



Message from the Editor

June 2009

A large portion of this e-Newsletter will be devoted to the 2009 Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists annual meeting and educational conference and introducing our new officers. I was very pleased with the number of technologists who chose to support our profession by joining us at the Alpine Lodge in Fairbanks, the Golden Heart City of Interior Alaska, for the 2009 Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists annual meeting and educational conference April 24th and 25th. Cecilia and I worked very hard and were proud of the impressive guest speakers and topics. We hope those of you in attendance enjoyed meeting with us in Fairbanks. We know how valuable your time, effort and \$\$ is. Having previously served with several AKSRT conference committees and chairing a few, this year's conference preparation and planning was by far my biggest challenge. The economic crisis and political forces have definitely curtailed our large corporate sponsorship.

Without the constant support I received from Cecilia Del Rio, this year's conference may not have happened. I spent many sleepless nights wondering how we would ever be able to cover our expenses. I even considered giving up, but Cecilia's positive attitude prevailed. I wish to extend my sincere thanks for all she did to make the Fairbanks 2009 Conference such a success! I also wish to thank Peggy Garey for all of her fundraising help as well as Pamala Trottier and Jaye Akey who helped with fundraising and totally managed the Silent Auction.

I also would like to extend a thank you to Jaye for her cover art design contribution for our conference program, a copy of which is included in the photos of the event.

A special thanks to all of the people and businesses who contributed time, money, or both in an effort to make this annual conference and meeting possible

This conference was the product of a very few people working extremely hard. Imagine what could be accomplished with 60-plus people working together!

Our past officers & Board Members deserve a huge thank you for giving of their time the previous years. New officers were elected during the annual meeting. The Membership certainly should be grateful to have these volunteers! Cecilia Del Rio is now our President. Working with Cecilia to compile the e-Newsletter the past 2 years, and putting together the conference has been such a positive experience. She deserves all the credit for keeping me on task and spending countless hours of her time on AKSRT matters including the Website. I cannot find words to express my gratitude for her efforts. It is a privilege to work together with her. I have no doubt she will do a tremendous service to the Alaska Society. With that, I would like to once again encourage each and every one of you to "grow" in your profession. Get involved in our Alaska Society! Have a wonderful summer!

Claudia Joan Tessier
R.T. (R)(M) CBDT

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ ASRT House of Delegates Meeting
- ◆ ASKRT Conference

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Did you know?

A [new state regulation](#) requires anyone who operates a fluoroscope, including c-arms, to complete 10 hours of education. Ketchikan General Hospital is hosting a class with Dr. Ian Hamilton in Ketchikan on June 26th and 27th. For more information for the Ketchikan class,

email Scott Smith at ScSmith@peacehealth.org University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and Clyde Pearce will be offering the 10 hour class in Anchorage in the future. For more information check the website [Radiological Health in Alaska](#)

Free CE's for Mammography in Anchorage

**Alaska Breast Conference Providence Hospital
June 20, 2009 * From 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Providence Imaging Center - West Auditorium**

The Breast and Cervical Health Check, State of Alaska Division of Public Health Alaska Breast, is sponsoring an event Free of Charge, for technologists through the state.

For more information Contact [Paulette Compton](#)

Providence Imaging Center

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(Program may be subjected to changes)

June 20, 2009	
TIME	
	Introduction
0800 - 0815	ANNE GORE Acting Program Director, Breast and Cervical Health Check State of Alaska
0815	Speaker Dr. Jay Parikh Topic: Managing the Digital Transition
0915	Speaker Dr. Jay Parikh Topic: Digital Mammography ~ Current Capabilities and Advance Applications
1015	Speaker Dr. Jay Parikh Topic: Medicolegal Aspects of Breast Imaging
1115	Speaker Dr. Jay Parikh Topic: Troubleshooting Stereotactic Core Biopsy
1200 - 1300	LUNCH (<u>on your own</u>)
1300	Speaker Shelley Coolidge, RN Topic: Medical and Empathetic Discussion with Patients, Physicians, and Office Personnel.
1400	Speaker Dr. Denise Farleigh Topic: Case Management within Imaging
1500	Speaker Barbara Delongchamp, Dr. Denise Farleigh Topic: Positioning and Image Critique



AKSRT Fairbanks 2009 Conference

April 24 and 25



From Texas, Ian Scott Hamilton, Ph.D., CHP, DABR, Owner, President and CEO of Foxfire Scientific, Inc. presenting "Dose Creep in the United States."



Mingling during the Reception Dinner provided a cordial and well attended event.



Playing her violin with Clyde Pearce, who joined as an impromptu musician. The generosity of Claudia Tessier provided the North Start Strings as entertainment.



Claudia Tessier and Cecilia Del Rio, Chair and co-chair of the Fairbanks 2009 AKSRT Conference.



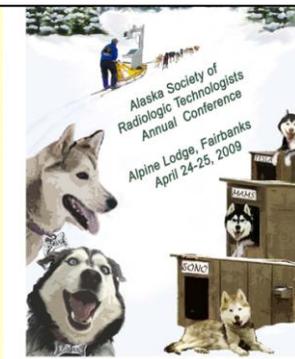
Recipient of a Life Membership award Kathie Radie receiving her plaque from Dale Collins, President



Paulette Compton and Ronald Dies also received Life membership awards.



Kevin Rush from the ARRT giving a presentation with interactive scenarios and cases-educational and entertaining.



Jaye Akey was the recipient of the award for the competition of the Cover Art design for our 2009 Conference book.



Bill Callaway, interacting with the audience in his presentation: "I'd Rather Die than Give a Presentation."



The Dinner on Friday was a great opportunity to network and visit with old friends as well as meet new ones. Dinner was well praised and the music marvelous.



We could not have had a successful conference without the help of volunteers. Thank you Jaye Akey and Pamala Trottier, and to Peggy Garey (not pictured), as well as anyone we may not have mentioned.



Nancy Adams from Mississippi was one of our distinguished speakers. We enjoyed her presentations, and southern warmth.

Letter from the President

Greetings Fellow Technologists,
As President of the AKSRT, I am honored to represent you and our profession. I am humbled by the trust that you have offered to me, and with the help and guidance of Dale Collins, our past President, I will do my best to fulfill my duties to your exacting standards. The Fairbanks Conference 2009 was a great success thanks to the amazing job that Claudia Tessier did as chair of the event. This year our AKSRT conference included great speakers and attendance. During the event the society acknowledged three remarkable individuals for their pioneering efforts in establishing our state society and continued support throughout the last 24 years.

"For a society to have a future they have to remember their past"
(Abraham Lincoln)

Should you have information about prior Life members please forward documentation to create an archive with pictures and documents for our society. Thank you in advance for your help.

Next Years' State Conference will be hosted in Homer. We are all looking forward to an exciting Conference.

Exciting new projects were discussed by the past and new board on our last meeting. The board has projected to create a Scholarship for the students in our state. This project is near and dear to my heart because I believe that our students are the future of our society. I would like to thank the state society for the opportunity to serve as your President. Feel free to contact me with questions or inquiries and have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Cecilia Del Rio
President, AKSRT

NOTE: June 22, 2009

I wish to express regret to all the members. The newsletter was planned to be distributed the second week of June. As you notice, it didn't happen. Some of the news items are outdated. My sincere apologies to all who did not get this information in a timely manner. Also the website is being upgraded (once again). As a result neither source of communication was available. Hopefully the distribution of information will be more efficient in the very near future.

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Licensure Update June 11, 2009

The licensure bill did not get reintroduced during the 2009 legislative session. Representative Scott Kawasaki, our bill sponsor, decided that it would be best not to introduce the bill until he could find a Senate sponsor. Once a Senator sponsor is found, the bill can be introduced in both the House and Senate at the same time which will help expedite the movement of the bill through committees and through the legislative process. Very few bills were passed this legislative session due to the fact that the legislature focused their energy on the state budget and

the federal stimulus plan.

Representative Kawasaki's office will solicit a Senate sponsor for the bill this summer and prepare the bill for introduction in both the Senate and House at the beginning of the 2010 legislative session.

For additional information or questions about the licensure bill, please contact Donna Rufsholm, R.T. (R)(M), Legislative Committee Chair, at one of the following numbers:

Work 235-0360

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Email: donna.rufsholm@acsalaska.net

Students Corner

The AKSRT is creating a committee for the Scholarship that will benefit the Alaska students; more information soon.



Congratulations to all of the 2009 UAA Graduates. Pictured here are all but one of the Fairbanks class with their FMH Clinical educator.



Notebook found after Fairbanks AKSRT Conference

If you lost a notebook with notes from the Fairbanks AKSRT Conference let us know. We found it lonely and sad, and saved it to return to its rightful owner; it contains phone numbers and information pertaining to the conference as well as personal notes. We can mail it to you after contacting either [Claudia Tessier](#) or [Cecilia Del Rio](#).