first place, the first and second place monies will be combined and divided equally between the winners, and the next highest point total will receive the third place monies. In the event of a second place tie, the second and third place monies will be combined and equally divided between the winners, and no third place monies will be awarded. In the event of a tie for third place, two third place winners will be awarded.

7. **Point Scale:** To be eligible for presentation at the symposium/conference, a manuscript must accumulate a total of 78 points when judges' scores have been compiled for Parts 1, 2, and 3. The total score on each essay is found by compiling the three scores for Parts 1, 2, and 3, from the manuscripts and from judging of the presentation at the symposium/conference. First, second, and third place awards in each category of competition will be awarded to the three highest point scores after all four parts are totaled..
8. **Presentation at the Symposium/Conference:** Once the preliminary judging has been completed the essay chairperson will tally the points and determine eligible papers for presentation based on total points accumulated. Thirty days prior to the symposium, the essay chairperson will notify each entrant if her/his paper has been selected for presentation and the date/time of said presentation. Time limits will be strictly adhered to, and in the event a presenter runs over the allotted 15 minutes or under 12 minutes, points will be deducted in accordance with Part I: Time allotment of the Essay Presentation Rating scale. To enhance the presentation of essay, the speakers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with its content so the essay is not read verbatim during the presentation. The only audiovisual equipment provided by the WAERT is a slide projector and screen. If you will use a PowerPoint presentation you will need to provide your own PC.
9. **Deviation from the Rules:** Deviations from these rules will be permitted only at the discretion of and by the action of the essay chairperson, the Chairperson of WAERT, and the AC.

# WSRT/WAERT Scientific Exhibit/Video Exhibit Rules

1. **Eligibility:** All second-year students and or radiologic technologists attending the symposium/annual meeting will be eligible to compete for separate scientific exhibit or video display competition awards.

2. **Prizes:**

<u>SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT CATEGORY</u>		<u>VIDEO DISPLAY CATEGORY</u>	
First Place	\$250	First Place	\$250
Second Place	\$175	Second Place	\$175
Third Place	\$125	Third Place	\$125

All exhibitors will receive a certificate of merit in recognition for their efforts.

3. **Application for Space:** All applications for exhibit/video display space must be postmarked by the deadline posted. The exact postmarking deadline for the exhibit/video display is indicated on the application. Application must be made on the official form or a copy thereof. The form must be returned to the exhibit chairperson. Upon receipt of the application, a letter of acknowledgment will be mailed to the exhibitor. WAERT/WSRT will provide a 6-foot x 30 inch table for each display whether prepared by one or more than one student. If view boxes are needed, participants shall make their own arrangements to have them present at the symposium. As an alternative, the exhibitor may request a maximum 6-feet x 4-feet of floor space for a free-standing, self-contained display. Displays should not exceed 6 feet in length, 4 feet in depth, and 8 feet in height. The total display must be included within allocated space. Displays not conforming to the specifications will not be eligible for competition.

4. **Scientific Exhibit Subject Matter:** The theme for any exhibits shall address an area related to Radiology. The topic for the exhibit cannot be changed once it has been submitted on the application. Any change will lead to disqualification of the exhibit. Exhibits must be the work of the presenter(s). Exhibits must be the work of the presenter, and the names must appear on the exhibit. Names will be concealed until after judging. The name of the school or clinical facility may appear as a part of the exhibitor's address. Exhibitors may enlist the aid of institutional print shops and/or private printing firms. Exhibits prepared by professional exhibit companies are not eligible for completion. The exhibitor must remove or block out any markings on the radiographs so identification of the patient is not possible. The exhibits should consist of a subject pertaining to radiologic technology/radiology supplemented by such charts, photographs, or technical factors as may be necessary. (Any additional credits or resources should be acknowledged.) Exhibits will not be considered for awards if they have received a first, second, or third place at the ASRT Annual Conference or other physician-oriented conference (ACR, RSNA, etc.). Exhibits do not require view boxes and may consist of projection equipment accessories and devices designed by the exhibitor.

**Video Display - Subject Matter:** The theme for any video display shall address an area related to Radiologic technology/Radiology. The topic for the video cannot be changed once it has been submitted on the application. Any change in topic will lead to disqualification of the video display. Video displays must be the work of the presenter(s). The presenter name(s) and the radiography program or clinical facility should not be identified anywhere within the video presentation. A separate card identifying the presenter(s) and radiography program or hospital should be placed next to the video display after judging has taken place. Judging should be complete by noon on the second day of the symposium. Time limits will be strictly adhered to, and in the event a video runs longer than the allotted 15 minutes or under 12 minutes, points will be deducted according to the video rating scale. All video and display equipment must be provided by the individual(s) creating the video. Please refer to the "WSRT/WAERT Video Rating Scale" for assessment procedures.

5. **Time of Installation and Dismantling:** The time of installation of the exhibits will be determined by the exhibit chairperson. Installation must be completed prior to the opening of the symposium. The exhibitor must install the exhibit personally; however, he/she may have additional assistance. The Exhibit Committee will be available to assist. Dismantling of the exhibits must be completed by an assigned time of the last day of the symposium. The exhibit chairperson may assign Specific hours for installation and dismantling.
  
6. **Judging:** Thirty to forth-five days prior to the symposium/conference, the exhibit chairperson will appoint three judges and three alternates. The current list of eligible judges will be maintained by the WAERT. To ensure accuracy of the exhibit information, three (3) qualified medical imaging professionals should be selected as judges. The judges will base their ratings on the WAERT/WSRT scientific exhibit or video exhibit judging scales respectively and their opinions will be final. Judging will be done during the symposium. Awards will be given at the symposium. In the event of a tie for first place, the first and second place monies will be combined and divided equally between the winners, and the next highest point total will receive the third place monies. In the event of a second place tie, the second and third place monies will be combined and equally divided between the winners, and no third place monies will be awarded. In the event of a tie for third place, two third place winners will be awarded.
  
7. **Liability:** WAERT/WSRT will take all reasonable precautions to safeguard the exhibits during the period of display, but the exhibitors are responsible for any loss or damage to the exhibits.
  
8. **Deviation from the Rules:** Deviation from the rules will be permitted at the direction of the exhibit chairperson, the Chairperson of WAERT/WSRT, and the Annual Meeting Chairperson (AC).

# WSRT/WAERT

## Essay, Scientific Exhibit, Video Exhibit Application

**Return To:** Chairperson Essays/Exhibits

Jim Odau, M.S., RT (R)  
WSRT/WAERT Essay & Exhibit Chairperson  
Radiography Program  
Lakeshore Technical College  
1290 North Avenue  
Cleveland, WI 53015-1414

(please type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay Video or Scientific Exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate choice video, scientific exhibit or Essay)

ESSAY APPLICATION POSTMARKING DEADLINE IS: **February 13, 2006**

Four copies of the essay manuscript and illustrations (three without the essayist name visible) must be submitted no later than: **March 3, 2006**. Copies of slides or radiographs to be used do not have to be submitted.

Scientific Exhibit/Video Display Application Postmarking Deadline is: **March 3, 2006**

Please Note: Illuminators Are Not Supplied

**Electricity Needed:    Yes    No**  
**(Please Circle)**

I wish to submit an exhibit and request space at the student symposium/annual conference. I understand that to be eligible for an award I must attend the symposium and must comply with all exhibit competition rules.

For Student Competition: At the time of the symposium, I will be in my second/final year of radiography education.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For Technologist Competition: I will be attending and setting up an exhibit at the Annual Conference

Technologist Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have not received a confirmation of your application within a reasonable time after submitting your application, please contact the essay/exhibit/video chairperson**

# WSRT MEMBERS

## Nominations for WSRT Officers:

### President-elect, Treasurer, and Member Delegate

The WSRT is seeking individuals interested in becoming involved in their state society by running for the above offices. Elections will be held at the Annual Conference in May 2005 at the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells.

The duties for the offices are as follows:

**President-elect:** Must be a member in good standing with both the WSRT and ASRT. The President-elect shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and should study and familiarize themselves with all aspects of the structure and functions of all offices, committees and by-laws of the WSRT. The President-elect is the Chair of the Nominations and Recruitment Committee. As Chair, this person will write a letter of encouragement to join the WSRT. This office shall maintain a complete and accurate file of all correspondence received and sent and transfer to successor at Annual Conference. This officer attends the ASRT regional meeting. The President-elect will assume the office of President at the next annual meeting of WSRT.

**Treasurer:** Must maintain a financial ledger of all WSRT financial business and submit a report to the Board of Directors for approval at the mid-year and pre-conference meetings. Must prepare an annual financial statement of all revenues and disbursements occurring during the fiscal year. Must assist the chairperson with preparing the annual budget and maintain all records and equipment pertinent to office of the treasurer.

**Member Delegate:** Must be an ASRT member for 2 years continuously prior to nomination and a WSRT member. Delegate is a 2 year term and is the primary information liaison between the WSRT and ASRT House of Delegates. The delegate will attend appropriate ASRT meetings and submit a report at the WSRT Annual Conference. Delegates will communicate with the membership all ASRT activities and information.

Please consider one of these positions – if interested in being a candidate please contact me at 262-835-1780 (Home) 262-687-4588 (Work) or by filling out the application in the Illuminator and mail to: 15 Fawn Trail, Sturtevant, WI 53177.

Kelley Grant, B.S., RT(R)(CT)  
President-elect

# Attention WSRT Members

The WSRT is seeking individuals interested in running for the following national chapter delegates to the ASRT: Cardiovascular, Medical Dosimetry, Magnetic Resonance, Management, Radiation Therapy, Sonography, Bone Densitometry, Computed Tomography, Education, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiography, and Quality Management.

Preparations are now underway for the 2006 ASRT election for these chapter delegates. There will be 2 delegates for each chapter and they will have national representation. This is an exciting and new opportunity. This election will be for candidates that will begin serving in the 2007 ASRT House of Delegates. Take a chance to represent your field of expertise. Become involved in making critical decisions regarding your field and learn and share knowledge from people throughout the country!

What would qualify you for this fantastic opportunity?

The criteria for chapter delegates follows:

- Delegate must be certified in specialty field and certification/advanced level certification exists. If there is no certification the delegate must show documentation of practice in the discipline.
- Must be a voting member in the ASRT for 2 years immediately preceding April, 2006
- Delegate must have served as an officer or committee member in the ASRT or WSRT.
- Must show continuing education and have the time and availability to travel to necessary meetings.

If you are interested in any of these positions or have questions about the nomination process please contact me (Work 262-687-4588 or Home 262-835-1780) or fill out the application form in the Illuminator and forward to me at my home address: 15 Fawn Trail, Sturtevant, WI 53177.

Please consider this exciting opportunity to support and be involved in your profession.

Kelley Grant, B.S., RT(R)(CT)  
President-elect



**WSRT Candidate Nomination Form**

**Directions**

Complete this form, make a copy for yourself and mail or fax to the WSRT Nominations Chairperson.

**1. Office**

I am seeking nomination to: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Personal Profile**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to receive correspondence at:

(circle one) home / work

**3. Professional Profile**

Job title \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Employer name \_\_\_\_\_

Employer address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work fax \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Discipline / Specialties**

Please indicate disciplines/specialties which you are certified:

ARRT	Certification Agency	Certification date	Certification #
Radiography	_____	_____	_____
Rad. Therapy	_____	_____	_____
Nuclear Medicine	_____	_____	_____
Sonography	_____	_____	_____
Mammography	_____	_____	_____
Cardiovascular	_____	_____	_____
Magnetic Resonance	_____	_____	_____
Computed Tomography	_____	_____	_____
Dosimetry	_____	_____	_____
Other	Certification Agency	_____	_____
ARDMS	_____	_____	_____
MNTCB	_____	_____	_____
other	_____	_____	_____



**WSRT Candidate Nomination Form**

**5. EDUCATION**

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Received/date \_\_\_\_\_

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**6. Professional Activities**

**Memberships**

WSRT	Dates	ASRT	Dates
Voting	_____	Voting	_____
Non-Voting	_____	Non-Voting	_____
Student	_____	Student	_____

**WSRT Activities**  
**Office**

**Committee**

**Years of Service**

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**WSRT District Activities**

**District Number (circle one)**  
**Office**

**1 2 3 4 5 6**  
**Committee**

**Years of Service**

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**ASRT Activities**  
**Office**

**Committee**

**Years of Service**

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Please attach a copy of:

- ARRT Certification
- ECE Compliance
- WSRT Membership
- ASRT Membership

\*ASRT membership required for office of President-elect and member delegate only

Enclose a position statement if you would like it published in the *WSRT Illuminator*. Information supplies on thos application may be published in entirety or part in the *Illuminator*.

# President's Report

## Mid Year Board Meeting

### March 12, 2005

Since taking office in May 2004, I first had the opportunity to attend ASRT Conference in Dallas, Texas. There were long sessions discussing and voting on resolutions and new By-laws. The most important outcome was the decision to restructure the House of Delegates to make it smaller in number. This would result in the dissolving of the current regions and establishing new ones which would encompass a larger geographic area. The number of delegates from each affiliate will be reduced to 1 with 1 alternate. These new bylaws will be implemented in 2006.

Since that time not much has happened. The elections are over and we need to get aggressive with sending letters to our congressmen and senators.

The Annual Conference is fast approaching. I sent out letters to all past president's inviting them to attend the President's Luncheon on May 19. We will have Cindy Daniels from ASRT attending as the official representative.

April 2, I will be attending the Region IV meeting in St. Paul along with Gary Gobert, President-Elect and Sue Sanson, Member Delegate. We will be discussing any resolutions that need to be brought before the House of Delegates, and the governance restructuring timeline.

As my term as President comes to a close, I look forward to the future as Chairman of the Board, hoping I can fill the shoes of those who have come before me.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Smith, President

**Connie Geier on Lt.  
And Sandy Lemiesz  
Helinski RT in  
Washington DC  
attending the  
"RT in DC" program to  
represent Wisconsin  
in gathering support  
for the CARE BILLS**



**Legislative Update**  
**Sandra Lemiesz Helinski, MBA, RT ( R), QM, MRI**  
**March 12, 2005 Board Meeting**

At the time of this board meeting , the news on the CARE Bills is as follows. The quest for national legislation for federal minimum standards of education for personnel administering medical radiation continues into this new session of Congress, the 109th. The 108th session closed last year without the passage of either of the Senate or the House version of the CARE bills. This means both versions must be reintroduced into Congress for action to take place. Both bills will be assigned a new number. According to the ASRT Government Relations department, Representative Chip Pickering ( R ) from Mississippi is slated to reintroduce the House version very soon. Representative Heather Wilson of New Mexico who has been our “champion” of the House bill will no longer be our primary sponsor, but will sign on as a co-sponsor of the bill. Senator Enzi of Wyoming will continue as primary sponsor of the Senate version of the bill, the RadCARE bill as it has become known, to distinguish it from the House version, the CARE bill.

From April 10-12, Connie Geier and I will represent Wisconsin’s radiologic technologists in the RT in DC program in Washington, DC. We will be joined by Lyn Mehlberg of the National Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists and Kathy Wicker of the Radiation Therapists of Wisconsin. Together we will meet with Wisconsin’s congressional representatives and Senators Kohl and Feingold to garner their support for the Care bills. Our past efforts paid off as Representatives Paul Ryan, Tammy Baldwin, and Ron Kind of Districts 1-3 respectively became co-sponsors of the House bill. We are very fortunate in Wisconsin as Rep. Baldwin has been given a coveted seat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee which plays a large role in health care legislation, which is her primary interest. Hopefully her presence on this powerful committee will influence the progress of our cause. Appointments have been secured with both senators’ offices and 5 of 8 Congresspersons, including David Obey of District 7 who never responded to our requests in previous years. I will be following up with Gwendolyn Moore, Paul Ryan, and Tom Petri next week to schedule appointments. It sounds like this year we will actually meet with Congressman Sensenbrenner himself. So far, neither Senator has become a co-sponsor of the Senate bill, although their support is predicted when the RadCARE bill comes up for a vote. 25 percent of the House of Representatives supported the bill in the 108th session of Congress and 25 percent supported the Senate version. It is a bipartisan bill that we are hoping that with this degree of support will become a reality this year. It will not happen without our constant persistence. One concern is that neither version of the CARE bill may be reintroduced by the time of our visit. It is very important to have a bill on the floor for our legislators to take action on, and to attach our cause to a tangible piece of legislation

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Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lemiesz Helinski  
Legislative Committee Chair

# MEET YOUR BOARD

## Kelley Grant Biography

Kelley has worked in the field of Radiologic Technology for 12 years. I have experience in radiography, computed tomography, quality assurance, radiology information systems and billing and coding. I also spent time as a Computed Tomography Applications Specialist.

Cuurrently, my position entails the introduction of computed and digital radiography throughout our healthcare system along with PACS. Radiography is going through an exciting and changing time. We need to look forward to the new roles that will be in conjunction with the radiologic technologist since we are such an information technology driven department.

# CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATURE

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# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

**2006**

**Region IV Meeting** .....April 1  
Embassy Suites, St. Paul, MN.

**WSRT Annual Conference**..... April 30 - May 1-2  
Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

## *Our Sympathy*

*The WSRT Board, Committees and Members wish to express our deepest sympathy to the families of Laura Westmore and David Henning.*

*Laura Westmore - Laura was a member of District 1. She found peace on July 7, 2005, age 41 years. She was the wife of the late Richard.*

*Dave Henning - Long time member of the WSRT, Past President and Past Invitational Lecturer passed away August 23rd at Rio Grande Hospital. His smile and friendliness will be missed by all. He attended almost all WSRT Annual Conferences only missing a few.*

**RT in DC In attendance  
presenting Wisconsin  
are Eliza Lightholder  
of the National Society of  
Nuclear Medicine  
Technologists, Kathy Wicker  
of the Radiation Therapists  
of Wisconsin and Connie  
Geier and Sandra Lemiesz  
Helinski representing  
the WSRT.**



# A Letter from WAERT President

Greetings to all, as we prepare for a new school year we look back and reflect on the previous year. As I look back at the student symposium/state meeting of 2005, I view it as a success. We were for the second year; able to come together and meet at a wonderful facility, listen to dynamic speakers, and network with other educators, students, and technologists.

As we look toward the future of both groups I feel that the appointment of a Conference Chairperson by the WSRT board was positive. Cyndi Brun was appointed by the WSRT board for a three year term. Cyndi has vast experience in chairing conferences; she is a past president of the WAERT. I have worked with Cyndi in the past and look forward to working with her in the near future. I hope that whoever takes over as WAERT President in May of 2006 will feel the same. I feel that if we work together (WAERT/WSRT) we could make the annual symposium a regional conference.

I have enjoyed working with the WSRT Board and the different committees throughout this past year and a half. I have learned many things and made new friends in the process. I view the student symposium as a success not by making a profit, which we didn't; but by the satisfaction of the students and educators. If the students aren't happy with the program but we made money; I see this as a failure. If we spend a little more money for better quality speakers and give out a little extra prize money and the students and educators are happy this is a success. In my opinion we are not in the business of trying to make money on the symposium as much as we are trying to turn out a successful program that is enjoyed by all. Thank you for your support throughout my term.

Sincerely,

Randal J Jasniewski BS, RTR, CV  
WAERT President

**RT in DC attendees.  
Representing  
Wisconsin**



# STUDENT SYMPOSIUM 2005

## QUIZ BOWL WINNERS

### Room G

1st Place - Theda-Clark

2nd Place - St. Joseph - Marshfield

3rd Place - Chippewa Valley Technical College

### Room F

1st Place - Madison Area Technichal College

2nd Place - North Western Technical College

3rd Place - Columbia/St. Mary's

### Room E

1st Place - tie between Affinity and Columbia/St. Mary's

3rd Place - All Saints - Racine

### Student Video Exhibit Winners

1st Place - Brian Johnson

2nd Place - Jamie Marchant

3rd Place - Katie Sobczak

### Student Scientific Exhibit

1st Place - Gina Lentz

2nd Place - Kenneth Clapp

3rd Place - Marlette Anderson

3rd Place - Rachel Keipe

### Student Essay

1st Place - Hanna Weston

2nd Place - Ken DeBoer

3rd Place - Jamie Diehl

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# Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts

The ASRT office has received many inquiries from radiologic technologists who want to assist recovery efforts in areas of the country affected by Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath. We encourage our members to assist the relief effort by making a financial contribution to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or by calling 800-435-7669. The ASRT itself makes a large financial contribution to the Red Cross every year on its members' behalf.

Although the ASRT cannot organize relief efforts, it has set up a discussion board to help link radiologic technologists affected by the hurricane with those who can offer assistance. To access the discussion board, visit the ASRT Web site at [www.asrt.org](http://www.asrt.org). Please use the board to communicate clinical issues, coordinate professional needs or simply share messages and thoughts.

Thank you,

The ASRT Board of Directors and Staff

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